

## PEER RECOGNITION



Leaders: Winner Stan Perron with Andrew Forrest. Picture: Ben Crabtree

# Perron wins top business leader award

■ Kim Macdonald

Stan Perron was named WA's Business Leader of the Year at the 2015 Australian Institute of Management WA and *WestBusiness* Pinnacle Awards last night.

Last year's winner Andrew Forrest, founder of Fortescue Metals Group, presented the award at a ceremony at Crown Perth before more than 600 people.

In attendance were many other leading lights of the business community including Wesfarmers managing director and the award's inaugural winner Richard Goyder.

Mr Perron was chosen from 19 nominees in a long judging process involving a panel of 11 business people chaired by Peter Mott, the president of AIM WA and chief executive of Hollywood Private Hospital.

Mr Perron, a self-made businessman, was recognised for steering Perron Bros and then the Perron Group through ventures in fields as diverse as infrastructure, mining, transport, property and retail over seven decades.

At 93, he still attends his East Perth office daily and is the oldest working billionaire in Australia and the second oldest in the world.

Mr Perron has managed the difficult task of expanding his wealth by nearly a third during the turbulent economic times of the past five years, adding \$1 billion to his wealth since 2010 to take his net worth to \$2.8 billion.

He was ranked the second richest person in WA on *The West Australian's* 2015 Rich List.

The renowned philanthropist is known for being trustworthy, honest and fair. Mr Perron's nominated charity for the \$10,000 prize was Lifeline WA.

A further eight categories in the Pinnacle Awards were judged by 62 business leaders, with each winner passing on \$10,000 to their nominated charity.

Full details of winners, including video footage of each, will be featured on *The West Australian's* website today and in *The Weekend West* tomorrow.

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See the full list of winners

## Calls for help to Lifeline surge

■ Cathy O'Leary

Lifeline WA has had a 60 per cent surge in the number of people using services including suicide prevention and crisis help.

Chief executive Fiona Kalaf said the number of West Australia-

lians who accessed services in 2014-2015 rose more than 46,000 compared with the previous year.

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