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MEDIA RELEASE

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S TOP AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE

High achieving Western Australians are being sought to receive the state's highest honours, with nominations for the prestigious 2018 Western Australian of the Year Awards now open.

The Awards celebrate inspirational role models in the Aboriginal community; excellence in business leadership, social entrepreneurship and innovation; making a positive difference to the vibrancy of our state through arts and culture; positive social, scientific and economic impact; achievement in sport; and improving the lives of Western Australians and the community as a whole.

The seven award categories are: the Aboriginal Award sponsored by Wesfarmers, the Arts & Culture Award sponsored by Woodside, the Business Award, the Community Award sponsored by Alcoa, the Professions Award, the Sports Award and the Youth Award.

An easy-to-use online nomination process at www.waday.com should only take 5 - 10 minutes to complete and simply requires people to say what category their nominee should be in; what makes that person truly remarkable and why they should win. To be nominated, a person must either have been born in WA or have made Western Australia their home.

The category winners will be announced on the evening of Friday, 1 June 2018 at the start of the WA Day weekend, with the overall winner declared as Western Australian of the Year.

Among the high achievers celebrated in 2017 for their outstanding contribution was Andrew Forrest AO. Mr Forrest was named 2017 Western Australian of the Year for his past and current commercial and community activities, including working towards ending indigenous disadvantage and modern slavery.

Other highly accomplished and deserving winners in 2017 included Gina Williams, Marcus Canning, Peter Lyndon-James, Dr James Fitzpatrick, Dennis Cometti and Ryan Morich. Award winners from 2017 and earlier years can be viewed at www.waday.com.

Celebrate WA Chair Michael Anghie hopes that in 2018 we will see exciting new nominations from exceptional Western Australians who are helping to transform our community and make our state a global leader in many fields of endeavour.

"It is vital for the future of Western Australia that we continue to recognise and celebrate people who make extraordinary contributions in their areas of expertise, as this will guide and inspire current and future residents of this great state. I ask Western Australians to join me in nominating our best and brightest for these awards" said Mr Anghie.

Anyone can make a nomination for the Western Australian of the Year Awards and the nomination period is open now and closes on Friday 16 February 2018.

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If you have any questions about the Awards or the nomination process people can contact Celebrate WA on 08 9324 5000 or celebratewa@celebratewa.com.au

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Photos of previous winners are available.

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About Celebrate WA

Celebrate WA is a not-for-profit organisation responsible for promoting and organising the annual WA Day celebrations; promoting excellence and achievement by Western Australians in all fields of endeavour; and encouraging pride in all things Western Australian.



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