



MEDIA RELEASE

SEARCH FOR WA'S TOP ACHIEVERS LAUNCHED

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Nominations are now open for the 2014 *Western Australian of the Year Awards*.

Announced today at Brookfield Place, the awards recognise the highest level of contribution made to Western Australia by those either born in WA, or those who have chosen to call WA home.

The Awards are organised by not-for-profit organisation Celebrate WA, which has the responsibility for promoting and organising the annual WA Day celebrations.

The Awards launch coincided with the announcement of the appointment to the Celebrate WA Board of Tonya McCusker, wife of the Western Australian Governor Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC (see separate media release).

Award nominations are open to any member of the Western Australian community and the awards are presented at a gala ceremony that will mark the start of the WA Day long weekend on 30 May this year.

The 2014 categories are:

- Aboriginal, sponsored by Wesfarmers
- Arts and Culture, sponsored by Woodside
- Business, sponsored by Telstra
- Community, sponsored by Alcoa
- Professions, sponsored by St John of God Health Care
- Sport, sponsored by Hardy Brothers
- Youth, sponsored by BHP Billiton

Nominations can be made online at www.celebratewa.com.au

Nominations close on the 14th March, with winners announced at a Gala Dinner to be held on Friday 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.
Indigenous author and academic Kim Scott was the winner in 2012

Until 2011, the Awards were known as the WA Citizen of the Year Awards. A long list of respected individuals are part of the alumni including: Professor Fiona Stanley AC, Michael Chaney AO, The Hon Chief Justice Wayne Martin AC QC, George Jones AM,

Celebrate WA Chairman, John Poynton AM said the Awards are a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge the contribution extraordinary people are making to the State.

“There are many people making a significant contribution to our communities across Western Australia; increasing our potential as a state and raising our profile both nationally and internationally.

“It’s a very exciting time to be a Western Australian and I’m proud that we have these Awards so we can recognize our homegrown talent and achievements.

“If you know someone who is making a difference in Western Australia, I encourage you to submit a nomination this year,” he said.

Celebrate WA is supported by the State Government, LotteryWest and a range of major corporate and media partners including BHP Billiton, Hawaiian, Squire Sanders, Channel 7 Perth and The West Australian.

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Information on Celebrate WA

As the State’s premier leadership organisation Celebrate WA champions all that is positive about Western Australia and its people. It seeks to engage West Australians in a range of celebratory activities that promote and recognise excellence in our people, lifestyle, culture and potential.