
**NATIONAL
PRESS CLUB
OF AUSTRALIA**

THE PAUL LYNEHAM AWARD

**EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM
for the
Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery**

Information for entrants

APPLICATIONS CLOSE – Thursday 21 May 2009

THE AWARDS OBJECTIVE

*To reward excellence in Journalism for members of the Federal
Parliamentary Press Gallery*

THE PAUL LYNEHAM AWARD OVERVIEW

This prestigious Award remembers former press gallery journalist Paul Lyneham. Its principal aim is to celebrate excellence in journalism by members of the Press Gallery

The winning journalist will receive a \$5000 cheque and have his or her name inscribed on the Paul Lyneham perpetual trophy. Designed by cartoonist Bruce Petty, the trophy is permanently displayed at the National Press Club.

Paul Lyneham was one of the finest journalists of his generation, with a distinguished career as a foreign correspondent and as a Canberra-based political analyst in radio, television and newspapers. Born in Melbourne, he was a cadet journalist on the Australian and the Canberra Times. He joined the ABC in 1969 and spent the first half of the 1970s based in London. His coverage included Northern Ireland, the Ethiopian famine and the Paris peace talks that formally ended the Vietnam War. Then followed five years with Four Corners, making documentaries; in 1979 his report on the Utah Coal Company in Queensland was awarded a Logie. In the early 1980s he returned to London to cover the Falklands war for the Seven Network; and later commuted between Canberra and the Philippines reporting on the plight of an Australian Catholic priest, Father Brian Gore, who had been wrongfully accused of murder. In Canberra he covered federal politics for the ABC's 7.30 Report and then the Nine Network for almost sixteen years.

The Paul Lyneham Award is unique as it is restricted to members of the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery.

The Award is made possible by Paul Lyneham's family, wife Dorothy Horsfield, daughter Chloe and sons Joel & Mathew Lyneham.

Supporting the Award is the National Australia Bank.

ELIGIBILITY & SUBMISSION CRITERIA

The award is open to all Press Gallery journalists who have held a Press Gallery pass to Parliament House in the past 12 months.

Entries will only be accepted for work published or broadcast in the past 12 months.

Submitted work must be the original work of the applicant.

Entries can be lodged by either the applicant or another Press Gallery member with the consent of the journalist being nominated.

Joint applications will be accepted.

The annual award is for a story or series of stories covering a single issue or a range of issues, including opinion pieces. Entries covering federal public policy and national politics are encouraged; however other topical issues are welcome.

Entries can be submitted in any medium and should be accompanied by a brief written statement backgrounding the submission and a current CV of the applicant.

Awards submissions are to be lodged by Thursday 21 May 2008.

Four (4) copies of each submission including four copies of any videotapes, audiotapes or press clips should be posted to:

Mr. Maurice Reilly
Chief Executive
The National Press Club
PO Box 6184
Kingston ACT 2604

or delivered to:

16 National Circuit , Barton A.C.T

2009 JUDGING PANEL

Michael Gawenda is one of Australia's best known journalists and authors. In a journalism career spanning three decades, Michael has been a political reporter, a foreign correspondent based in London and in Washington, a columnist, a feature writer and an editor.

He has won numerous journalism awards including three Walkley awards, and is currently the inaugural Director of the University of Melbourne Centre for the Advanced Study of Journalism.

The Hon Nick Greiner AC was Premier and Treasurer of New South Wales from 1988-1992. Since his retirement from politics he has been heavily involved in the corporate world. He is currently Chairman of Bradken, Bifinger Berger Australia and Citigroup Australia and Deputy Chairman of Stockland.

The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG is one of Australia's most respected and experienced legal minds, and is well known for his insight, warmth, intelligence and courage. Until 2 February 2009, he was one of the seven Justices of Australia's highest constitutional and appellate court, the High Court of Australia. At the end of that service he was Australia's longest serving judicial officer, with his many past roles including deputy president of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, inaugural chairman of the Australian Law Reform Commission, a judge of the Federal Court of Australia and President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal. In addition to these posts, Michael Kirby has served as Chancellor of Macquarie University as well as in many international and United Nations positions.

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING:

The Award recognises insightful analysis and coverage of national affairs and politics or news breaking that changes the course of the political or policy debate. It recognises outstanding journalism that informs readers/listeners/viewers or provides unique perspectives into contemporary issues.

The winner should display the highest standards of journalism with respect to:

- * impartiality, independence and accuracy
- * the cultivation and defence of the public right to information about national politics and policy issues
- * the display of wit and perceptiveness, particularly in analysis of the economic, social or political implications of contemporary issues

In the spirit of Paul Lyneham's legacy, a satirical eye or at least a good sense of humour is appropriate, but not essential.

THE AWARDS PRESENTATION

The Award will be presented at the Press Gallery Mid-Winter Ball on **Wednesday 17 June 2009.**

The winner will receive a \$5000 cheque and be inscribed on the Paul Lyneham Perpetual Trophy and the honour board which is on permanent display at the National Press Club.

The National Australia Bank are supporting the Paul Lyneham Award and are independent of the Award's administration and judging.

Previous Winners

2002	Matt Price	<i>The Australian</i>
2003	Tony Walker	<i>Australian Financial Review</i>
2004	Laura Tingle	<i>Australian Financial Review</i>
2005	Paul Daley	<i>The Bulletin</i>
2006	Mark Riley	<i>Network Seven</i>
2007	Lenore Taylor	<i>Australian Financial Review</i>
2008	Katharine Murphy	<i>The Age</i>