

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR PUBLIC SECTOR**

Special guest, His Excellency Dr Ken Michael, Governor of Western Australia, was amongst the who's who of the state public sector yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, celebrating the **Western Australia Institute of Public Administration** 26<sup>th</sup> Annual W.S. Lonnie Awards.

The Awards, which promote excellence in annual reporting, attracted CEO's, Directors General and Commissioners from many state government agencies and statutory bodies, all hoping to take out the prestigious WS Lonnie Memorial Trophy.

Institute President and Awards host, Professor David Gilchrist said, "Receiving a W.S. Lonnie Award is a high accolade indeed for any agency and demonstrates its commitment to transparency, authenticity and integrity when it comes to producing its annual report".

"Judging is very thorough as every agency's annual report is scrutinised and judged on very stringent selection criteria. It's important to note that an organisation cannot nominate for the award, every organisations annual report is automatically included," Professor Gilchrist said.

The primary vehicle for accountability in the Public Sector has been and always will be the way public sector agencies report their performance. The Awards were established in 1984 in honour of Mr. William Scott Lonnie, recognised for his long and distinguished career in the State public service, culminating in his final post as Under Secretary, Premier's Department during the premiership of Sir Charles Court.

Those awarded the top accolades for Annual Reporting were:

**The W.S. Lonnie Memorial Trophy**

- **Office of the Auditor General**

**The Margaret Nadebaum Trophy**

- **Insurance Commission of Western Australia**

**Margaret McAleer Special Commendation**

- **Public Transport Authority**

**The Allan Skinner Trophy**

- **Office of the Auditor General**

**To view all Award Winners please go to [www.wa.ipaa.org.au](http://www.wa.ipaa.org.au)**

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