

WALKLEY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM

2012

WALKLEY AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2012

From scoops to scandals, world events and previously untold stories – the Walkley Award finalists for 2012 demonstrate the ongoing strength and diversity of journalism in Australia.

Finalists in the general categories of the 57th annual Walkley Awards for Excellence in Journalism were announced at simultaneous events in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane tonight.

Media, Entertainment & Arts Alliance federal secretary Christopher Warren said the high standard of 2012 Walkley Award entries showed the enduring value of quality journalism in a challenging period for the media industry.

“This year’s Walkley Award entries show that despite the financial and regulatory pressures being placed on journalists and newsrooms, the demand for high-quality, independent journalism continues growing every year,” Mr Warren said.

Finalists for the Business Award, the Nikon-Walkley Awards for Excellence in Photojournalism and the Documentary Award were announced earlier this week.

The 2012 Walkley Awards attracted more than 1300 entries, with winners to be announced on November 30 at the Awards Presentation and Gala Dinner at Parliament House in Canberra, broadcast on SBS.

A special *Capital Edition* of The Walkley Foundation’s annual media conference *What’s the Story* will be held at the National Film & Sound Archive in Canberra on November 29 & 30.

The conference features the best line-up of local and international speakers for any media conference in Australia, including *New York Times* founding interactive news editor Aron Pilhofer, ABC Director of News Kate Torney and *Canberra Times* editor-at-large Jack Waterford.

Both the Gala Dinner and Conference are sponsored by Centenary of Canberra, an initiative of the ACT Government, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Australia’s capital city in 2013.

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PRINT NEWS REPORT SPONSORED BY MEDIA SUPER

Hedley Thomas, *The Australian*, “What the floods inquiry didn’t hear: Wivenhoe ‘breached the manual’”
Kate McClymont, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*, “Thomson: New credit card claims”
Steve Pennells, *The West Australian*, “Battle for billions”
Commended: Natalie O’Brien, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Sun-Herald*, “Blunder revives Siev X memories”

NEWSPAPER FEATURE WRITING SPONSORED BY NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

Hannah Low and Angus Grigg, *The Australian Financial Review*, “The Punters Club – tax, totes and the boys from Tassie”
Nick McKenzie, *The Age*, “Why did Abraham Papo die?”
Ellen Fanning, *The Global Mail*, “The truth is on the flood maps”
Commended: Billy Rule, *The Sunday Times*, “A dark past”

MAGAZINE FEATURE WRITING SPONSORED BY BHP BILLITON

Anna Krien, *Quarterly Essay*, “Us & them: on the importance of animals”
Jane Cadzow, *Good Weekend*, Fairfax, “The world according to Bryce”
Richard Guilliat, *The Weekend Australian Magazine*, “The man and the myth”
Commended: Trent Dalton, *Qweekend*, *The Courier-Mail*, “Where to?”

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RADIO JOURNALISM

RADIO NEWS & CURRENT AFFAIRS REPORTING SPONSORED BY ABC

Michael Vincent, ABC Local Radio, “Violence escalates in Tahrir Square”
Nance Haxton, ABC Radio, “Law Council of Australia calling for law reform”
Mark Willacy, ABC Radio, “Tsunami mothers”

RADIO FEATURE, DOCUMENTARY OR BROADCAST SPECIAL SPONSORED BY QUT CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Nance Haxton, PM, ABC Radio, “Intellectually disabled people fight for equal access to justice”
Claudia Taranto and Amanda Gearing, *360documentaries*, ABC Radio National, “The day that changed Grantham”
Hagar Cohen, *Background Briefing*, ABC Radio National, “Online astroturfing”

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ALL MEDIA

SUSTAINED COVERAGE OF AN ISSUE OR EVENT SPONSORED BY APN

Mark Willacy, ABC Radio and ABC TV, “Tsunami mothers”
Ruth Pollard, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*, “After everything I have seen, I can tell you God cannot exist”
Stephen Drill and Ruth Lamperd, *Herald Sun*, “Cancer town”
Commended: Linton Besser, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, “Fraud probe snares top bureaucrats”

BEST SCOOP OF THE YEAR SPONSORED BY NINE NETWORK

Steve Pennells, *The West Australian*, “Battle for billions”
Richard Baker, Nick McKenzie and Jane Lee, *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald*, “Church’s suicide victims”
Hedley Thomas, *The Australian*, “Revealed: Gillard lost her job after law firm’s secret investigation”
Commended: Kate McClymont, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*, “Thomson and Williamson and claims of secret commissions”

BUSINESS JOURNALISM SPONSORED BY J.P. MORGAN

Jane Cadzow, *Good Weekend*, Fairfax, “The Iron Lady”
Nick McKenzie and Richard Baker, 7.30, ABC TV and *The Age*, Fairfax, “RBA faces questions over bribery connections”
Paola Totaro, *The Australian Financial Review*, “Inside the lair of the David Jones predator”

BEST BROADCAST CAMERAWORK SPONSORED BY AUSTRALIAN SUPER

Tim Noonan, *Sunday Night*, Seven Network, “Amazon tribe”
Aaron Lewis, *Dateline*, SBS TV, “Orchestra of dreams”
Gary Ramage, News Limited, “This is Afghanistan”
Commended: Robert Hill, *Foreign Correspondent*, ABC TV, “China – Beyond the Lost Horizon”

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COVERAGE OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS SPONSORED BY FAIRFAX

Robyn Wuth, *Gold Coast Bulletin*,
“Faces of the Finks”

**Heath Harrison and The Border
Mail Team**, *The Border Mail*, “The
cruellest of heartaches”

**Jill Emberson, Lucia Hill and
Ben Millington**, 1233 ABC
Newcastle, “Hooked on heroin”

INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISM SPONSORED BY UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Matthew Carney and Thom Cookes,
Four Corners, ABC TV, “In their
sights”

**Yaara Bou Melhem, Geoff Parish
and Garry McNab**, *Dateline*, SBS
TV, “Revolutions: rise and fall”

Aubrey Belford, *The Global Mail*,
“Myanmar’s bloody war in the
shadows”

Commended: Greg Wilesmith and
Ben Knight, *Foreign Correspondent*,
ABC TV, “Revolution hijacked”

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM SPONSORED BY BAYER

**Sarah Ferguson, Deb Masters and
Irene Ulman**, *Four Corners*, ABC
TV, “Smugglers’ Paradise – Australia”

Kate McClymont, *The Sydney
Morning Herald* and *The Age*,
“Thomson: New credit card claims”

Linton Besser and Kate McClymont,
The Sydney Morning Herald and
The Age, “Exposed: Obeids’ secret
harbour deal”

Commended: Sharona Coutts,
Joel Tozer, Clare Blumer, Adam
Glyde and Paul Farrell, *The Global
Mail*, “Patients at risk”

COVERAGE OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS SPONSORED BY NITV

**Russell Skelton, Glenn Campbell
and Tom McKendrick**, Fairfax
Media, “Death in the Kimberley”

Caro Meldrum-Hanna, 7.30,
ABC TV, “The Trauma of
Toomelah”

John MacFarlane and SBS Team,
sbs.com.au, “The Block: Stories
from a meeting place”

SPORT JOURNALISM SPONSORED BY AUSTRALIA POST

**Clay Hichens, Nick McKenzie,
Richard Baker and Mario**

Christodoulou, *Four Corners*, ABC
TV and *The Age*, Fairfax, “Inside mail”

Richard Guilliat, *The Weekend
Australian Magazine*, “The price of
glory”

**Brigid Donovan, Kirstin Murray,
Gerald Tooth**, *Australian Story*,
ABC TV, “Paint the town black”

Commended: Hagar Cohen,
Background Briefing, ABC Radio
National, “Blood, sweat and tears
in the cage”

SOCIAL EQUITY JOURNALISM SPONSORED BY SEVEN NETWORK

Steve Pennells, *The West Australian*,
“Hopes of a generation wiped out
on voyage”

**Hamish Macdonald and Sam
Clark**, *The Project*, Network Ten,
“Age of uncertainty”

Margot O’Neill and Tony Jones,
Lateline, ABC TV, “Aged drugs”

COMMENTARY, ANALYSIS, OPINION AND CRITIQUE SPONSORED BY MEDIA MONITORS

Neil Chenoweth, *The Australian
Financial Review*, “Murdoch’s
retreat is no horseplay”

John Silvester, *The Age*, “Over
coffee, Carl murdered the truth”

Claire Harvey, *The Sunday Telegraph*,
“Voice of the people not for threats”

BROADCAST AND ONLINE INTERVIEWING SPONSORED BY THE MEDIA, ENTERTAINMENT & ARTS ALLIANCE

Leigh Sales, 7.30, ABC TV,
“Interviews with Tony Abbott, Scott
Morrison and Christine Milne”

David Speers, Sky News, “Rudd
exclusive”, “Shorten supports
Gillard” and “Thomson quits”

**Tracy Grimshaw, Cameron
Smith and Grant Williams**, *A
Current Affair*, “Lindy
Chamberlain”, “Deborah McKnight”
and “Matthew Newton”

Commended: Jon Faine,
Daniel Ziffer and Mary Bolling,
774 ABC, “Powerbroker Kroger
lashes Costello, his friend and ally
of 35 years”, “Crean attacks Rudd”
and “Ambulance nightmare: left for
dead, upside down, bleeding out”

ARTWORK SPONSORED BY PREMIUM WINE BRANDS PERNOD RICARD

John Shakespeare, *The Sydney
Morning Herald*, “The rise of Bob
Carr”

Steven Grice, *The Advertiser* and
News Limited websites, “Titanic
Centenary”

Frank Maiorana, *The Sunday Age*,
“The Storm Inside”

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CARTOON

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Andrew Marlton, *Crikey*, "Drowning"
Judy Horacek, *The Age*, "Not waving"
Mark Knight, *Herald Sun*, "My dysfunctional family"

BEST THREE HEADINGS
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Heath Harrison, *The Border Mail*, "Thin blue lie", "Whodunnit?", "One big mist opportunity"
Paul Dyer, *NT News*, "Eyeful tower", "Dogs of phwoarr!", "Why I stuck a cracker up my clacker"
Adrian Nesbitt, *The Australian*, "Spielberg shoots, Williams scores", "Tendulkar dismissal the chink in India's karma", "I have a nightmare and it's Martin Luther King: Jackie's tapes give a peek inside Camelot"
Commended: Dean Donoghue, *The Sunday Age*, "The cars that ate Detroit: the last wheel and testament..."

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BEST DIGITAL JOURNALISM
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Asher Moses, Simon Morris, Tom McKendrick and Tim Mummery, smh.com.au, Fairfax Media, "Digital dreamers"
Stuart Washington, Tom Allard, Conrad Walters and UTS Team, smh.com.au, "Sky's the limit on political gifts"
Katharine Murphy, Andrew Meares and Alex Ellinghausen, *The Pulse*, Fairfax Media, "Labor leadership showdown"
Commended: Sharona Coutts, Joel Tozer, Clare Blumer, Adam Glyde and Paul Farrell, *The Global Mail*, "Failing

the aged: a multi-billion dollar mess"

WALKLEY DOCUMENTARY AWARD

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Celeste Geer, Rebel Films/ABC TV, "Then the Wind Changed"
Jacob Hickey, Northern Pictures/Fredbird Entertainment, SBS TV, "Once Upon a Time in Cabramatta"
Quentin McDermott, Morag Ramsay and Kevin May, *Four Corners*, ABC TV, "Closing Ranks"

WALKLEY BOOK AWARD
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Longlist Finalists

Michael Bodey, *Broadcast Wars*, Hachette Australia
Paul Cleary, *Mine-Field: The Dark Side of Australia's Resources Rush*, Black Inc
Robin de Crespigny, *The People Smuggler*, Penguin
Eamonn Duff, *Sins of the Father*, Allen & Unwin
Paul Ham, *Hiroshima Nagasaki*, Harper Collins
Walter Hamilton, *Children of the Occupation*, NewSouth Publishing
Fiona Harari, *A Tragedy in Two Acts: Marcus Einfeld & Teresa Brennan*, Melbourne University Publishing
Peter Hartcher, *The Sweet Spot*, Black Inc
George Megalogenis, *The Australian Moment*, Penguin
Commended: John Maynard, *The Aboriginal Soccer Tribe*, Magabala Books

**Shortlist Finalists to be
announced on November 8**

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NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY
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Lukas Coch, Australian Associated Press, "Australia Day Protest"
Dan Himbrechts, *The Australian*, "Malcolm Naden"
Trevor Pinder, *Herald Sun*, "City Square Protest"

SPORT PHOTOGRAPHY
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David Kelly, *Qweekend*, *The Courier-Mail*, "Synch and Swim"
Phil Hillyard, *The Daily Telegraph*, "Sally - The Race for Gold"
Chris McGrath, Getty Images, "London 2012 - An Overview"

**DAILY LIFE/FEATURE
PHOTOGRAPHY**
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Graham Crouch, *The Australian Magazine*, "Broken Lives"
Alex Ellinghausen, Fairfax Media, "Paralympic Swimmers: Team Photo"
Nicolas Walker, *The Weekend Financial Review*, "The Kattle Run"

PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY
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Sam Ruttyn, *The Sunday Telegraph*, "Josh Carter, Super Boy"
Jason South, *The Age*, "Occupy Melbourne"
Craig Greenhill, News Limited, "No better friend, no worse enemy"

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Hamish Macdonald and Sam Clark, *The Project*, Network Ten, "Age of Uncertainty"

Caro Meldrum-Hanna, 7.30, ABC TV, "The Trauma of Toomelah"

Robert Ovadia and Fiona Baker, *Sunday Night*, Seven Network, "Saxon Bird"

Commended: Mark Willacy, 7.30, ABC TV, "Kan exclusive"

TELEVISION NEWS REPORTING SPONSORED BY THE MEDIA, ENTERTAINMENT & ARTS ALLIANCE

Mark Willacy, *ABC News*, ABC TV, "Tsunami mothers"

Sharri Markson, Lee Jeloscek, Adam Walters and Michael

McKinnon, *Seven News*, Seven Network, "The cabinet leak"

Mark Simkin and Chris Uhlmann, *ABC News*, ABC, "Gillard vs Rudd"

TELEVISION CURRENT AFFAIRS, FEATURE OR SPECIAL (MORE THAN 20 MINUTES)

SPONSORED BY BBC WORLD NEWS

Sarah Ferguson, Deb Masters and Irene Ulman, *Four Corners*, ABC TV, "Smugglers' Paradise – Australia"

Matthew Carney and Thom Cookes, *Four Corners*, ABC TV, "In their sights"

Mary Ann Jolley, Geoff Thompson and Mary Fallon, *Four Corners*, ABC TV, "Unholy silence"

Commended: Quentin McDermott, Michael Doyle and Karen Michelmore, *Four Corners*, ABC TV, "Trial and error?"

NIKON-WALKLEY PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

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Jason South, *The Age*

Chris McGrath, Getty Images

Justin McManus, *The Age*

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