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WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2014

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Mr David Flanagan has been awarded the State's highest honour, being named *Western Australian of the Year* at the 2014 Western Australian of the Year Awards held last night.

David Flanagan is a geologist by trade but he's also an entrepreneur who, in just ten years, built Australia's fifth largest iron ore exporter Atlas Iron Limited. Atlas is a top 100 ASX-listed company which employs more than 600 people and generates revenues approaching \$1 billion per annum.

David's contribution to Western Australia goes beyond the mine site. He's renowned for his personal philanthropic contributions to a variety of charities and Aboriginal organisations winning the inaugural Governor's Award for Giving in 2011. David was also the recipient of the prestigious Eisenhower Fellowship in 2013. David is the Chancellor of Murdoch University, he's on the board of Giving West and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. David is a member of the Australian Prospecting Mining Hall of Fame.

Recognising the achievements of Western Australians from a broad cross section of the community, 23 finalists were chosen across seven categories for the awards.

The individual winners of each category are as follows:

- **Aboriginal Award** – *Sponsored by Wesfarmers*
 - Ms Lena Nyadbi
- **Arts and Culture Award** – *Sponsored by Woodside*
 - Ms Louise Howden-Smith OAM
- **Business Award** – *Sponsored by Telstra*
 - Mr David Flanagan
- **Community Award** – *Sponsored by Alcoa of Australia*
 - Mrs Nicola Forrest
- **Professions Award** – *Sponsored by St John of God Health Care*
 - Winthrop Professor Kadambot Siddique AM
- **Sport Award** – *Sponsored by Hardy Brothers Jewellers*
 - Mr Justin Langer AM
- **Youth Award** – *Sponsored by BHP Billiton*
 - Mr Timothy Lefroy

This year's winners were announced at a Gala dinner on Friday 30 May at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.



About 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.

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 WA Signature Dish.

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