



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Indigenous employment initiatives kicking goals

The NESA Awards for Excellence are offered each year by the National Employment Services Association (NESA) for outstanding performance and achievement within the employment services sector. This year there have been six Award categories, with a record number of nominations.

The **NESA Innovation and Collaboration in Indigenous Employment Award** recognises organisations, individuals or teams who demonstrate innovation and/or collaboration in assisting Indigenous Australians to achieve employment, particularly in remote Australia.

"So much great work goes on across the depth and breadth of Australia, out of the spotlight of the national media," said NESA CEO Sally Sinclair. "We created this Award with <u>alffie</u> to turn the spotlight on some of these outstanding initiatives."

This year's finalists in the NESA Innovation and Collaboration in Indigenous Employment Award are:

- My Pathway, for helping to bring remote employment projects under local community control nominated by My Pathway
- **Special Projects**, for broad reaching collaboration in addressing the barriers facing Indigenous job seekers nominated by **Maxima Joblink**
- **David Maxey-Fisher**, for his outstanding work with the Indigenous Community Access Program (ICAP) in the Bundaberg area nominated by **IMPACT Community Services** (a **CoAct** member)

The winner of the **NESA Innovation and Collaboration in Indigenous Employment Award** will be announced at the Gala Awards Dinner on the 13<sup>th</sup> August, part of the <u>NESA National Conference</u>, to be held at the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins on the 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> of August, 2019.

The NESA Innovation and Collaboration in Indigenous Employment Award is supported by alffie, (RTO 41206)

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