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MEDIA RELEASE

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR OUR HIGHEST HONOURS

The state-wide search is on again for Western Australia's talented and committed high achievers, with nominations open for the 2019 Western Australian of the Year Awards.

The state's most prestigious 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.

In 2018, Emeritus Professor Mike Daube AO was honoured with the coveted title of Western Australian of the Year for his extraordinary contribution to global public health. Professor Daube has campaigned tirelessly for decades to reduce rates of smoking worldwide. He was instrumental in implementing plain packaging on tobacco products – an area in which Australia is a world leader. His work is attributed to saving millions of lives.

Other outstanding winners in 2018 include Gail Allison JP (Aboriginal), Janet Holmes à Court AC (Arts & Culture), Diane Smith-Gander (Business), Professor James Trevelyan (Professions), Ron Alexander (Sport) and Greg Hire (Youth).

Celebrate WA Chairman, Michael Anghie, says he is looking forward to learning about the new nominees for the 2019 Awards and how they demonstrate the best qualities of the Western Australian community.

“These Awards celebrate the very best achievements of Western Australians, whether they have had an impact locally or further afield. Every year the quality of our Award nominees is exceptional. I encourage every Western Australian to think hard about who they know doing truly remarkable work in their field, and take a few minutes to nominate them for an Award, so they can receive the recognition they deserve” he said.

The seven Award categories are:

- **Aboriginal** Award supported by Wesfarmers
- **Arts & Culture** Award supported by Woodside
- **Business** Award supported by Perdaman
- **Community** Award supported by Alcoa
- **Professions** Award supported by APM
- **Sport** Award supported by Channel 7
- **Youth** Award supported by BHP

Members of the public can nominate their friends, family or colleagues, or you can self-nominate online at www.waday.com. The simple process should take 5 minutes to complete.



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It only requires people to select a category for their nominee, describe the nominee's achievements, and why they should win. Any person born in WA or who has made Western Australia their home is eligible. Nominations are open until Friday 15 February 2019.

The gala dinner to announce the winners will take place on the evening of Friday 31 May 2019 to mark the beginning of the WA Day long weekend, with the overall winner declared as Western Australian of the Year.

Any questions about the Awards or the nomination process may be directed to Celebrate WA on 08 9324 5000 or celebratewa@celebratewa.com.au

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Photos of previous winners are available. Emeritus Professor Mike Daube AO and other Award winners are available for interviews.

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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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