



**The catalyst in developing creative, open-minded young Western Australians who are engaged with the world**

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**AWESOME partnership celebrates win for remote communities**

AWESOME Arts Australia and BHP Billiton Nickel West are celebrating their unique partnership that won the Qantaslink Regional Award at last fortnight's Australian Business and the Arts Foundation's awards.

*"The process of jointly writing the AbaF Awards submission really enabled each partner to evaluate the Creative Challenge program and what we bring to it. Winning this award is an affirmation of our hard work and, in particular, BHP Billiton's extraordinary commitment to Goldfields communities,"* AWESOME Arts General Manager Jenny Simpson.

BHP Billiton Nickel West has supported AWESOME Arts for the past three years through a partnership that delivers creative learning projects to young people in regional communities.

In 2007, BHP Billiton became the principal partner of the **AWESOME International Arts Festival for Bright Young Things** with an interest in supporting programs that engage young people in the metropolitan area.

*"Winning this award is a fantastic outcome for both partners but more importantly, the young people in our more remote communities win through experiencing this unique and rewarding program,"* said Louanne Munz, Principal Community Advisor at BHP Billiton Nickel West.

BHP Billiton is the world's largest diversified resource company with more than 100 operations in 25 countries. BHP Billiton operates globally to provide the natural resources essential for the world's economic and social development.

AWESOME works to inspire and encourage creativity amongst young people and aims to be a catalyst in developing creative, open-minded, young Western Australians who are engaged with the world.

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The AWESOME International Arts Festival for Bright Young Things is proudly supported by BHP Billiton Nickel West.



AWESOME Arts Australia and BHP Billiton Nickel West are proud winners of the Australian Business and the Arts Foundation's **QantasLink Regional Award** for partnerships with outcomes in rural and regional Australia.