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## Radio stars honoured at Awards night

2DayFM's Kyle Sandilands and Jackie O have cemented their position as king and queen of radio with their second consecutive award for Best On-Air Team, announced at the Australian Commercial Radio Awards (ACRAs) this evening. In a glittering ceremony at Crown Palladium in Melbourne before more than 900 radio heavyweights, the pair was again honoured for their popular breakfast program, The Kyle and Jackie O Show.

In other major awards, the Best Talk Presenter went to Neil Mitchell from Melbourne's 3AW Morning program for the second year in a row. Neil was also the recipient for Best Current Affairs Commentator and along with FM radio pioneer, Greg Smith, was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame.

Other highlights included:

- retiring radio veteran and Hall of Fame member, John Brennan from 2GB, took out the award for Best Program Director.
- Hamish and Andy from Fox FM in Melbourne won two gongs - Best Music Special for their feature "Hamish and Andy with Robbie Williams" and also Best Networked Program
- Best Sports Presenter went to Clinton Grybas from 3AW Sport in Melbourne
- Melbourne's Triple M Football coverage of the 2006 AFL grand final won the award for Best Sports Coverage
- Dylan Lewis from Nova in Melbourne took home the award for Best Newcomer On-Air award
- Jabba from NOVA 969 in Sydney won the Best Music Personality

For the first time this year, a special memorial tribute to those who have made a contribution to radio was unveiled. They included legendary rugby league commentator, the late Frank Hyde who was inducted into the Hall of Fame last year as well as Stan Zemanek (Southern Cross Broadcasting) and Dugald Cameron Snr (Grant Broadcasting).

Chief executive officer of Commercial Radio Australia, Joan Warner acknowledged the contribution that all fourteen people included as part of the memorial tribute had made towards the radio industry in Australia. "As radio celebrates 40 years of talkback, it is fitting that we recognise that the industry owes a great deal to those who have worked so tirelessly across the country to ensure that radio continues to be accessible and meaningful to Australians. Whether they have worked in the technological side of radio or as a broadcaster, we are all in their debt," Ms Warner said.

Special guest at the awards ceremony was American comedy actor and writer, Harry Shearer, well known for his voice work for The Simpsons TV show and most recently, The Simpsons Movie.

The national Awards, organised by Commercial Radio Australia, cover all metropolitan, provincial and country commercial radio stations with winners announced for each of these three areas in 32 categories. The categories encompass all aspects of commercial radio including news, talkback, sport and music.

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# WINNERS FOR 2007 AUSTRALIAN COMMERCIAL RADIO AWARDS (ACRAs)

Please note: Category Finalists are denoted with the following letters: **C**ountry> **P**rovincial>**N**on **M**etropolitan>**M**etropolitan

## HALL OF FAME

**Greg Smith**  
**Neil Mitchell**

## BEST ON-AIR TEAM

**Sea FM Morning Crew with Matt, Maree and Smithy** – 101.9 Sea FM, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Maryborough QLD **C**  
**Phebe Irwin and Dave Gorr** – “Phebe and Dave’s Bigger Breakfast”, Wave 96.5 FM, Grant Broadcasting, Wollongong NSW **P**  
**The Kyle and Jackie O Show** – 2Day FM, Austereo, Sydney NSW **M**

## BEST TALK PRESENTER

**Jennifer Menchin** – 2BS, Bathurst Broadcasters, Bathurst NSW **C**  
**Mike Welsh** – “Mike Welsh Drive Show”, 2CC, Capital Radio, Canberra ACT **P**  
**Neil Mitchell** – “3AW Morning Program”, 3AW, Southern Cross Broadcasting, Melbourne VIC **M**

## BEST MUSIC PERSONALITY

**Cameron Williams** – 97.7 Snow FM, Capital Radio, Jindabyne, NSW **C**  
**Kris Fade** – The Edge 96.1, Australian Radio Network, Sydney West NSW **P**  
**Jabba** – Nova 969, DMG Radio, Sydney NSW **M**

## BEST CURRENT AFFAIRS COMMENTATOR

**Neil Mitchell** – 3AW, Southern Cross Broadcasting, Melbourne VIC

## BRIAN WHITE MEMORIAL

**Greg Henricks** – “Sting in the Tale”, 92.5 Gold FM, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Gold Coast QLD **NM**  
**Jason Morrison** – 2GB, Macquarie Radio Network, Sydney NSW **M**

## BEST SPORTS PRESENTER

**Geoff Mann** – “Without a Doubt”, 2DU, Super Network, Dubbo NSW **C**  
**Steve Allan** – “2GO Good Sports”, 2GO FM 107.7, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Gosford NSW **P**  
**Clinton Grybas** – “3AW Sport”, 3AW, Southern Cross Broadcasting, Melbourne VIC **M**

## BEST NEWS PRESENTER

**Sarah Taylor** – 3WM, ACE Radio Broadcasters, Horsham VIC **C**  
**Rod McLeod** – 92.5 Gold FM, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Gold Coast QLD **P**  
**Tony Tardio** – 3AW, Southern Cross Broadcasting, Melbourne VIC **M** (AM)  
**Kristy Warner** – Nova 969, DMG Radio, Sydney NSW **M** (FM)

## BEST PROGRAM DIRECTOR

**Glen Roth** – 97.7 Snow FM, Capital Radio, Jindabyne NSW **C**  
**Jason Matthews** – 92.5 Gold FM/Sea FM 90.9, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Gold Coast QLD **P**  
**John Brennan** – 2GB, Macquarie Radio Network, Sydney NSW **M**

## BEST MUSIC DIRECTOR

**Karina Singer** – Sea FM 101.9, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Maryborough QLD **C**  
**Johnno Keetels** – Sea FM, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Cairns QLD **P**  
**Mickey Maher** – B105, Austereo, Brisbane QLD **M**

## BEST SHOW PRODUCER – ENTERTAINMENT/MUSIC

**Joseph Gleeson** – Mix 106.3, ARN/Austereo, Canberra ACT **NM**  
**Derek Bargwanna** – 2Day FM, Austereo, Sydney NSW **M**  
**Sam Cavanagh** – Fox FM 101.9, Austereo Melbourne VIC **M**

## BEST SHOW PRODUCER – TALKBACK/CURRENT AFFAIRS

**Tony Briscoe** – “Charles Wooley Across Australia”, Heart 107.3, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Hobart TAS **NM**  
**Paul Christenson** – “Alan Jones Show”, 2GB, Macquarie Radio Network, Sydney NSW **M**

## BEST DOCUMENTARY

**Dennis Guthrie and Charles Wooley** – “Beaconsfield Master Blaster”, Heart 107.3, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Hobart TAS **NM**  
**Sideshow Mike Andersen** – “Anzac Day”, Triple M, Austereo, Sydney NSW **M**

## BEST MUSIC SPECIAL

**Early Openers** – “Spirit of the Bush”, Mixx FM 106.3, ACE Radio Broadcasters, Horsham VIC **C**  
**Matty Acton and Renee Peterson** – “The List–Backstage at the Big Day Out 2007”, Sea FM 90.9, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Gold Coast QLD **P**  
**Hamish and Andy** – “Hamish and Andy with Robbie Williams”, Fox FM 101.9, Austereo, Melbourne VIC **M**

## **BEST SPORTS EVENT COVERAGE**

**Luke Bradnam and Ben Harrison** – “Gold Coast Game Fishing Comp”, 102.9 FM, Hot Tomato, Gold Coast QLD **NM**  
**Triple M Football** – “2006 AFL Grand Final”, Triple M, Austereo, Melbourne VIC **M**

## **BEST STATION PRODUCED COMMERCIAL**

**Ray Adams** – “For Pup’s Sake Dog Grooming - Rex”, Mixx FM, ACE Radio Broadcasters, Hamilton VIC **C**  
**Kent Howlett and Lawrence Moorfield** – “Strike Action, Strike Bearer, Strike Out”, 102.9 FM, Hot Tomato, Gold Coast QLD **P**  
**Rusty Graham** – “The Island Party Boat”, Nova 106.9, DMG Radio, Brisbane QLD **M**

## **BEST PROMOTIONS DIRECTOR**

**Steve White** – Sea FM/92.7 Mix FM, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Sunshine Coast QLD **NM**  
**Leanne Glamuzina** – Nova 106.9, DMG Radio, Brisbane QLD **M**

## **BEST STATION PROMOTION**

**The Morning Crew with Matt, Maree and Smithy**–“Smithy’s Challenge Wheel”, 101.9 Sea FM, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Maryborough QLD **C**  
**Sea FM** – “15 Concerts in 15 Days”, Sea FM, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Sunshine Coast QLD **P**  
**2Day FM Promotions** – “Kyle and Jackie O Boost Your Life”, 2Day FM, Austereo, Sydney NSW **M**

## **BEST STATION PRODUCED COMEDY SEGMENT**

**Dave and Hughesy** – “Telco Torture”, Zoo FM, Super Network, Dubbo NSW **C**  
**Luke Bradnam** – “Granny Calls Granny”, 102.9 FM, Hot Tomato, Gold Coast QLD **P**  
**Matt Hale** – “Cake Message Phonecall”, 96FM, Southern Cross Broadcasting, Perth WA **M**

## **BEST NETWORKED PROGRAM**

**Trent McCurdy** – “The Dirty 30”, Mixx FM, ACE Radio Broadcasters, Horsham VIC **C**  
**Charles Wooley** – “Charles Wooley Across Australia”, Heart 107.3, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Hobart TAS **P**  
**Hamish and Andy** – Fox FM 101.9, Austereo, Melbourne VIC **M**

## **BEST SYNDICATED AUSTRALIAN PROGRAM**

**Radiowise Media Networks** – “Home Grown Humour”, Sydney NSW

## **BEST STATION SALES ACHIEVEMENT**

**Flow FM** – Flow FM, W&L Phillips, Kapunda SA **C**  
**The Sales Team** – 5RM/Magic 93.1 FM, Star Broadcasting, Riverland SA **C**  
**Mix 106.3 Sales Team** – Mix 106.3 FM, ARN/Austereo, ACT **P**  
**Triple M Brisbane** – Triple M, Austereo, Brisbane QLD **M**

## **BEST AGENCY SALESPERSON**

**Stephanie Hodgetts** - Star Broadcasting, Riverland SA **C**  
**Tanya Williams** – Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Brisbane QLD **P**  
**Simon Kent** – Austereo, Melbourne VIC **M**

## **BEST DIRECT SALESPERSON**

**Denise Nolan** – 5RM/Magic 93.1 FM, Star Broadcasting, Riverland SA **C**  
**Leonie Leonard** – Hot FM/Sea FM 98.7, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Mackay QLD **P**  
**Juanna Masters** – Fox FM 101.9/Triple M, Austereo, Melbourne VIC **M**

## **BEST SALES PROMOTION**

**Belinda Didsman, Zanna Munro, Phil Cole and Jennifer Menchin** – “60 Jobs in 60 Days”, 2BS, Bathurst Broadcasters, Bathurst NSW **C**  
**NX FM** – “Have Maccas with Matty”, NX FM, Austereo, Newcastle NSW **P**  
**Triple M** – “The Snickers Hour”, Triple M, Austereo, Melbourne VIC **M**

## **BEST COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

**Janeen Hosemans** – “Bessie Fitzpatrick – Orringe Appeal”, 2BS, Bathurst Broadcasters, Bathurst NSW **C**  
**93.9 Bay FM** – “Bay FM Community Forum”, 93.9 Bay FM, Grant Broadcasting, Geelong VIC **P**  
**KO FM Promotions Team** – “Murdoch Family Rescue”, KO FM, Austereo, Newcastle NSW **P**  
**Triple M** – “Youngcare Appeal”, Triple M, Austereo, Brisbane QLD **M**

## **BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN PRODUCTION**

**Andrew Andrews** – 103.5 Mix FM/Sea FM, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Maryborough QLD **C**  
**David Huth** – Sea FM/92.7 Mix FM, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Sunshine Coast QLD **P**  
**Ben Ryan** – Nova 106.9, DMG Radio, Brisbane QLD **M**

## **ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE**

**Max Healey, Leigh Zaghet and Alastair Reynolds** – Southern Cross Syndication, Southern Cross Broadcasting, Sydney NSW

## **INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE**

**Natalie Florence** – “3AW Producer Manual”, 3AW, Southern Cross Broadcasting, Melbourne VIC

### **MOST POPULAR STATION MANAGER**

**David Bye** – 5RM/Magic 93.1FM, Star Broadcasting, Riverland SA **C**

**Paul O'Connor** - Hot FM/Sea FM 98.7, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Mackay QLD **P**

**David McDonald** – 4BC/4BH, Southern Cross Broadcasting, Brisbane QLD **M**

### **BEST NEWCOMER ON-AIR**

**Charles Croucher** – 2BS, Bathurst Broadcasters, Bathurst, NSW **C**

**Zoe Ella** – Hot FM, Macquarie Regional Radioworks, Townsville QLD **P**

**Dylan Lewis** – Nova 100, DMG Radio, Melbourne VIC **M**

### **BEST NEWCOMER OFF-AIR**

**Krystle Theodore** – Mixx FM 106.3/3CS, ACE Radio Broadcasters, Colac VIC **C**

**Michael Thompson** – 2CC, Capital Radio, Canberra ACT **P**

**Faith Bradley** – 4BC, Southern Cross Broadcasting, Brisbane QLD **M**