Komatsu Women in Extractives 2026

Join us for the annual Women in Extractives event to be held on Thursday 26 March 2026, in Hamilton. Hosted by New Zealand Minerals Council, AQA, and MinEx and supported by IOQNZ and AusIMM, this event celebrates diversity and inclusion in the extractives industry.

You will also be able to claim unrestricted CPD.

The awards

We are accepting nominations for the following four awards:

Kristy Christensen Memorial (sponsored by MinEx)
This award is to recognise someone who has been a champion for diversity and helps create a workplace where everyone feels valued and included. This award is open to individuals in any role across the business who takes practical steps to encourage different perspectives and helps build an environment where all team members have the opportunity to succeed.

Emerging Star (sponsored by MITO)
This award is to recognise a person who over the past year, and during their career, has brought fresh ideas to their role and demonstrated unwavering commitment to outstanding personal performance, and innovative thinking to provide value for their company, as well as for themselves. In demonstrating innovation, they have shown consideration for all their colleagues. This award celebrates fresh thinking and dedication.

Leader of the Year (sponsored by IOQNZ)
This award is to recognise someone who demonstrates outstanding leadership and shows initiative, influence, and commitment – leading by example, fostering a culture of respect, and supporting others to thrive regardless of background or their role. Leadership may be formal or informal and may occur at any level within a business. Whether they are mentoring peers, driving inclusive workplace practices, or creating opportunities for others, this person exemplifies the values of equity, empowerment, and progress. We welcome nominations for someone who inspires their colleagues and contributes to the extractives sector.

Extractives Trailblazer (sponsored by AusIMM NZ Branch)
To recognise someone who has paved the way, and/or continues to pave the way for women to enter into and thrive in the extractives industry. They will have worked to change the environment to be inclusive.

Nominations/entries

Please send your nominations/entries to event@mineralscouncil.co.nz by COB Friday 27 February 2026.

Nomination conditions

Only one category per nominee permitted. Board members and employees of New Zealand Minerals Council, AQA and MinEx are not eligible for nomination.

Judging

Award judging will be undertaken by a panel from New Zealand Minerals Council, AQA and MinEx. The judges' decisions will be final.

Tickets

You can purchase tickets here with discounts available for New Zealand Minerals Council, AQA and MinEx financial members.

Award nomination/entry form

Please provide details of the person being nominated along with reasons as to why they deserve the award. Please also supply a high-resolution photo, preferably of the nominee at work.

Award (please indicate)	**Kristy Christensen Memorial**	**Emerging Star**	**Leader of the Year**	**Extractives Trailblazer**
Name				
Company				
Title/Position				
Work phone		**Mobile**		
Email				

Description of person and why they are being nominated:

Conditions of entry

We would like nominees to be comfortable with any event publicity including social media, but this is not essential. If your nominee is not comfortable with publicity, please indicate that at the time of nomination. The winners will be announced at the Komatsu Women in Extractives event in Hamilton on Thursday 26 March 2026.

I declare that to the best of my knowledge the details contained in this form are correct.

Name and position of person nominating		**Email**	
Signature		**Date**	