

Winners are grinners around the nation

MINING recruitment company Skye Recruitment has recently been honoured in four Australian business awards.

It received awards in SmartCompany's Smart50, BRW's Fast Starters and Seek's SARA Awards, as well as being one of only four finalists in Queensland's Telstra Young Businesswoman Award.

The company grew by 166 per cent last year and has been recognised as the fastest growing recruitment agency in Queensland.

Resulting from its implementation of international best practices, one of Australia's leading technical mining recruitment companies, Skye Recruitment, experienced 166 per cent annual growth last year and Skye Recruitment principal and co-founder Sophie Macdonald said the accolades and market recognition for the company's international best practice approach had been welcome rewards.

"Even when starting the company in 2006, our goal was then and will always be to be Australia's number one technical recruitment specialist," Ms Macdonald said.

Accolades were also on hand for Professional Public Relations (PPR), which took out the prestigious Public Relations Institute of Australia (PRIA) 2009 Golden Target Award in the Investor Relations category.

PPR's investor relations division won the national award after being awarded the Institute's WA State Award of Excellence in September. PPR won the award for a strategic investor relations program completed for Cape Lambert Iron Ore, which was developed to support Cape Lambert in the sale of its namesake iron ore project in WA to a Chinese group for \$400 million.

PPR's investor relations division is based in Perth due to the substantially higher number of ASX-listed companies headquartered there, and has an extensive network of consultants in mainland capital cities and territories of Australia, Auckland, Hong Kong, Beijing and Singapore.

Meanwhile on a different note, community groups in Port Hedland were recently on the receiving end of \$10,000 from Pilbara-based engineering firm Bilfinger Berger Services.

The company awarded \$10,000 worth of sponsorship to the Tigers Football and Sporting Club in Newman and the Port Hedland State Emergency Service.

The sponsorship is part of the company's community support program, which was launched in early September. Bilfinger Berger Services managing director Mark Elliott recently presented two cheques worth \$5000 each to the community groups.

Port Hedland Emergency Services will use the sponsorship to support its vital operations, while the Tigers Football Club will use the funds to improve ground facilities. As well as the \$10,000 primary sponsorship, the company has provided additional funding to a number of other community and sporting groups in the Pilbara.

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