



Ngarluma man Patrick Churnside is a semifinalist for a community leadership award in the WA Regional Achievement and Community Awards. Picture: Danella Bevis

Gongs recognise community leadership

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Nine candidates from the West Pilbara have been named as semifinalists in three categories of the 2016 WA Regional Achievement and Community Awards.

The awards, now in their 15th year, recognise outstanding contributions by people, organisations and businesses in regional WA across 11 categories, each worth \$2000 in prize money.

Karratha resident Patrick Churnside has been named as one of only seven semifinalists for the Horizon Power leadership and innovation award for his

local community service and performance work.

The award acknowledges people and groups who are driving forces and role models in their fields of contribution to their local communities.

West Pilbara businesses are particularly well represented in the Rinehart Development of northern regional WA award for economic contribution to the north.

Pilbara Site Pics, Bardina Pty Ltd, trading as Kooljaman, KBSS Engineering, Regional Development Australia Pilbara and the Onslow Chamber of Com-

merce and Industry are five of the nine companies in the running out of nine semifinalists.

Three groups, all from the Shire of Ashburton — the V Swans, the Nintirri Centre, and the Tom Price Emergency Services Cadet Corps — have been named as semifinalists for the Prime Super community group of the year award for organisations that promote a strong sense of community spirit.

The WA RACA finalists will be announced on September 15 and the awards night will take place on October 28.