

TRIPLE WIN FOR HANCOCK AND ROY HILL AT THE CEO MAGAZINE'S EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Hancock Prospecting and Roy Hill had a victorious night tonight at the CEO Magazine's Executive of the Year Awards with Hancock Prospecting and Roy Hill Executive Chairman Gina Rinehart winning Chairperson of the Year and Roy Hill CEO Barry Fitzgerald winning Resources Executive of the Year and the Highly Commended CEO award.

Roy Hill recently celebrated reaching its nameplate 55Mpta capacity making it Australia single largest iron ore mine.

It has been many years of hard work for Hancock Prospecting. When Mrs Rinehart assumed the Executive Chairmanship in 1992, Hancock was in great financial trouble and in debt with the majority of its assets facing legal claim or under mortgage.

Since then, three major mines have been built at Hope Downs with Rio Tinto and a fourth is under development, Roy Hill achieved its milestone in September of this year and Hancock currently has the second largest cattle herd in Australia.

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2017
EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR
AWARDS



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THE CEO MAGAZINE ANNOUNCED WINNERS TONIGHT AT ITS 2017 EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR AWARDS HELD AT PALLADIUM, CROWN MELBOURNE

GINA RINEHART WINS *CHAIRPERSON OF THE YEAR*

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This evening, *The CEO Magazine* revealed the winners of its sixth annual **Executive of the Year Awards**.

With more than 600 entries, the Awards identify the achievements of established and aspiring leaders in 23 categories across industry sectors such as media, retail, construction, energy and resources, health and pharmaceutical, and telecommunications. The Awards were hosted by MC Eddie McGuire and the finalists were judged by an expert panel of highly regarded business professionals. These included **Janine Allis**, Founder of Boost Juice and Retail Zoo, and investor on *Shark Tank Australia*, and **Libby Roy**, VP and MD of PayPal Australia.

Gina Rinehart, Executive Chairman of Hancock Prospecting Group, was awarded with the **Chairperson of the Year** award; her third win in this category in the past six years of the event.

Mrs Rinehart said: "Thank you very much to *The CEO Magazine* for this prestigious award. It has been many years of hard work since I became Executive Chairman of Hancock Prospecting, then a small company, which was in financial disarray and with huge difficulties.

"Today, we are one of Australia's leading private companies. We are developing a fourth mine at Hope Downs in joint venture with Rio Tinto Iron Ore. Roy Hill has reached its 55 million tonne per year nameplate capacity making it Australia's single largest iron ore mine, and we are proud that we have had the fastest ramp up in the north with a safety record better than average. We have a long history in the cattle business, and more recently, have built up our cattle business making it the third largest in Australia.

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“I would not have been able to achieve this award without all of the hard work from our staff – a huge thank you to Tad and the dedicated and hardworking Hancock and Roy Hill teams, and congratulations to all finalists and winners.”

Mrs Rinehart was presented with her award at the glittering black-tie event in front of more than 550 guests. Runner-up in the Chairperson of the Year category was **Ann Sherry** (*Executive Chairman of Carnival Australia*).

CEO and Founder of *The CEO Magazine* **Chris Dutton** said he was extremely proud that the Australian business community continued to embrace the Executive of the Year Awards.

“It really is an honour to stage an event that is a true celebration of Australia’s leading business executives. Many thanks go to the companies for embracing our awards – the amount of entries every year is staggering; it’s a fantastic achievement for all finalists and winners.

“The superb business acumen displayed by applicants across all categories is truly inspiring. The winners are individuals who are working to build the Australian economy, they share those defining attributes of leadership, innovation, and the courage to take risks, and have also shown they are willing to drive strategic change. The most important assets in any business really are the staff, and that is the very essence of these awards.”

Other highlights of the evening included **Michael Ebeid** from SBS named CEO of the Year, **Shelley Sullivan**, Founder and CEO of ModelCo, being named Retail Executive of the Year, and **Bob Black**, CEO of StarTrack and Group COO of Australia Post, taking out the Transport and Logistics Executive of the Year Award.

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See over for full list of winners

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WINNERS IN *THE CEO MAGAZINE*'s 2017 EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

INDUSTRY AWARDS

Media Executive of the Year

Michael Ebeid, CEO and Managing Director, SBS

Retail Executive of the Year

Shelley Sullivan, Founder and CEO, ModelCo

Transport and Logistics Executive of the Year

Bob Black, CEO StarTrack and Group COO Australia Post

IT and Telecommunications Executive of the Year

Trent Innes, Managing Director, Xero Australia

Health and Pharmaceutical Executive of the Year

Nathan Cheong, Managing Director, BioCeuticals

Building and Construction Executive of the Year

George Boumoussa, CEO and Managing Director, GJ Building and Contracting

Manufacturing Executive of the Year

Dr Aniss G.E. Chami, CEO, Vitex Pharmaceuticals

Energy and Resources Executive of the Year

Barry Fitzgerald, CEO, Roy Hill

Hospitality and Tourism Executive of the Year

Ann Sherry, Executive Chairman, Carnival Australia

Financial Services Executive of the Year

Stephen Capello, CEO, BankVic

Professional Services Executive of the Year



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Scott Stavretis, CEO, Acquire BPO

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Executive Assistant of the Year

Simone Koolloos, Executive Assistant to Group CEO, Blackmores

Not-For-Profit Executive of the Year

Caitlin Pearson, General Manager of Marketing and Engagement, Macarthur Disability Services

Start-Up Executive of the Year

Anthony Svirskis, CEO, TRIBE

Young Executive of the Year

Sara Kahlau, General Manager, Office of the CEO, icare

JOB-SPECIFIC AWARDS

Sales Executive of the Year

Steven Hoyle, Commercial Director, Employsure (DRAW)

Andrea Ingham, Director of Sales ANZ, Spotify (DRAW)

Marketing Executive of the Year

Trisca Scott-Branagan, Executive Director, Marketing, Deakin University,

HR Executive of the Year

Mari Ruiz, Chief People and Culture Officer, BankVic

CIO of the Year

Andrea Walsh, CIO, Isentia (RUNNER-UP)

Peter Auhl, CIO, City of Adelaide (WINNER)

CFO of the Year

Magdalena Kosior-Molloy, CFO, Holman Webb Lawyers (RUNNER-UP)

Morten Belling, Finance Director, Menulog Australia and New Zealand (WINNER)



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Chairperson of the Year

Ann Sherry, Executive Chairman, Carnival Australia (RUNNER-UP)

Gina Rinehart, Executive Chairman, Hancock Prospecting Group (WINNER)

Managing Director of the Year

Alistair Venn, Managing Director, Menulog Australia and New Zealand (RUNNER-UP)

Trent Innes, Managing Director, Xero Australia (WINNER)

MAJOR AWARD

CEO of the Year

Barry Fitzgerald, CEO, Roy Hill (HIGHLY COMMENDED)

Jason Dooris, CEO, Atomic 212° (RUNNER-UP)

Michael Ebeid, CEO and Managing Director, SBS (WINNER)

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