



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Leonie Noble wins WA Seafood Industry Leadership Award

The leadership, innovation and dedication of Leonie Noble was last night recognised when she won the prestigious Michael Kailis Leadership Award at the 2017 Western Australian Seafood Industry Awards.

The Awards event, recognising excellence in the WA seafood industry, was held at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle and opened by Minister for Fisheries, the Hon Dave Kelly MLA in front of an audience of 350 industry participants and representatives of various stakeholder groups.

WA Fishing Industry Council (WAFIC) Chairman, Mr Clayton Nelson said Ms Noble has demonstrated that she has made a substantial positive difference to the seafood industry over many years and has been a highly effective and respected seafood industry leader.

“Ms Noble has been a participant in the fishing industry for the past 36 years and has come to be recognised as one of the most respected industry leaders.

“Over that time, Ms Noble has been active and interested in fisheries management, leadership courses for young fishers, effective decision making and giving industry a voice at all levels of decision making process.

“She has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the industry having been appointed to more than 30 advisory committees and Boards during this time including the Rock Lobster Industry Advisory Committee (RLIAC) and the Abrolhos Islands Management Advisory Committee (AIMAC), often working in a voluntary capacity.

“Leonie Nobel’s core belief is that consultation and effective communication provide the backbone to excellent seafood industry outcomes.

“She underpins all her advice and actions around this, allowing her to make a substantial and sustained positive difference to the seafood industry”, said Mr Nelson.

“As an industry body, we recognise the importance of acknowledging those individuals and organisations who make a substantial contribution to benefiting our industry, and Leonie Noble, the first female winner of the award, is certainly worthy,” Mr Nelson concluded.

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About the Michael Kailis Leadership Award

- Presented to a person who has demonstrated that he or she has made a substantial positive difference to the seafood industry over many years, and who has been a highly effective and respected seafood industry leader.
- Previous Michael Kailis Leadership Award winners:

2002 Ken Palmer, former Managing Director of MG Kailis

2004 Theo Kailis (dec)

2006 Peter Jecks, Abacus Fisheries

2010 Eric Barker, former Fisheries WA Researcher

2011 David Carter, CEO Austral Fisheries

2013 John Cole AM, Commercial fisherman - Dongara

2015 Greg Jenkins, Challenger Institute of Technology