

# Media Release

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## Connie dances her way to success

Congratulations to Connie Yarran, winner of the WA Young Achiever Australian Super Career Kickstart award. Connie was awarded the prestigious prize at a gala event at the Parmelia Hilton in Perth.

Community Arts Network (CAN) nominated Connie for her outstanding work with young people in the Wheatbelt town of Kellerberrin.

CAN employed Connie as a Youth Arts Officer after seeing her volunteer to lead after school dance workshops for Aboriginal students in her home town.

“These dance workshops started off as a place where all the Noongar kids in Kellerberrin could hang out, dance and yarn. I never imagined that my small idea could have made such a huge impact on mine and the kids’ lives. They have brought so much light to my life and helped me realise my dream of being involved in the arts industry,” said Connie.

Connie and her dancers have performed at more than 20 major community events including NAIDOC Week, Wesfarmers Centenary Concert, WA Day, Dance Week and the Beaufort Street Festival.

“This win is so well deserved. Connie is an exceptional young role model and Community Arts Network is so proud to have been able to support her to realise her dreams, including gaining a Certificate 4 in Dance Instruction,” said CAN’s Chief Executive Officer, Jo Metcalf.

For more information about the Awards: <http://www.awardsaustralia.com/young-achiever-awards/wa/current-winners/>

## About Community Arts Network (CAN)

CAN is an exciting and dynamic organisation working towards positive social change through community arts and cultural development practice.

Over the last thirty years CAN has been inspiring and mobilising WA communities who experience social disadvantage, to creatively express their unique stories through a diversity of art mediums.

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