

Acknowledging the achievements of regional communities

The winners of the prestigious 2013 Regional Achievement and Community Awards were announced at a Gala Awards Presentation Dinner at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday night 18th October.

Almost 400 guests from across the state including Politicians, Mayors, Shire Presidents, sponsors, finalists and nominees gathered to celebrate the wonderful achievements of many of regional and rural Western Australia's highest achievers and community contributors. The evening was hosted by WIN Television's Matt Tinney and major sponsor of the Awards Ceremony was the Department of Regional Development.

The Hon Colin Holt MP represented Awards Patron the Hon Brendan Grylls, Minister for Regional Development at the event.

The 2013 category award winners are:

- BUSSELTON FESTIVAL OF TRIATHLON – Perth Airport Events and Tourism Award
- ROEBUCK BAY WORKING GROUP of Broome – CSBP Environment Award
- Robert Carter of Northam – Curtin University Teaching Excellence Award
- GEOGRAPHE CATCHMENT COUNCIL of Busselton - LandCorp Sustainability Award
- SENIORS RECREATION COUNCIL PEEL BRANCH - Prime Super Community of the Year Award
- REFAP PTY LTD of Karratha - Rinehart Development of Northern Regional WA Award
- HONOURING INDIGENOUS WAR GRAVES - Department of Aboriginal Affairs Indigenous Service Award
- JIMMY O'ROURKE of Bunbury - Horizon Power Leadership & Innovation Award
- DANDARAGAN ORGANIC BEEF - Keystart Home Loans Primary Producer of the Year Award
- GO NAREMBEEN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC - Department of Local Government and Communities - Community Group of the Year Award



Andre Francis, Regional General Manager, Commonwealth Bank (second from left, front row) with the 2013 Award Winners.

BUSSELTON FESTIVAL OF TRIATHLON was named the overall State winner. The Department of Regional Development Regional Achievement and Community Award winner.

The Awards are proudly promoted by media partners WIN Television, West Australian Regional Newspapers and the RadioWest Network.

Winners were each presented with a \$2,000 bank account from the Commonwealth Bank and a trophy.

"The Awards celebrate community contribution and the Commonwealth Bank is delighted to have been a part of these prestigious awards since the beginning" said Andre Francis, Regional General Manager for the Commonwealth Bank.

"Commonwealth Bank has provided over \$190,000 in prize money and support for the award recipients over the past eleven years and we are proud of our community involvement in regional and rural Western Australia" said Andre.

For further information about the 2014 Awards or this year's winners please contact the Awards Office on 08 9201 1155 or email wa@awardsaustralia.com.

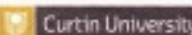
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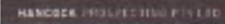
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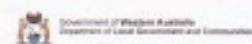
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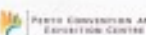
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OVERALL STATE WINNER



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Congratulations to the Nominees and Finalists of the 2013 Regional Achievement and Community Awards in Western Australia. CommBank WA are proud to be a foundation partner of the Awards, as Major Prize Sponsor, since 2002.

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