

2008 WALKLEY FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

53rd Walkley Awards for Excellence in Journalism

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Finalists for the 53rd Walkley Awards for Excellence in Journalism were announced tonight at events in Sydney and Melbourne. 2UE's Mike Carlton and Sandy Aloisi announced the finalists in Sydney at the Blacket Hotel, while *Lateline Business* presenter Ali Moore and comedian Michael Chamberlin hosted the announcement at Melbourne's Press Club.

A full list of finalists follows.

As usual, the entries reflected the year in news: at home, the Northern Territory intervention and the Rudd government's apology to the Stolen Generation, climate change, political corruption and the change of government last November. Our relationships with our Asia-Pacific neighbours, military intervention in Afghanistan and Iraq and cyclones and earthquakes in China and Burma featured in the international categories.

The Beijing Olympics also left indelible memories and these are particularly reflected in the number and quality of the photographic entries.

The uncertain business climate and gathering economic storm were reflected in some outstanding business journalism. The three finalists in the Business Journalism award were announced at events yesterday in Sydney and this afternoon in Melbourne.

A long list of finalists in the Walkley Award for Best Non-Fiction Book was also announced tonight.

All finalists will now go on for judging by the Walkley Advisory Board across 34 categories in print, radio, television, photography and all media.

Winners will be announced at the Walkley Award Gala Ceremony at Crown Palladium, Melbourne on November 27. The delayed package of the award presentation will be broadcast on SBS TV the same night and streamed live at www.sbs.com.au/walkleys

Walkley winners announced on the night will also vie for the pinnacle of Australian journalistic achievement, the Gold Walkley. Past winners of the Gold Walkley Award include Kate McClymont and Anne Davies of *The Sydney Morning Herald* for their unearthing of the Bulldogs salary cap scandal, *The Age's* Andrew Rule for his investigation of the Geoff Clarke rape allegations and *The Australian* newspaper's Hedley Thomas for his series of stories which exposed mistakes in the arrest and treatment of former terror suspect, Brisbane doctor Mohamed Haneef.

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FINALISTS

PRINT, ONLINE AND WIRE SERVICE JOURNALISM

Print News Report

Tony Koch and **Padraic Murphy**, *The Australian*, “No Jail for Rape of Girl, 10”

Nick McKenzie, *The Age*, “State of Corruption”

Charles Miranda, *The Daily Telegraph*, “Standen”

Commended: Jill Margo and **Steve Georgopoulos**, *The Australian Financial Review*, “The Terminally Ill Deserve Better”

Three Headings

Rick Feneley, *The Sydney Morning Herald*,

“The felonious monk and his trail of lies”

“Welcome to the CBD: all arteries, no pulse”

“Della in the freezer”

Rob Mills, *The Sydney Morning Herald*,

“Bach from the dead: fresh portrait of a decomposer”

“Yes, I did inhale: Liberal leader admits sniffing staffer’s chair”

“Dear me: Della penned Iguanas letter”

David Winter, *The Monthly*,

“It’s Bennelong time”

“The great pretender”

“From Mandarin to top banana”

Newspaper Feature Writing

Ruth Ostrow, *The Australian*, “The Power and the Passion”

Pamela Williams, *The Australian Financial Review*, “The Fall of the House of Howard”

Tony Wright, *The Age*, “Sorry”

Magazine Feature Writing

Jane Cadzow, *Good Weekend*, “Another Time, Another Place”

Julie-Anne Davies, *The Bulletin*, “32 Weeks – 5 1/2 Years”

Billy Rule, *The Sunday Times*, “Crusade for Kaitlin”

Commended: Amanda Watt, *QWeekend*, *The Courier-Mail*, “Vicious Cycle”

ARTWORK

Cartoon

Jon Kudelka, *The Australian*, “Welcome to Brendan”

Peter Nicholson, *The Australian*, “Remote Education”

Ron Tandberg, *The Age*, “The River Bed”

Artwork

Simon Bosch, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, “Fromelles Diggers”

Pat Campbell, *The Canberra Times*, “Coal Climate”

Andrew Dyson, *The Age*, “Passing the Baton”

PHOTOGRAPHY

News Photography

Finalists were chosen from each of two sub-categories: Spot and General News.

General News

Glenn Campbell, *The Age*, “The Funeral of Alfredo Reinado”

Steven Siewert, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, “World Youth Day”

Spot News

Stephen Dupont, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, “Afghanistan – A Suicide Bombing”

Dallas Kilponen, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, “Pyrmont Shooting”

Commended: Michael Keating, *Herald Sun*, “Kicked Out”

Daily Life/Feature Photography

Andy Drewitt, *Maroondah Leader*, "Breakdown"

Craig Greenhill, *The Daily Telegraph*, "India's IPL Fans"

Lisa Wiltse, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "The Boarding House"

Commended: Jon Reid, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "December Storm"

Sport Photography

Phil Hillyard, *The Daily Telegraph*, "Best of the Best"

Craig Golding, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Australian Aquatic"

Ezra Shaw, Getty Images, "The Dive"

Photographic Essay

Brendan Esposito, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Blind Love"

Steven Siewert, *Good Weekend*, "Rockabilly: Living in the 50s"

Tamara Voninski, *Good Weekend*, "The Last Kingdom"

Press Photographer of the Year

Stephen Dupont, freelance

David Gray, Reuters

Phil Hillyard, News Ltd

RADIO JOURNALISM

Radio Feature, Documentary or Broadcast Special

Nick Franklin, ABC Radio National, "True North"

Di Martin, ABC Radio National and Online, "Tackling Indonesian Terror"

Colm McNaughton, **Tony MacGregor** and **Russell Stapleton**, ABC Radio, "Awakening from History?"

Radio News Reporting

Matthew Brown, ABC Radio, "Russia Invades Georgia"

Stephen McDonnell, ABC Radio, "Earthquake Radio"

John Taylor, ABC Radio, "Oly Troop 2"

Radio Current Affairs Reporting

Rachael Brown, *AM*, ABC Radio, "Tong Plea"

Michael Edwards, *AM* and *PM*, ABC Radio, "Sydney's Drug Market"

Stephen McDonnell, *AM* and *PM*, ABC Radio, "Earthquake Emergency"

TELEVISION JOURNALISM

Television Current Affairs Reporting (Less Than 20 Minutes)

Ross Coulthart and **Nick Farrow**, *Sunday*, Channel Nine, "Butcher of Bega"

Robert Hill, **Stephen McDonnell**, **Xin Jiang** and **Liwei Yao**, *The 7.30 Report* and *Foreign Correspondent*, ABC TV, "Earthquake Epicentre and Schools"

Margot O'Neill, *Lateline*, ABC TV, "Tragic Story of Tony Tran"

Television Current Affairs, Feature, Documentary or Broadcast Special (More than 20 Minutes)

Ian Darling and **Sascha Ettinger-Epstein**, Shark Island Productions/ ABC TV, "The Oasis"

Morag Ramsay and **Debbie Whitmont**, *Four Corners*, ABC TV, "The Newman Case"

Ginny Stein, *Dateline*, SBS Television, "Inside a Failed State"

Commended: Matthew Carney, **Sarah Curnow** and **Stephen Skinner**, *Four Corners*, ABC TV, "On the Piss"

Television News and Current Affairs Camera

Robert Hill, *The 7.30 Report* and *Foreign Correspondent*, ABC TV, "China's Earthquake"

David Martin, *Foreign Correspondent*, ABC TV, "Greenland Goes Green"

Andrew Taylor, *Australian Story*, ABC TV, "Show of Force Part Two"

Television News Reporting

Matthew Brown, ABC TV News, "Russia Invades Georgia"

Aela Callan and **Robert Ovidia**, *Seven News*, "Iguanagate"

Robert Hill, **Xin Jiang** and **Stephen McDonell**, ABC TV News, "Earthquake Crisis"

ALL MEDIA

Best Use of Media

David Cloughton, **Catherine Clifford**, **Michael Condon**, **Michael Pritchard** and **Bruce Reynolds**, ABC Radio, "Equine Influenza"

Ruth Fogarty, **Kate Wild** and **Marian Wilkinson**, *abc.net.au/4corners*, "Four Corners Broadband Edition: Tipping Point"

Andrew Geoghegan, ABC TV News and Current Affairs, "Undercover in Zimbabwe"

Coverage of Community and Regional Affairs

Mario Christodoulou, *Illawarra Mercury*, "Wollongong's Corruption Scandal"

Stacey Katter, ABC North West Queensland, "The Mine and the Children"

Anthony Radford, *Bendigo Weekly*, "Under the Pump"

Commended: Kirsty Nancarrow, ABC TV News Alice Springs, "Rivers of Grog"

International Journalism

Rowan Callick, *The Australian*, "China's Olympic Year: One World, Many Dreams, Some Nightmares"

Robert Hill, **Stephen McDonell** and **Xin Jiang**, ABC TV, "Earthquake Reports"

Ginny Stein, *Dateline*, SBS TV, "Zimbabwe"

Business Journalism

Neil Chenoweth, **Katrina Nicholas**, **Andrew White** and **Matthew Drummond**, *The Australian Financial Review*, "Inside Job: Who Killed Opes Prime"

Adele Ferguson, *The Australian*, "Share Lending Plunder"

Stephen Long and **Stephen Taylor**, *Four Corners*, ABC TV, "Debtland"

Investigative Journalism

Rory Callinan, *Time*, "Stolen Children"

Ross Coulthart and **Nick Farrow**, *Sunday*, Nine Network, "Butcher of Bega"

Morag Ramsay and **Debbie Whitmont**, *Four Corners*, ABC TV, "The Newman Case"

Commended: Jennifer Cooke and **Kate McClymont**, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Top Law Firm Accused"

Coverage of Indigenous Affairs

Emma Cook, *Living Black*, SBS TV, "Community Voices"

Tony Koch and **Padraic Murphy**, *The Australian*, "No Jail for Rape of Girl, 10"

Paul Toohey, *Quarterly Essay*, "Last Drinks"

Commended: Janine Cohen and **Sarah Ferguson**, *Four Corners*, ABC TV, "Educating Kimberly"

Sport Feature Coverage

Michael Sheahan, *Herald Sun*, "I Gambled With My Life"

Peter Wilkins, **Ben Cheshire** and **Quentin Davis**, *Australian Story*, ABC TV, "She's Not There"

Caroline Wilson, *The Age*, "Two Boys: Two AFL Journeys"

Commended: Stephen Butler, *The West Australian* and *The Age*, "I Wonder Where I Would Be Without Football"

Sport News Reporting

Jessica Halloran, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*, "Matthew Mitcham's Golden Journey"

Jacquelin Magnay and **Gerard Ryle**, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Sandcastles, Quokkas and The Biff"

Nick McKenzie, *The Age*, "Mokbel's Day at the Races"

Coverage of the Asia-Pacific Region

Mark Forbes, *The Age*, "Indonesia"

Robert Hill and **Stephen McDonell**, *Foreign Correspondent*, ABC TV, "Pre-Olympic China"

John Martinkus, *Dateline*, SBS TV, "Afghanistan 2008: Guns, Drugs and Suicide Bombers"

Commended: Mike Duffy, *Seven News*, "Nike Investigation"

Social Equity Journalism

Natasha Johnson, *The 7.30 Report*, ABC TV, "Second Step"

Jill Margo and **Steve Georgopoulos**, *The Australian Financial Review*, "The Terminally Ill Deserve Better"

Adele Horin and **Debra Jopson**, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Tough Justice"

Commentary, Analysis, Opinion and Critique

Greg Baum, *The Age*, "Not Buying It"

Annabel Crabb, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Rise of the Ruddbot"

Michael West, *businessday.com.au*, "Market Chickens Come Home to Roost"

Broadcast Interviewing

Tracey Holmes, ABC Radio, "Life Coach"

Leigh Sales, *Lateline*, ABC TV, "Lateline Interviews"

Chris Uhlmann, *AM*, ABC Radio, "Last Days"

Commended: Patrick Welsh, *Seven News*, "Tamsin Lewis and Sally McLellan Interviews"

LITERARY

Best Non-Fiction Book

Quentin Beresford, *The Godfather: The Life of Brian Burke* (Allen & Unwin)

Elizabeth Farrelly, *Blubberland: The Dangers of Happiness* (UNSW Press)

Paul Ham, *Vietnam: The Australian War* (Harper Collins)

Charles Happell, *The Bone Man of Kokoda* (Pan Macmillan Australia)

Maureen Helen, *Other People's Country* (ABC Books)

Chloe Hooper, *The Tall Man: Death and Life on Palm Island* (Penguin)

Jacqueline Kent, *An Exacting Heart: The Story of Hephzibah Menuhin* (Viking/Penguin)

David Moodie, *Tiwi Footy- Yiloga* (F11 Productions)

Paul Rea, *Voices From the Fortress* (ABC Books)

Margaret Simons, *The Content Makers: Understanding the Media in Australia* (Penguin)

Asa Wahlquist, *Thirsty Country: Options for Australia* (Allen & Unwin)

Don Watson, *American Journeys* (Knopf/Random House)

JUDGES

Print News Report and Three Headings

Joe Hildebrand, political reporter, *The Daily Telegraph*

Jane Cadzow, feature writer, *The Sydney Morning Herald*

Mark Scott, managing director, ABC

Newspaper Feature Writing

Hall Greenland, editor, Australian edition, *The Week*

Fergus Shiel, state news editor, *The Age*

Gerard McManus, journalist, *Herald Sun*

Magazine Feature Writing

John Silvester, investigative journalist, *The Age*

Graham Erbacher, deputy editor, *The Australian*

Michelle Endacott, managing editor, *Australian Women's Weekly*

Artwork and Cartoon

Matthew Martin, cartoonist, *The Sydney Morning Herald*

Patrick Cook, columnist, ACP

Fiona Katauskas, freelance cartoonist

Photography

Milan Scepanovic, picture editor, *The Australian*

Leigh Henningham, picture editor, *The Age*

Phillip Quirk, photographer, freelance

Chrissie Goldrick, picture editor, *Australian Geographic*

Maria Wood, picture editor, *Time Asia*

Radio News Reporting and Radio Current Affairs Reporting

Cath McGrath, political editor, Australia Network

Ian Ferguson, journalist, *Sky News*, former news director, Macquarie Radio

Lissa McMillan, executive producer, Radio News, SBS

Radio Feature, Documentary or Broadcast Special

John Beeston, executive producer Asia Pacific, ABC

Anna Reynolds, managing editor, *The Courier-Mail*

Andrew Kruger, executive producer, *World View*, SBS Radio

Television News Reporting

Leigh Sales, *Lateline* anchor, ABC TV

Moira Conway, bureau manager, SBS

Lane Calcutt, journalist, *National Nine News*

Television Current Affairs Reporting (Less than 20 Minutes)

Jim Middleton, presenter, *Newshour* ABC TV

Mark Llewellyn, executive producer, News & Public Affairs, *Seven News*

Kirsty Thompson, producer, *Sixty Minutes*, Nine Network

Television Current Affairs, Feature, Documentary or Special (More than 20 Minutes)

Jonathan Holmes, presenter, *Media Watch*, ABC TV

Jeune Pritchard, producer, *Insight*, SBS TV

David Turnbull, journalist, formerly Nine Network

Television News and Current Affairs Camera

David Salmon, senior news producer, *Seven News*

John Bean, senior camera operator, ABC TV

Jan Kenny, head of cinematography, AFTRS

Best Use of the Media

Sigrid Kirk, publisher, news.com.au
Sue Ahearn, senior producer, Radio Australia, ABC Radio
Simon Mann, senior correspondent, *The Age*

Coverage of Community and Regional Affairs

Jocelyn Nettlefold, Tasmanian correspondent, *The 7.30 Report*, ABC TV
Sue Lappeman, journalist, *Gold Coast Bulletin*
Greg Wendt, business editor, *The Newcastle Herald*

International Journalism

Steve Waterson, editor, *Time* South Pacific
Tony Stephens, journalist, *The Sydney Morning Herald*
Leila McKinnon, reporter, Nine Network

Coverage of Asia-Pacific

Deborah Snow, journalist, *The Sydney Morning Herald*
Sean Dorney, Pacific correspondent, ABC Radio National
Hugh Riminton, anchor, CNN, Hong Kong

Business Journalism

Jeffrey James, anchor, CNBC
Jane Schultz, media editor, *The Australian*
Gina McColl, journalist, *BRW*

Coverage of Indigenous Affairs

Lin Buckfield, series producer, Q&A, ABC TV
Stephen Hagan, lecturer, University of Southern Qld
John Andersen, regional editor, *Townsville Bulletin*

Investigative Journalism

Cameron Stewart, associate editor, *The Australian*
Mischa Schubert, political correspondent, *The Age*
Wendy Page, producer, *Australian Story*, ABC TV

Sport News Reporting

Rohan Connolly, senior football writer, *The Age*
Gerry Collins, journalist, ABC Sport
Amanda Lulham, sports journalist, *Daily Telegraph*

Sport Feature Coverage

Mark Beretta, sports journalist, *Sunrise*, Channel Seven
Greg Baum, sports journalist, *The Age*
Kat Costigan, sports journalist, *The Australian*

Social Equity Journalism

Connie Levett, journalist, *The Sydney Morning Herald*
Murray Travis, executive producer, ABC TV
Michael McKinnon, FOI journalist, *Seven News*

Commentary, Analysis, Opinion and Critique

Sian Powell, journalist, *The Australian*
Mark Baker, editor, Special Projects, *The Age*
Paul Barry, freelance journalist and author

Broadcast Interviewing

Jim Waley, journalist, retired
Patrick Condren, political reporter, *Seven News*
Madonna King, breakfast presenter, ABC Radio

Non-Fiction Book

Malcolm Farr, chief political reporter, *Daily Telegraph*
Jeff Sparrow, editor, *Overland*, Victoria University

Dr Susan Maushart, columnist, *The Weekend Australian Magazine*

Prof Donna Lee Brien, head of School of Arts, Central Queensland University

Jeremy Fisher, president, Australian Society of Authors

Dennis Atkins, national affairs editor, *The Courier-Mail*

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University of WA

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University

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Jonathan King, author and journalist, *The Sydney Morning Herald*

Jenny Tabakoff, author and journalist, *The Sydney Morning Herald*

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