



Leadership award is yet another win

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Australia's first Indigenous master mariner has been recognised at a resources award for his accomplishments and leadership skills.

Woodside marine adviser and Ngarluma man Ryan Cobb took home the Future Leader award at the Australian Mines and Metals Association industry awards this month.

The award celebrates an individual who has had a positive and noticeable impact on workforce culture, processes and practices within their organisation.

Judges said Mr Cobb, who can command any ship of size in any ocean in the world, displayed leadership traits beyond his years.

They commended his efforts as a mentor who dedicates his time to working with young Indigenous people to inspire them to strive for a career in the maritime industry.

Mr Cobb said it was a welcome surprise just to be nominated for the award, let alone to win.

"There are some very professional and inspiring people within the resources industry and to be acknowledged by both my peers and AMMA is very rewarding," he said.

"I want to continue to encourage, mentor and break down barriers for Indigenous youth, particularly in the maritime industry. This award has given my story and my voice further national recognition in the resources arena. It will help me continue to assist in driving some great outcomes."

Mr Cobb said the maritime career path he chose was challenging and involved lengthy voyages away from home, so to have the recognition was rewarding for himself and his family.

"It is a journey we have undertaken together, so on a personal level, the recognition in receiving this award really is something special," he said.

AMMA chief executive Steven Knott said it was more important than ever to celebrate those who have achieved excellence within the resources and energy industry given the challenges of 2020.

"In these extraordinarily difficult times, the high achievers of the resources and energy industry deserve extra recognition and we are pleased to do just that through the prestigious AMMA Industry Awards," he said.



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