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MEDIA RELEASE

LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE OUTSTANDING LOCALS FOR WA'S TOP AWARDS

Time is rapidly running out to nominate extraordinary Western Australians for the first Western Australian of the Year Awards of the decade, with online nominations closing Friday, 28 February.

The Awards give every Western Australian the opportunity to acknowledge someone in their community doing outstanding work, and to celebrate the diversity and excellence in our State.

There are seven Award categories:

- **Aboriginal** Award sponsored by Wesfarmers
- **Arts & Culture** Award sponsored by Woodside Energy
- **Business** Award sponsored by APM
- **Community** Award sponsored by Alcoa of Australia
- **Professions** Award
- **Sport** Award sponsored by Channel Seven
- **Youth** Award sponsored by BHP

The online nomination process can be completed at waday.com, and simply requires people to select a category for their nominee, describe the nominee's achievements and their impact on our community. Any person born in WA or who has made Western Australia their home is eligible for nomination.

The finalists will be announced in April, with the category winners and overall Western Australian of the Year announced on Friday, 29 May at a Gala Dinner at Crown Ballroom. The event marks the start of the WA Day long weekend, which is celebrated with events across the State.

Celebrate WA Chair, Michael Anghie, encouraged the public to nominate someone in their field or community who deserved to be recognised for their achievements.

“We all know that Western Australia has some of the best talent in the country – whether in the arts, business, science or community. We must all play our part in ensuring that these people are celebrated, so I ask everyone to nominate a friend, family member or colleague who is doing inspirational work that truly enhances our State.

James McMahon DSC DSM was named 2019 Western Australian of the Year at last year’s Awards, recognising his contribution to the State through his work in the Australian Defence Force, and more recently supporting current serving and returned personnel, and Defence families in need.

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. 2019 Award winners and Celebrate WA Board members are available for interviews.

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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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