2008 AWARD WINNERS

THE INSTITUTE MEDAL

Richard Leigh Clifford AO FAusIMM
The Institute Medal is awarded to Leigh Clifford for his outstanding leadership of the Minerals Industry globally through his eminent contribution to the CRA/Rio Tinto Group, active promotion of professional development, the advancement of indigenous employment in the Australian mining industry and recognition of the importance of sustainable development.

PRESIDENT’S AWARD

Professor Eric Grimsey FAusIMM (CP)
The President’s Award is conferred upon Eric Grimsey for his significant contribution to mining education in Australia and to The AusIMM. Eric has spent most of his professional career teaching and researching extractive metallurgy at Murdoch University and Curtin University of Technology, where he served as Director of the WA School of Mines. He has also been Vice President and a Councillor of The AusIMM and is currently Chair of The AusIMM Ethics Committee. AusIMM Awards 2008

AUSIMM LEADERSHIP AWARD

Matthew Gill MAusIMM
“In recognition of the outstanding leadership of Matthew Gill and the exceptional performance of the senior management group and rescue teams involved in the emergency operation at the Beaconsfield Mine between 25 April and 9 May 2006.”

This special award is bestowed by the Board of The AusIMM in recognition of the outstanding leadership of mine manager Matthew Gill under the most difficult emotional and technical conditions and the close scrutiny of a fascinated international audience. The award recognises the essential contribution of the mine’s senior management team and mine site rescue team, supported by the many mine rescue experts, technicians and service providers from around Australia, who worked for two weeks to rescue trapped miners Brant Webb and Todd Russell while protecting the safety of their rescue crews. All involved will never forget that they lost a workmate in Larry Knight.

HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

Michael Lawrence FAusIMM (CP)
Honorary Fellowship is bestowed in recognition of Michael Lawrence’s committed and continuing service over more than 40 years to the mining industry and The AusIMM. Michael is dedicated to promoting professional ethics and consultancy standards, particularly in the mineral valuation and dispute resolution fields. He has published more than 90 technical papers and actively participated in activities beyond the NSW Branch with a particular involvement in New Zealand Branch Annual Conferences. Michael has served as AusIMM President and Councillor and as Chair of the VALMIN and Alternative Dispute Resolution Committees.
**NEW PROFESSIONAL AWARD**

**Richard Price MAusIMM**

The New Professional Award is bestowed on Richard Price, an active member of the Perth Branch for five years who has worked enthusiastically to establish, encourage, mentor and support student chapters. Richard assisted in sending teams to international and national mining games, gave talks at new leaders conferences, presented guest lectures in mining and facilitated Students Meet Industry nights and vacation work. He also supported the ASMV and The AusIMM Career and Education Taskforce.

**MINERAL INDUSTRY OPERATING TECHNIQUE AWARD (MIOTA)**

**Norman William (Bill) Johnson FAusIMM (CP)**

*Peter Charles Woodall*

The Mineral Industry Operating Technique Award (MIOTA) is conferred on Bill Johnson and Peter Woodall, who were the driving force in the development of the IsaMill, leading the design changes to upscale and modify the technology for the mining industry. Their work resulted in the creation of a new technology which has moved from fine grinding to mainstream minerals grinding. The successful development of the IsaMill enabled the development of the McArthur River Deposit, which until then had been untreatable. IsaMills later proved to be the enabling technology for the George Fisher deposit and Black Star Open cut deposits at Mt Isa. AusIMM Awards 2008

**JIM TORLACH HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARD**

**Steve deKruijff MAusIMM**

The Jim Torlach Health and Safety Award is bestowed on Steve deKruijff for his passionate commitment to improving the safety and health of his people. Steve has been at the forefront of safety and health innovation through programs developed and implemented by teams under his management. He has ensured sustainable improvements in performance and provided strong leadership to the hard-rock mining industry of Queensland.

**BERYL JACKA AWARD**

**Dr Peter Lilly FAusIMM (CP)**

The Beryl Jacka Award is bestowed on Dr Peter Lilly for his extraordinary and sustained service to the AusIMM and its members. Peter has served as President (2006) and Board Member (2001 to 2008, inclusive) of The AusIMM, and has been an active member of many committees including the EEF Board, Audit and Risk Management, Awards, Emerging Issues, Education, Publications and Events, Remuneration, Nominations, Mining Society, Kalgoorlie Branch, Perth Branch and Southern Queensland Branch.
BRANCH SERVICE AWARDS

Richard Barker MAusIMM (New Zealand Branch)
The Branch Service Award is bestowed on Richard Barker for his key role in organising AusIMM conferences in New Zealand. Richard has been actively involved in the Branch Committee for many years as well as being involved in Branch and industry advocacy to Crown Minerals; he has served on the New Zealand Education Endowment Trust Committee since its inception in 1995.

Graham Gooding MAusIMM (Central Victoria Branch)
The Branch Service Award is bestowed on Graham Gooding for services to the Central Victoria Branch as Treasurer and Chairman and for his involvement in Branch Representatives' meetings, Branch technical meetings, mine site visits, The AusIMM Annual Conference 1997 and the Murray Basin Mineral Sands Conference 1999.

Ron Morland FAusIMM (Melbourne Branch)
The Branch Service Award is bestowed on Ron Morland for services to the Melbourne Branch as Chairman over a period of five years and more recently as a very active Committee member. Ron's contribution has been invaluable in many areas of committee activities, including the Branch's work with students; he has also been an active member of the Project Evaluation Conference Organising Committee.

AUSIMM SERVICE AWARDS

John Kelly FAusIMM
The AusIMM Service Award is bestowed on John Kelly for long and meritorious service and diligence as Deputy Chairman and Secretary of the VALMIN Committee. John has been heavily involved in the development of all three editions of the VALMIN Code (1995, 1998 and 2005).

R J (Bob) Kininmonth MAusIMM
The AusIMM Service Award is bestowed on Bob Kininmonth for long and meritorious service and participation as an active member of the Melbourne, Sydney and Illawarra Branch committees. He was Illawarra Branch Chairman in 1991-93, and is secretary of the Heritage sub-committee of the branch. The Award also recognises Bob's contribution to mine safety and coal mining practice in the Illawarra region and throughout Australia.

Ken Nielsen FAusIMM (CP)
The AusIMM Service Award is bestowed on Ken Nielsen for long and meritorious service to the Central Victoria Branch including leadership roles as Chairman, Secretary and Committee member and for the organisation of two major conferences and technical meetings. Ken is still an active member of the Branch and continues to contribute, particularly through guidance to student members.
G B O’MALLEY MEDAL

Hope Adams SAusIMM
The G B O’Malley Medal is the highest student award conferred by The AusIMM. The Medal is awarded to Hope Adams for the preparation and presentation of her paper entitled “Production Drill Optimisation at Telfer Underground: A Move Towards Automation.”

SIR WILLIS CONNOLLY MEMORIAL MEDAL

Dr Peter Lilly FAusIMM (CP)
The Sir Willis Connolly Memorial Medal and Lecture commemorates the contribution to Australian science, engineering and technology by Sir Willis Connolly. It particularly commemorates his achievements as a communicator. The Sir Willis Connolly Memorial Medal for 2008 was awarded to Dr Peter Lilly FAusIMM (CP) at the St Barbara’s Day Luncheon held in Melbourne on 5 December 2008 and recognises his professional leadership and his skills in communicating the contributions of science, engineering and technology to industry and the community.

MINERAL INDUSTRY CONSULTANTS ASSOCIATION - MICA MEDAL

Kevin Rosengren FAusIMM(CP)
Kevin has been an industry leader in the field of mining geomechanics for more than 40 years, during which time he has exhibited a practical and professional approach to all his work, and spent much time assisting students and mentoring young graduates.