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Alison finalist for "Australian Women In Music" Humanitarian Award

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RECOGNITION: Local country singer-songwriter Alison Hams has been named a finalist in the Australian Women in Music Humanitarian Award.

What do Order of Australia Medal recipient Lindy Morrison, Eurovision superstar Dami Im and talented local country singer-songwriter Alison Hams all have in common?

They are all finalists for the 2019 Australian Women in Music Humanitarian Award, which recognises individuals who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education, and/or assisted female artists working in remote and/or regional communities.

Ms Hams is one half of Stormfront Productions with her husband Mark Tempany, and together they offer music tuition, audio and visual recording and songwriting and performance workshops for budding musicians around the state.

She said it was an absolute honour to be held in the same stead as the other two finalists for the Humanitarian Award.

"It's always been a focus for me to do much more than I have to, to do what I can for others, and to always be as genuine and hard-working as I possibly can," Ms Hams said.

"To be judged directly against those nationally, and internationally-significant identities is an amazing validation and promotion of what we try to do here."

Ms Hams helped pioneer the hugely successful Whyalla Recording Scholarship (WRS), which has supported four young female musicians from Whyalla and Port Lincoln in releasing their debut singles to the world.

"WRS is unique in Australia, as far as we can see it is unique in the world. There is nothing that is done for free - to that level," she said.

"We would like to think that some of the judges for the "Australian Women in Music Awards" have uncovered WRS and gone 'wow, this really is unique and amazing'.

"The fact that it has benefited four young girls in the regions is likely catching their eye a bit."

Ms Hams said Stormfront's work has placed Whyalla in an exceptionally positive place in the national and international media.

"The fact we're identifying and associating our hometown and our region with the highest levels of the Australian arts and music communities should be something our local community is infinitely proud of," she said.

"We'd hope that a nationally-significant recognition like this might lead to some local and state support and involvement to further assist us in the job we've done here for nearly 16 years."

The Australian Women in Music Awards will be presented at a star-studded ceremony, concert and party in Brisbane on Wednesday, October 9.

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