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A DIANELLA resident is hoping to inspire others as she breaks through the glass ceiling in the mining industry.

Mining consultant Stephanie Graskoski is a finalist in the Outstanding Young Woman category of the Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA Women in Resources Awards.

“I hope that through being a finalist, others can see what I have done and know that they can do it too; that your gender, sexual orientation, age, race or religion should not stand in the way of your ambitions,” she said.

“I want people to look at my career and see that a woman can work underground, be an engineer, be a manager and be a leader.

“I want to further develop myself as a leader so I can make an impact on the people around me, to help them feel included, valued, and fulfilled at work.”

Ms Graskoski’s achievements included co-founding Pride Professionals, an organisation providing mentoring opportunities for the LGBTQ+ community, and becoming a chartered financial analyst while doing FIFO work.



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“Most of the time I had to wake up at 3.30am to be able to study before work,” she said. “I have received a WA First Class Mine Managers Certificate; this requires one year of underground practical time and four years of working on the mines to acquire.

“There aren’t many women in WA who hold this qualification. My number one goal is to help make the resources industry a better place to work for everyone.”

Winners will be announced at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on March 5.