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WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2018 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Professor Mike Daube AO has been awarded the State's most prestigious honour, being named 2018's Western Australian of the Year at a gala dinner at Crown Ballroom on Friday, 1 June.

Professor Daube is a towering figure in public health both in Australia and internationally, playing a significant role in developing the tobacco policies now accepted by governments and health authorities globally which have contributed to declining rates of smoking worldwide, saving millions of lives.

In addition to working with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and governments and health agencies all over the world, he was chair of the Australian Government's expert committee which recommended plain packaging on tobacco products – an area in which Australia is a world leader.

Professor Daube has held several notable positions, including President of the Australian Council on Smoking and Health, President of the Public Health Association of Australia, co-chair of the National Alliance for Action on Alcohol, President of the WA Heart Foundation and Chair of the WA Network of Alcohol and Other Drugs. He was a founding Director of the Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA and the McCusker Centre for Action on Alcohol and Youth, and is Patron of WA Local Drug Action Groups.

Professor Daube has been recognised internationally for his exceptional commitment to improving the lives of others, including being awarded the WHO Tobacco Medal twice, the Hugh Leavell Award for Outstanding Global Health Leadership (the World Federation of Public Health Associations' highest honour), and the American cancer Society's Luther Terry Distinguished Career Award.

Thirty-two finalists were selected across seven categories for the Western Australian of the Year Awards, representing outstanding achievement in all areas.

The individual winners of each category were also announced at the Gala Dinner and are as follows:

- **Aboriginal Award** – *Sponsored by Wesfarmers*
 - Gail Allison JP
- **Arts and Culture Award** – *Sponsored by Woodside*
 - Janet Holmes À Court AC
- **Business Award** – *Sponsored by Perdaman*
 - Diane Smith-Gander
- **Community Award** – *Sponsored by Alcoa of Australia*
 - Professor Mike Daube AO



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- **Professions Award** – *Sponsored by APM*
 - Professor James Trevelyan
- **Sport Award** – *Sponsored by Channel Seven*
 - Ron Alexander
- **Youth Award** – *Sponsored by BHP*
 - Greg Hire

Photographs, biographies and videos of all winners will be available at:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/cntkmt71kqxkycn/AAAw2WYir8jUsxJ9sN8PgebDa?dl=0>

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