



**ANNUAL
REVIEW
2017/18**

**MEDIA
LEGENDS**
JOURNALISTS WHO
HELPED SHAPE AUSTRALIA

WHO WE ARE

The Melbourne Press Club has been a key part of the Australian media community for almost half a century.

Our mission is to celebrate excellence in journalism, promote the value of quality journalism in a modern democracy, provide forums for discussion of issues in the news and encourage fellowship amongst media people.

Established in 1971, the Club is a forum where journalists, communications industry people and professionals in related fields can hear from the country's most senior politicians, business leaders and other newsmakers, and liaise on issues such as professional development and media freedom.

Each year the Club hosts one of Australia's most prestigious media awards, the Quills, where it also presents the annual Graham Perkin Australian Journalist of the Year Award and the new Harry Gordon Australian Sports Journalist of the Year Award. The Club also presents an annual Lifetime Achievement Award. It is building the Australian Media Hall of Fame to honour the country's greatest reporters, editors, broadcasters, commentators, photographers and cartoonists.

Speakers at the Club's monthly lunches have included Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama, prime ministers, premiers, authors, sports heroes and top business executives.

OUR BOARD

PRESIDENT

Adele Ferguson Fairfax Media

CEO

Mark Baker

VICE PRESIDENTS

Michael Rowland ABC

Eileen Berry Eileen Berry Trust

TREASURER

David Poulton Minter Ellison

SECRETARY

Richard Leder Corrs Chambers Westgarth

SECRETARIAT

Kate Handley General Manager

David Fisher Assistant Manager

Jenny Denton Digital Producer

BOARD

David Broadbent Broadbent Media

Rob Curtain Media Consultant

Nicole Denton VicRoads

Jude Donnelly AFL

Olivia Hill-Douglas Media Consultant

Bob Kearsley Business Essentials

Jonathan Kearsley Nine News

Ashlynn McGhee ABC News

Heidi Murphy 3AW

Patrick O'Beirne Six O'Clock Advisory

Isabelle Oderberg Cabrini Foundation

Mike Osborne AAP

Simon Pristel Seven Network

Justin Quill Macpherson Kelly Lawyers

Tom Salom News Corp

Veronica Scott Minter Ellison

CONNECT WITH US

ADDRESS Level 19, 525 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000 **POSTAL ADDRESS** GPO Box 769, Melbourne 3001
P + 61 3 9614 2779 **E** admin@melbournepressclub.com **W** melbournepressclub.com
You can find the Melbourne Press Club on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



The Melbourne Press Club capped another very eventful year in 2017 with the formal inauguration of the Australian Media Hall of Fame. At a gala dinner in Sydney in November, more than 50 late and living legends of NSW journalism were inducted. Journalists from the rest of Australia will be honoured in 2018.

The annual Quill Awards dinner in March, with 600 guests, proved the event's reputation as a celebration of the best of Victorian and Australian journalism. A total of 27 individual Quills were awarded - including a new prize for innovation in journalism - as well as the Australian Journalist and Sports Journalist of the Year awards.

Highlights of the 2017 events calendar included lunches to celebrate the launch of the AFL women's competition and preview the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, with sporting legends Catherine Freeman and Steve Moneghetti. Visiting US speakers detailed the challenges for media under the Trump Administration and growing global cyber security threats.

A special lunch in September celebrated the career of retiring National Nine News political editor Laurie Oakes, who was made a life member of the MPC in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Australian journalism.

Thanks to all our sponsors, members and friends for their continued support. We look forward to working with you all again in 2018 and beyond.

Mark Baker
Chief Executive



From top: Laurie Oakes at his farewell lunch; On the red carpet at the Quills Dinner; Senator Derryn Hinch and Ann Peacock of Crown Resorts; Australian netball captain Caitlin Bassett and Olympic legend Cathy Freeman at the Commonwealth Games lunch in October.

HOW TO JOIN

Membership of the Melbourne Press Club is open to everyone with an interest in the media. Apply online at www.melbournepressclub.com
Annual membership is \$85 for journalist members, \$110 for associate members and \$40 for students.

A YEAR IN REVIEW



THE QUILL AWARDS

The Quill Awards for excellence in Victoria journalism are the premier media awards in Victoria and the biggest night of the year for Melbourne Media.

The dinner on Friday 17 March saw 27 individual Quills awarded for achievement in print, television, radio and online. Louise Milligan and Andy Burns of ABC 7.30 won the Gold Quill. The judges applauded their groundbreaking coverage of Cardinal George Pell's evidence at the Royal Commission into child sexual abuse.

THE GRAHAM PERKIN AUSTRALIAN JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Australia's most coveted journalism prize was awarded to Caro Meldrum-Hanna of ABC Four Corners for her expose of abuses in the Northern Territory's Don Dale Youth Detention Centre. The judges described her work, which triggered a Royal Commission, as powerful and compelling journalism.

The other finalists for the award were Linton Besser of ABC Four Corners, Dan Box of The Australian and Adele Ferguson of The Age.

THE HARRY GORDON AUSTRALIAN SPORTS JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Caroline Wilson of The Age and Channel Nine won the second annual Harry Gordon award for her outstanding coverage of Australian football. The judges praised her skills as a reporter and as "a strong and persistent analyst without pretention."

The other finalists were Greg Baum of The Age, Bruce McAvaney of the Seven Network and Will Swanton of The Australian.

THE MPC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Niki Savva of The Australian was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding coverage of Australian politics as a reporter, columnist and author. In announcing the award, Laurie Oakes said: "She writes without fear, tells it as she sees it, doesn't run with the pack and doesn't flinch under fire."

From top: Gold Quill winners Andy Burns and Louise Milligan with Monash University Deputy Vice Chancellor Ken Sloan; Perkin winner Caro Meldrum-Hanna; Gordon winner Caroline Wilson; Lifetime Achievement Award winner Niki Savva.



A YEAR IN REVIEW



THE FUTURE OF NEWS: LUNCH WITH MICHAEL MILLER

A highlight of the 2017 events program was a sold-out lunch with News Corp Australasia executive chairman Michael Miller. In an era when global tech giants are threatening the integrity of news and undermining its provenance, Miller said the future of those who create local premium content had never been more important. And he said the fight to protect and preserve our journalism, our revenues and our ability to compete has never been more critical.

THE EDIT

The forum for young journalists run by young journalists hosted another series of outstanding events. Guests included the multi-award winning Afghanistan-based photojournalist Andrew Quilty and Perkin Award-winning investigative journalist Caro Meldrum-Hanna. Herald Sun FOI editor Fiona Hudson ran a special freedom of information masterclass.

The Edit, supported by the Copyright Agency's Cultural Fund, is all about developing the skills of the next generation of reporters, editors and photographers by enabling them to learn, network and support each other. Regular functions are held at casual venues in Melbourne's CBD.



STATE BUDGET DEBRIEF

The day after handing down his third state budget, Victorian Treasurer Tim Pallas addressed another special business briefing lunch hosted by the Melbourne Press Club in partnership with the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Pallas spoke about the government's plans for industry and employment and took Q&A from the audience. The post-Budget lunch is now a regular fixture on Melbourne's business and media calendars.



From top: Former President Michael Rowland with News Corp's Michael Miller; Andrew Quilty at The Edit; Victorian Treasurer Tim Pallas; US investigative journalists Tonya Mosley and Aaron Glantz at a lunch in August.

THE AUSTRALIAN MEDIA HALL OF FAME



More than 50 late and living legends of journalism in New South Wales were inducted into the Australian Media Hall of Fame at a November 2017 gala dinner in Sydney.

The induction of the reporters, photographers, broadcasters, cartoonists, editors and publishers inaugurated the national phase of the Media Hall of Fame project. They include trail-blazing women journalists Ita Buttrose and Anne Summers, star broadcasters Mike Willesee and John Laws, global investigative journalists Phillip Knightley and John Pilger and publishers Sir Frank and Kerry Packer.

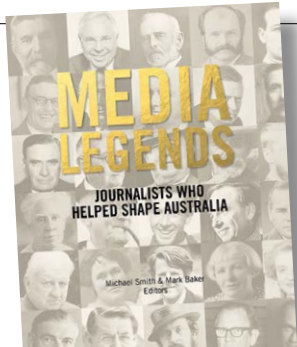


The keynote address to the dinner was delivered by veteran Sydney Morning Herald investigative journalist Kate McClymont, who was also inducted for her outstanding contribution to Australian journalism.

The Australian Media Hall of Fame is an initiative of the Melbourne Press Club aimed at celebrating through individual stories how journalism has benefitted the Australian public and shaped our history.



From top: Kate McClymont of The Sydney Morning Herald; Cartoonist Patrick Cook and Jean Kittson; Photographer Russell McPhedran (seated) with family and friends



'MEDIA LEGENDS', THE BOOK

'Media Legends: Journalists who Helped Shape Australia' is the companion book to the Media Hall of Fame. In a series of meticulously crafted and researched chapters written by some of the greats of contemporary Australian journalism, the book details the lives and times of Australia's pioneering and contemporary media workers, whose collective work has helped define the nation. A second edition will be published in late 2018.

To purchase a copy, contact admin@melbournepressclub.com or call 03 9614 2779.

ROLLS OF HONOUR

LIFE MEMBERS

Mark Baker
Peter Bartlett
Jim Clarke
Claude Forell

Steve Harris
Pat Hayes
Ian Henderson
Sue Henderson
Geoff Hook

Neil Mitchell
Laurie Oakes
Mike Richards
Michael Rowland
Mike Smith

John Trevorrow
Michael Venus
Sally White

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2011 John Hamilton
2010 Geoff Wilkinson
2016 Niki Savva
2015 Mike Sheahan
2014 Derryn Hinch
2013 Mal Walden
2012 Dulcie Boling

2007 Michelle Grattan & Laurie Oakes
2006 Bruce Postle & John Lamb
2005 John Fitzgerald
2004 Les Carlyon
2003 Claude Forell

2002 Harry Gordon
2001 John Sorell
2000 Peter Game
1999 Les Tanner
1998 Peter McFarlane
1995 Keith Dunstan

GOLD QUILL WINNERS

2016 Louise Milligan & Andy Burns *ABC 7.30*
2015 Adele Ferguson *The Age/Four Corners*
2014 Adele Ferguson *The Age/Four Corners*
2013 James Campbell *Herald Sun*
2012 Sarah Ferguson & Deb Masters *ABC Four Corners*
2011 Nick McKenzie, Maris Beck & Tom McKendrick *The Age*
2010 Jill Baker *Herald Sun*
2009 Cameron Stewart *The Australian*
2008 Richard Baker & Nick McKenzie *The Age*
2007 Heather Ewart *ABC, Australian Story*

2006 Brendan Donohoe *Seven News*
2005 Martine Griffiths *Network Ten*
2004 Belinda Hawkins *ABC, Australian Story*
2003 Julie-Anne Davies & Steve Waldon *The Age*
2002 Terry McCrann *Herald Sun & The Australian*
2001 Andrew Rule *The Age*
2000 Andrew Probyn & Michael Harvey *The Herald Sun*
1999 Julie-Anne Davies *The Age*
1998 Andrew Rule *The Age*
1997 John Schauble *The Age*
1996 Sarah Henderson *ABC, 7.30 Report*
1995 Terry McCrann *Herald Sun*

THE GRAHAM PERKIN AUSTRALIAN JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

2016 Caro Meldrum-Hanna *ABC Four Corners*
2015 Adele Ferguson *The Age/ABC Four Corners*
2014 Chris Reason *Seven News*
2013 Caroline Wilson *The Age*
2012 Joanne McCarthy *The Newcastle Herald*
2011 Neil Mitchell *3AW and Herald Sun*
2010 Laurie Oakes *Nine Network, Herald Sun and Daily Telegraph*
2009 Gary Hughes *The Australian*
2008 Cameron Stewart *The Australian*
2007 John Silvester *The Age*
2006 Tony Koch *The Australian*
2005 Michael Gordon *The Age*
2004 Paul McGeough *The Sydney Morning Herald and The Age*
2003 Peter Wilson *The Australian*
2002 John Spooner *The Age*
2001 Andrew Rule *The Age*
2000 Paul Toohey *The Australian*
1999 John Lyons *The Bulletin*
1998 Pamela Williams *The Australian Financial Review*
1997 Paul McGeough *The Sydney Morning Herald*

1996 Andrew Rule *The Age*
1995 Rowan Callick *The Australian Financial Review*
1994 Kate Legge *The Australian*
1993 Les Carlyon
1992 Colleen Ryan *The Sydney Morning Herald*
1991 Robert Haupt *The Age and The Sydney Morning Herald*
1990 Paul Kelly *The Australian*
1989 Peter Ellingsen *The Age*
1988 Michelle Grattan *The Age*
1987 Terry McCrann *The Age and The Herald, Melbourne*
1986 Bruce Dover *The Herald, Melbourne and Cameron Forbes The Age*
1985 Jack Waterford *The Canberra Times*
1984 Creighton Burns *The Age*
1983 Evan Whitton *The Sydney Morning Herald*
1982 Peter Smark *The Age*
1981 Norman Aisbett and David Tanner *The West Australian*
1980 Ron Saw *The Bulletin*
1979 Peter Rodgers *The Sydney Morning Herald*
1978 Lenore Nicklin *The Sydney Morning Herald*
1977 Robert Gottliebson *The Australian Financial Review*
1976 Denis Butler *The Newcastle Herald*

MELBOURNE PRESS CLUB SPONSORS

PRINCIPAL



PREMIUM

MinterEllison



MONASH
University



MAJOR MEDIA

Herald Sun

THE AGE

Leader
COMMUNITY NEWS



MAJOR



CORPORATE

MEDIA X P R E S S

