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Ian Kew CEO NT Airports, honoured at the 2019 Creative Partnerships Awards for Business Leadership

Ian Kew, CEO NT Airports was announced as a joint recipient of the award for Business Leadership at the 2019 Creative Partnerships Awards, held in Melbourne last night.

The awards recognise individuals who show leadership in philanthropy and business partnerships with the arts. Those being honoured have demonstrated active involvement in developing private giving to the arts, promoting the value of supporting the arts to the broader community and display an ongoing commitment to a strong, sustainable future for Australia's cultural sector.

Mr Kew said, "I am honoured to receive this recognition and be the recipient of this award for Business Leadership. My wife and I are heavily involved in the arts, we love to be entertained and we love to be challenged. Professionally, the arts offer businesses like ours the opportunity to engage with their communities. Businesses like ours have a real responsibility to support their communities in their creative endeavours. We get a lot out of it both personally and professionally."

Ian has long been a champion for the arts and through his business partnerships he translates the unique importance of arts to economic and social prosperity and community wellbeing. Through his business activities Ian has been committed to generating investment and sustainable partnerships in the Northern Territory.

Ian was appointed Chair of the Darwin Festival in 2017, a pivotal time for the Festival. Through his leadership and determination, he has helped sustain the Northern Territory's premier arts

festival by reigniting business sponsorship and encouraging philanthropic support. “Ian’s advocacy in the upper echelons of Darwin’s business circles for the Darwin Festival has seen sponsors return to the Festival in droves” said Emily Mann CEO of Darwin Festival. “Their belief in the Darwin Festival and their passion and support is driven by Ian’s belief in the Darwin Festival.”

Ian is a joint recipient of the 2019 Business Leadership Award sharing the award with Helen Carroll, the Curator of the Wesfarmers Collection of Australian Art and Manager Wesfarmers Arts

Background Information

About Creative Partnerships Australia

Creative Partnerships Australia’s role is to create a culture of private sector support for the arts. They aim to grow the culture of giving, investment, partnership and volunteering, bringing donors, businesses, artists and arts organisations together to foster a more sustainable and vibrant arts sector for the benefit of all Australians.

Creative Partnerships Awards – Business Leadership Award

For an individual working in the business sector who through their commitment and example has fostered increased investment and engagement between business and the arts.

Link to video about Ian’s nomination

<https://vimeo.com/354558038>



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