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The achievements of women in WA's resources industry and gender diversity were celebrated last night at the 12th annual Chamber of Minerals and Energy of WA's Women in Resources awards.

Sara Braund, vice-president of digital technology at South32, was awarded outstanding woman in resources, while Fortescue Metals Group reliability engineer Pooja Haria took out two awards — outstanding young woman in resources, and the people's choice.

Also recognised in the individual award categories were Laura Allen, process owner at Woodside Energy, who was awarded

as an outstanding operator/technician/tradewoman, and Alison van Lent, commercialisation manager at Woodside.

BHP was recognised in the outstanding company initiative category for its office creche and family-friendly workspaces in Perth and Newman.

CME chief executive Paul Everingham said the winners reflected the "enormous value that diversity and inclusion provide to our sector".

"Some are currently in leadership positions and some will progress to those types of roles. But each is already an outstanding role model for the tens of thousands of women who work each day on mining and resources operations around WA," he said.