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WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2016 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Adrian Fini OAM has been awarded the State's highest honour, being named *Western Australian of the Year* at the prestigious Western Australian of the Year awards ceremony held tonight.

Adrian has been a prolific player in the property development, property investment and construction sectors in Western Australia since 1977. A highly respected businessman and community leader, Mr Fini has helped to change the face of Perth through his significant developments throughout the city.

Adrian recently led the restoration project of the State Buildings and COMO The Treasury hotel to return a set of beautiful historic buildings back to public use. He is currently working on several new major projects that will add more vibrancy and drive further commerce into the city of Perth.

Adrian was awarded an OAM for service to the arts in 2014. He is currently Managing Director of the Fini Group and a Director of FJM Property Pty Ltd. He also holds the role of Chair of the Art Gallery of Western Australia Foundation and is on the boards of the University of Western Australia Business School and the Perth International Arts Festival (PIAF).

Recognising the achievements of Western Australians from a broad cross section of the community, 20 finalists were chosen across seven categories for the awards.

The individual winners of each category are as follows:

- **Aboriginal Award** – *Sponsored by Wesfarmers*
 - Rishelle Hume
- **Arts and Culture Award** – *Sponsored by Woodside*
 - Warwick Hemsley
- **Business Award** – *Sponsored by Telstra*
 - Adrian Fini OAM
- **Community Award** – *Sponsored by Alcoa of Australia*
 - Dr John van Bockxmeer
- **Professions Award** – *Sponsored by St John of God Healthcare*
 - Professor Arlene Chan
- **Sport Award** – *Sponsored by Hardy Brothers Jewellers*
 - Caitlin Bassett
 - Nathan Fyfe
- **Youth Award** – *Sponsored by BHP Billiton*
 - Ashlee Harrison

This years winners were announced at a Gala dinner on Friday 3 June at Crown Perth.

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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