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Finalists announced for Sport Australia Media Awards

Sport Australia announces and congratulates the following finalists for the prestigious Sport Australia Media Awards, with winners to be announced at a gala ceremony in Melbourne early next year.

The Sport Australia Media Awards (#SportAUSMediaAwards) have been running since 2002 and are Australia's only awards dedicated to recognising excellence in sports journalism, broadcasting, production and photography.

Finalists will be invited to a gala dinner in Melbourne on Thursday, 7 February, 2019. The ceremony will also honour a new recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for sports journalism, last awarded to Debbie Spillane.

Best reporting of an issue in sport

- **Neil Breen**, 'One night in New York', Nine News
- **Leo Schlink**, 'The big fix', The Herald Sun
- **Nick Tabakoff**, 'The price of sporting glory', The Australian
- **Chris Barrett**, 'Sandpaper, lies and videotape', The Sydney Morning Herald

Best individual sport coverage – broadcast

- **Alister Nicholson**, ABC
- **Kelli Underwood**, Fox Sports and ABC
- **Bruce McAvaney**, Seven Network
- **Gerard Whateley**, SEN Radio and Fox Footy
- **Lucy Zelic**, SBS

Best individual sport coverage – print

- **Michael Gleeson**, The Age
- **Will Swanton**, The Australian
- **Andrew Webster**, The Sydney Morning Herald
- **Konrad Marshall**, Good Weekend, Fairfax Media

Best individual sport coverage – digital

- **Mary Konstantopoulos**, Ladies Who League
- **Michael Chammass**, NRL.com
- **Jacob Kuriype**, Fox Sports
- **Mark Howard**, 'The Howie Games', Podcast One Australia

Best coverage of a sporting event

- **The Sunday Age**, 'AFL Grand Final 2018'
- **Seven Network**, 'Commonwealth Games 2018'
- **Podcast One Australia, Triple M**, 'The Moment, The Fight'
- **Seven Network**, 'Winter Olympics 2018'
- **SBS**, '2018 FIFA World Cup'



Best sports photography

- **Scott Barbour**, 'Lightning Strikes', Getty Images
- **Quinn Rooney**, 'Ski Cross', Getty Images
- **Ryan Pierse**, 'Cop it on the chin', Getty Images
- **Michael Dodge**, 'Stop the Pigeon', Getty Images

Best sport profile – print

- **Adam Burnett**, 'Chris Lynn's summer of living dangerously', cricket.com.au
- **Brendan Bradford**, 'The Luke Jackson story', Perform Group/Sporting News Australia
- **Will Swanton**, 'Is this bloke a thug?', The Australian
- **Michael Chammas**, 'James Roberts' amazing transformation', NRL.com
- **Konrad Marshall**, 'Second serve: The stunning rise of Ash Barty', Fairfax Media

Best depiction of inclusive sport

- **Emma Race**, 'The Outer Sanctum Podcast', ABC Radio
- **Lauren Day**, 'Inner Demons – sacrificing it all for the AFLW', ABC 7.30
- **Jennifer Browning**, 'Bush Footy', ABC News
- **Matt Weiss, Tim Sheridan, Paul O'Doherty**, 'Game of Life', Fox Sports

Best coverage of sport for people with disability

- **Adam Burnett**, 'Cricket, chaos and a beautiful mind', cricket.com.au
- **Denise Reardon**, 'Soldier On', The Golf Show, Fox Sports
- **Lauren Day**, 'Dylan Alcott out to make disability sexy', ABC 7.30
- **Matthew Carmichael**, Seven Network

Best regional, rural and suburban sport coverage

- **Mackenzie Colahan**, 'Decline of Rugby League in Outback Queensland', Central and North Burnett Times
- **James Gardiner**, 'Offside: How a football fantasy turned to nightmare', Newcastle Herald
- **Callum Dick**, 'Ipswich Jets', The Queensland Times
- **ABC Heywire (Darliah Killer, Kudamba Abaas, Jarrod Darlow, Emma Murray)**, 'What regional sport means to young people', ABC Radio, TV and Online

Best contribution to sport via digital media

- **Surfing Australia**, 'mySURF.tv'
- **Patrick Galloway**, ABC News, 'Dani Stevens – The Science behind the perfect discus throw'
- **thewomensgame.com**, 'The Women's Game'
- **PlayersVoice**, 'PlayersVoice is Changing The Game'
- **Fox Sports**, 'The Magic of the Cup: The FFA Cup'

Best sport profile – broadcast

- **Ben Waterworth, Denise Reardon, Dave Haworth**, 'Lauren Jackson – In her Element', Fox Sports
- **Bob Murphy**, 'Nat Fyfe', Fox Footy 1029
- **Andy Maher**, 'Jarrod Lyle', SEN Afternoons
- **Nick Piper**, 'The Season 1 – Nudgee College', Onion TV

Best analysis of sport business

- **Jeff Centenera**, 'Cohesion analytics and the next wave in sports stats', Inside Sport
- **John Stensholt, Max Mason**, 'Cricket broadcast rights', The Australian Financial Review
- **Ashley Browne**, 'AFL Movers and Shapers', AFL Record and AFL.com.au
- **Jack Kerr**, 'Investigations and Analysis', Freelance

