

WHO HAS BEEN MOST SEXIST IN COVID TIMES?

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The 28th Annual Ernies Awards for sexist remarks (yes – it has been that long, you're not imagining it) will take place on Thursday 1 October. The 28th year of celebrating world class sexism and inappropriate speech.

Ernies founder and organiser **Dr Meredith Burgmann** explained the process for this year.

"Because of Covid we can't hold the usual Ernies Awards Dinner for 350 enthusiastic (and sometimes emotional) women, where the winners of each category are decided by the loudness of the boos which greet each remark.

So, this year we are holding a virtual Awards night on Thursday 1 October where an 'Ernies Council of Elders' will choose the winners of the categories and the eventual Gold Ernie from the hundreds of nominations that have been sent in during the year from over 3,000 women.

This process will of course be transparent and fair (Actually it will be totally rorted - something we have always wanted to do)

Some of the front runners for 2020 are old favourites Mark Latham, Jeff Kennett and Craig Kelly, joined by newcomers Adem Somyurek and Israel Folau.

Dr Burgmann commented "It is remarkable that what began as a joke 28 years ago has become an institution. The winner of the Gold Ernie is often a surprise and in 28 years I have never managed to predict the winner."

There were 238 nominations in six categories...media, political, judicial, industrial, sport (The Warney) and clerical/celebrity (The Fred) plus of course The Elaine (for remarks least helpful to the sisterhood...often the most hotly contested category). There is also a trophy for boys behaving better (The Good Ernie) and a trophy for habitual offender 'The Trump'.

Results will be emailed to news outlets on the night by 7pm. If you want results sent to you, email us [here](#) or check out the final list on the Ernies website www.ernies.com.au.

For the history of this unique awards ceremony and photos of the previous 27 Ernies' Nights visit our website at www.ernies.com.au.

A list of frontrunners for the Gold Ernie is attached.

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