



# MEDIA RELEASE

## FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2014 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nicola Forrest, David Flanagan and Justin Langer AM are amongst a talented group of finalists announced today for the 2014 Western Australian of the Year Awards.

Recognising the achievements of Western Australians from a broad cross section of the community, 23 finalists were chosen across seven award categories (*see full list on following page*).

The award winners will be announced at a Gala Dinner on 30 May 2014 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The overall Western Australian of the Year is selected from the winners of the individual categories.

Professor Bruce Robinson AM was named Western Australian of the Year in 2013, and author and academic Professor Kim Scott was the winner in 2012.

Professor Robinson said awareness of his work had increased significantly since he was named 2014 Western Australian of the Year.

"It was such an honour to be named Western Australian of the Year last year and I am looking forward to seeing who the 2014 winner will be", Professor Robinson said.

Until 2011, the awards were known as the WA Citizen of the Year Awards. A long list of respected individuals are part of an incredibly diverse alumni that in recent years has included Professor Fiona Stanley AC, Michael Chaney AO, The Hon Chief Justice Wayne Martin AC QC and Adam Gilchrist AM.

Members of the public and those associated with award finalists are welcome to attend the awards ceremony. Tickets are available via [www.celebratewa.com.au](http://www.celebratewa.com.au)

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The finalists for the 2014 Western Australian of the Year Awards are:

- **Aboriginal Award** – *Sponsored by Wesfarmers*
  - Dr Robert Isaacs OAM PhD JP
  - Mr Jim Morrison
  - Ms Lena Nyadbi
  
- **Arts and Culture Award** – *Sponsored by Woodside*
  - Ms Carolyn Chard
  - Ms Lena Nyadbi
  - Ms Lesley Reece
  - Ms Louise Howden-Smith OAM



- **Business Award – Sponsored by Telstra**
  - Mr David Flanagan
  - Mr Neville Power
- **Community Award – Sponsored by Alcoa of Australia**
  - Mrs Samantha Connor
  - Mrs Annie Fogarty AM
  - Mrs Nicola Forrest
  - Dr Graham Forward
- **Professions Award – Sponsored by St John of God Health Care**
  - Winthrop Professor Marcus Atlas
  - Winthrop Professor Kadambot Siddique AM
  - Professor Kanagasingam Yogesan
- **Sport Award – Sponsored by Hardy Brothers Jewellers**
  - Dr Judith Cousins
  - Mr Justin Langer AM
  - Ms Sue Taylor AM
- **Youth Award – Sponsored by BHP Billiton**
  - Mr Abdul Abdullah
  - Mr Lockie Cooke
  - Mr Timothy Lefroy
  - Ms Kimberley Mickle

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### About Celebrate WA

Celebrate WA is a leadership organisation committed to the celebration of the things we love about Western Australia and its people, tasked with building on the sense of pride—pride of place and pride of our people—and engaging with the community. Celebrate WA hosts the Western Australian of the Year Awards and collaborates with partner organisations to deliver a range of community events including State Of The Art music festival, WA Day - Come Out & Play, and various regional activations.

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