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## Melanie is making her mark

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MORANBAH'S Melanie Gordon is the youngest woman in the world to be appointed to an operational management role in BHP Billiton, so it's not surprising to hear her hard work has been recognised with a prestigious award.

Ms Gordon, also the first woman appointed as a maintenance and engineering manager at an Australian BHP Billiton operation, won the marie claire Young Business Women's Award at the 16th Telstra Queensland Business Women's Awards, which were held in Brisbane earlier this month.

Starting in the traditionally male-dominated mining industry about 10 years ago, Ms Gordon has worked in engineering, projects, maintenance, risk management and safety fields.

Telstra Country Wide North Queensland area general manager David Llewellyn said Ms Gordon had implemented many initiatives to improve site maintenance planning and execution, resulting in an increase in equipment reliability, effectiveness of maintenance time and production.



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"Melanie is an inspirational woman who has not only excelled professionally, but has also made significant contributions to her local community," Mr Llewellyn said.

Ms Gordon, who was also a finalist for the Hudson Private and Corporate Sector Award, will now compete at the national finals awards, announced in Melbourne on November 11.

Other Queensland winners included: Brisbane's Megan Houghton, Townsville's Dr Kirsten Heimann, Maroochydhore's Yvette Adams, and Toowoomba's Debra Howe.

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