

WALKLEY FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

52nd Walkley Awards for Excellence in Journalism



Finalists for the 52nd Walkley Awards for Excellence in Journalism were announced tonight at simultaneous events in Sydney and Melbourne. ABC Radio's Leigh Sales and SBS TV's Les Murray announced the finalists in Sydney at The Blakket Hotel. Meanwhile writer/broadcast Helen Razer, award-winning photographer David Dare Parker, and Walkley Advisory Board member and managing editor of Business Daily Malcolm Schmidke fronted the Melbourne announcement at Melbourne's Span Galleries.

It was another major year in the craft of journalism with more than 1100 entries in the awards – underlining the importance of The Walkley Awards as Australia's most prestigious and comprehensive media accolade. A total of 106 nominees were announced in the Walkley shortlist, who will now go on for judging by the esteemed Walkley Advisory Board across 34 categories in print, radio, television, photography and all media.

The shortlist reflects the year's stories; from the tragedy of Garuda Flight 200 to the moving story of Australian terminally ill doctor, John Elliott; from the government's response to terrorism, the storm-ravaged Newcastle, and the intervention into indigenous communities.

A long-list of finalists in the Walkley Award for Best Non-Fiction Book will be announced in Sydney on Wednesday, October 24 followed by the shortlist announcement on Monday November 12. Winners will be announced at the Walkley Award Gala Ceremony on November 29 at the Royal Hall of Industries in Sydney. 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 illustrious Gold Walkley. Past Gold Walkley winners have included the ABC's Tim Palmer for his coverage of the Asian tsunami, *The Australian Financial Review* team for its reporting into Rene Rivkin's business dealings, Kate McClymont and Anne Davies of *The Sydney Morning Herald* for their unearthing of the Bulldogs salary cap scandal and *The Age's* Andrew Rule for his investigation of the Geoff Clarke rape allegations. Most recently, the ABC *Four Corners* team of Liz Jackson, Lin Buckfield and Peter Cronau won the 2006 Gold Walkley for "Stoking the Fires", their exposure of power rivalries in volatile East Timor.

The Walkley Advisory Board is made up of senior journalists across the media including managing editor of *The Australian Financial Review*, Paul Bailey; political editor for Network Ten, Cathy Border; 2UE's Mike Carlton; ABC *Stateline* presenter, Quentin Dempster; 7.30 *Report* journalist Heather Ewart; Media Alliance AJA Federal President, Alan Kennedy; chief political correspondent for the Nine Network, Laurie Oakes; the Herald Sun's Malcolm Schmidke and editorial director of *The Australian Women's Weekly*, Deborah Thomas.

The Walkley-nominated photography goes on show in the annual Nikon-Walkley Press Photo Exhibition at the Australian Centre for Photography, Paddington, October 26 – November 10, 2007.

**Full list of finalists and judges is available at www.walkleys.com
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52nd Walkley Awards for Excellence in Journalism **2007 Judges and Finalists**

PRINT, ONLINE AND WIRE SERVICE JOURNALISM

JUDGES – NEWS REPORT AND THREE HEADINGS

Deborah Cameron, senior journalist, *The Sydney Morning Herald*

Nick Cater, weekend editor, *The Australian*

Julie-Anne Davies, journalist, *The Bulletin*

PRINT NEWS REPORT FINALISTS

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Richard Kerbaj, *The Australian*, “Sheik Hilali”

Hedley Thomas, *The Australian*, “Dr Haneef”

Laura Tingle, *The Australian Financial Review*, “Dr Ken Henry and the Year of Unusually Bad Policy”

THREE HEADINGS FINALISTS

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Hall Greenland, *The Bulletin* “Beyond reasonable drought”

Adrian Nesbitt, *The Sydney Morning Herald* “Textor leaves an indelible mark on polling”

Andrew Tate, *The Age* “Ponting’s number two, turned a three into four”

JUDGES - NEWSPAPER FEATURE WRITING

Liz Deegan, editor, *The Sunday Mail*

Tony Gillies, editor-in-chief, AAP

Judith Whelan, editor, *Good Weekend*

NEWSPAPER FEATURE WRITING FINALISTS

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James Button, *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald*, “A Death in Zurich”

Malcolm Knox and Matthew Moore, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, “Dead Men Working”

Paul McGeough, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, “Face to Face with the Prince of Death”

COMMENDED

Lou Robson, *The Sunday Mail*, “Valley of Tears”

JUDGES - MAGAZINE FEATURE WRITING

Jill Baker, features editor, *Herald Sun*

Garry Linnell, editor-at-large, *Daily Telegraph*

Richard Walsh, consultant publisher, Allen & Unwin

MAGAZINE FEATURE WRITING FINALISTS

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Malcolm Knox, *The Monthly*, “Cruising”

Frederick Pawle, *STAB*, “Gay Pro Surfer”

Margaret Simons, *Griffith Review*, “Buried in the Labyrinth”

ARTWORK

JUDGES – ARTWORK AND CARTOON

Jane Milledge, head of design, Animal Logic
Peter Nicholson, cartoonist, News Limited
John Sandeman, art director, *The Sun-Herald*

CARTOON FINALISTS

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Mark Knight, *Herald Sun*, "Lying Awake"
David Pope, *The Sun-Herald*, "Looking for a Rabbit"
Cathy Wilcox, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Uncovered Meat"

ARTWORK FINALISTS

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Remi Bianchi, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Bush's Travelling Circus"
Sturt Krygsman, *The Australian*, "The Shakey Sheik"
Simon Schneider, *Herald Sun*, "The Destroyer"

PHOTOGRAPHY

JUDGES – PHOTOGRAPHY

John French, group pictorial manager, Leader Newspapers
Andrew Meares, chief photographer, *The Sydney Morning Herald*
Robert McFarlane, freelance photo critic
Michelle Turcsanyi, art director, *TIME* South Pacific
Barbara Herrmann, photo editor in Asia, *Stern Magazine*, Hong Kong

NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY FINALISTS

Four finalists were chosen from two sub-categories of Spot and General News.

SPOT NEWS

Stuart McEvoy, *The Australian*, "G20 Melbourne"
Eddie Safarik, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*, "Haneef Leaves the Watchhouse"

COMMENDED

Dallas Kilponen, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race"
Jason South, *The Age*, "Goodbye Daddy"

GENERAL NEWS

Steven Siewert, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Under Weeping Skies"
Angela Wylie, *The Age*, "Tolmie Fires"

COMMENDED

Craig Borrow, *Herald Sun*, "Tracks of Tears"

DAILY LIFE/FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY FINALISTS

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Brian Cassey, *The Courier-Mail* and *The Australian*, "To Be Indigenous - 40 Years On"
Steven Siewert, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Act of Faith"
Lisa Wiltse, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Little Voice Dhaka, Bangladesh"

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY FINALISTS

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Glenn Campbell, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*, "Last Place at Brunette Downs"
Craig Golding, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "This Sporting Light"
Rob Griffith, AP Photo Service, "Wet Job"

COMMENDED

James Brickwood, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Sydney Parkour"

PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY FINALISTS

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Steve Christo, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Cricketing Courage"

Kate Geraghty, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "John Elliot"

Matthew Newton, *The Monthly*, "The Forests"

COMMENDED

Tim Clayton, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "The Extraordinary Land Divers of Pentecost"

NIKON WALKLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC PRIZES:

There are no finalists in these two categories. The judges choose a single standout entry in each, and these are the winners of the Nikon-Walkley Photographic Prizes.

WINNER – SUBURBAN/REGIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Simone de Peak, *The Herald*, Newcastle, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age* and *The Illawarra Mercury*, "24 Hour Storm Havoc"

WINNER – PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY

Stephen Dupont, *The AFR Magazine*, "Axe Me Biggie"

COMMENDED

Renee Nowytarger, *The Australian*, "Mamdouh Habib"

RADIO

JUDGES – NEWS REPORTING AND CURRENT AFFAIRS REPORTING

Rob Curtain, news director, 3AW

David Herbert, journalist, SBS Radio

Elizabeth Jackson, executive producer and presenter, *Saturday AM*, ABC Radio

RADIO NEWS REPORTING FINALISTS

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ABC Radio Newcastle Team, ABC Radio, "Floods and Storms"

Rafael Epstein, ABC Radio, "Mohamed Haneef"

Michael Rowland, ABC Radio, "Hicks Trial"

COMMENDED

Brendan Donohoe, Radio 3AW, "Steve Bracks Resigns"

RADIO CURRENT AFFAIRS REPORTING FINALISTS

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Anne Barker, *AM*, *PM* and *The World Today*, "NT Intervention"

Rafael Epstein, ABC Radio Current Affairs, "Mohamed Haneef's SIM Card"

David Hardaker, *AM* and *PM*, "Life, Love and Loss in Israel and the Palestinian Territories"

JUDGES – RADIO FEATURE, DOCUMENTARY OR BROADCAST SPECIAL

Paul Barclay, presenter, *Australia Talks Back*, ABC Radio

Gabby Hills, journalist, *SBS World News*

Anne Stone, senior journalist, 5AA

RADIO FEATURE, DOCUMENTARY OR BROADCAST SPECIAL FINALISTS

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Eurydice Aroney and Sharon Davis, *ABC Radio National*, "The Search for Edna Lavilla"

Michael Edwards, Eleanor Hall, Stephen Long and Tim Palmer, *The World Today*, *ABC Local Radio* and *ABC Radio National*, "Where the Boom Ended"

Nance Haxton, *PM*, ABC Radio, "Operation Flinders"

TELEVISION

JUDGES – TELEVISION NEWS REPORTING

Ellen Fanning, presenter, *Sunday*, Nine Network

Steve O’Ferrall, chief-of-staff, Ten Network

Paul Williams, executive producer, *Insight*, SBS TV

TELEVISION NEWS REPORTING FINALISTS

Sponsored by Network Ten

Michael McKinnon and Mark Riley, *Seven News*, Seven Network, "Lifting the Lid"

Brian Thomson, *World News Australia*, SBS TV, "Timor in Transition"

Adam Walters, *National Nine News*, Nine Network, "Scully Sacking"

COMMENDED

Paul Lobb, NBN Newcastle, "*Pasha Bulker* Grounding"

JUDGES – TELEVISION CURRENT AFFAIRS REPORTING

Adrian Brown, journalist, *Seven News*, Seven Network

Debbie Whitmont, journalist, *Four Corners*, ABC

Max Uechtritz, editor-in-chief, NineMSN

TELEVISION CURRENT AFFAIRS REPORTING (less than 20 minutes) FINALISTS

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Sarah Ferguson, *Sunday*, Nine Network, "Garuda Flight 200"

Nick Grimm, Deborah Masters and Scott Munro, *The 7.30 Report*, ABC TV, "Kelly's War"

Frank McGuire and Adam Shand, *Sunday*, Nine Network, "Force Within a Force"

COMMENDED

Phil Gould, *The Footy Show*, Nine Network, "The Andrew Johns Interview"

JUDGES - TELEVISION CURRENT AFFAIRS, FEATURE, DOCUMENTARY OR SPECIAL

Helen Dalley, presenter, *Sky Business*

Peter Lewis, journalist, NZ correspondent, ABC

Mick O’Donnell, producer, *60 Minutes*, Nine Network

TELEVISION CURRENT AFFAIRS, FEATURE, DOCUMENTARY OR SPECIAL (more than 20 minutes) FINALISTS

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Matthew Brown and Wayne Harley, *Foreign Correspondent*, ABC TV, "West Bank – Love and Betrayal"

Peter Butt, ABC TV, *Who Killed Dr Bogle and Mrs Chandler?*

Nick Farrow and Sarah Ferguson, *Sunday*, Nine Network, "Shame Job: Circle of Abuse"

COMMENDED

Ellen Fanning and Kirstine Lumb, *Sunday*, Nine Network, "The Stilnox Dilemma"

JUDGES – TELEVISION NEWS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS CAMERA

David Brill, cameraman, *Dateline*, SBS TV

Bruce Inglis, cameraman, Sync Pictures

Brett Ramsey, senior cameraman, ABC TV

TELEVISION NEWS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS CAMERA FINALISTS

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Robert Hill, *Foreign Correspondent*, ABC TV, "North Korea – Parallel Universe"

Sophie McNeill, *Dateline*, SBS TV, "Sects in the City"

Andrew Taylor, *Four Corners*, ABC TV, "Forward Base Afghanistan"

COMMENDED

David O'Shea, *Dateline*, SBS TV, "The Worst Ramadan"

ALL MEDIA

JUDGES – BEST USE OF MEDIA

Libby Chow, online producer, freelance

Peter Blunden, deputy managing director, *Herald and Weekly Times*

Ian Henderson, presenter, *ABC TV News*, Victoria

BEST USE OF MEDIA FINALISTS

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ABC Radio Newcastle Team, ABC Radio Newcastle and www.abc.net.au, "Emergency Broadcast June 2007"

Paul McGeough and **Ash Sweeting**, www.smh.com.au, "Afghanistan: the Violent Frontier"

Tom McKendrick, **Tim Mummery**, **John Silvester** and **Andrew Webster**, *The Age*, "Anatomy of a Murder"

JUDGES – SOCIAL EQUITY JOURNALISM

William Birnbauer, senior writer, *The Sunday Age*

Fiona Cameron, senior journalist, *The Australian*

Olivia Rousset, journalist, *Dateline*, SBS TV

SOCIAL EQUITY JOURNALISM FINALISTS

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Tony Koch, *The Australian*, "Lost at Sea"

Frank Moorhouse, *Griffith Review*, "The Writer in a Time of Terror"

Hedley Thomas, *The Australian*, "Dr Haneef"

JUDGES - COVERAGE OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Carolyn Jones, foreign editor, *The Age*

Tom Krause, freelance journalist

Tim Palmer, producer, *Media Watch*, ABC TV

COVERAGE OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION FINALISTS

Sponsored by Seven Network

Rowan Callick, *The Australian*, "Brave New China: Torn Between its Present and its Past"

Sarah Ferguson and **Mark Munro**, *Sunday*, Nine Network, "Inside Garuda Flight 200"

Malcolm Knox and **Matthew Moore**, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Dead Men Working"

COMMENDED

Mark Forbes, *The Age*, "Execution Shock for Bali 9"

JUDGES - COVERAGE OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Anne Barker, journalist, ABC Darwin

Julianne Schultz, editor, *Griffith Review*

Stan Grant, journalist, SBS TV

COVERAGE OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS FINALISTS

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Helen Grasswill, *Australian Story*, ABC TV, "Cry Me a River"
Tony Koch, *The Australian*, "Bloody Disgrace: Saga is State's Worst Injustice"
Paul Toohey, *The Bulletin*, "Northern Voices"

COMMENDED

Matthew Carney and **Peter Cronau**, *Four Corners*, ABC TV, "The Cape Experiment"

JUDGES - COVERAGE OF SUBURBAN OR REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Wayne Buttner, general manager, Community Newspapers Perth
Sushi Das, senior writer, *The Age*
Celina Edmonds, presenter, *Sky News*

COVERAGE OF SUBURBAN OR REGIONAL AFFAIRS FINALISTS

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Damon Cronshaw, *The Herald*, Newcastle, "A Bridge Too Far"
Greg McFarland, *Central Western Daily*, "Cadia Wants Our Water"
Heather Stewart, *The Courier-Mail* and ABC Radio, "Mentally Ill in Regional Qld"

JUDGES - SPORT FEATURE COVERAGE

Bruce McAvaney, sports presenter, Seven Network
Rob Pegley, editor, *Alpha Magazine*
Debbie Spillane, sports presenter, ABC News Radio

SPORT FEATURE COVERAGE FINALISTS

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Janet Hawley, *Good Weekend*, "Ian Thorpe, Fish Out of Water"
Amanda Hooton, *Good Weekend*, "An Awfully Big Adventure"
Wendy Page, *Australian Story*, ABC TV, "Man of the Century"

COMMENDED

Anthony Sharwood, *Alpha Magazine*, "Running For His Life"

JUDGES - SPORT NEWS REPORTING

Mike Cockerill, senior sports journalist, *The Sydney Morning Herald*
Barry Dick, senior sports journalist, *The Courier-Mail*
Tracey Holmes, presenter, *Grandstand*, ABC Radio

SPORT NEWS REPORTING FINALISTS

Sponsored by Nine Network

Craig Hutchison, *The Footy Show* and *Footy Classified*, Nine Network, "Drugs in Football"
Jacquelin Magnay and **Gerard Ryle**, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Secret Payments Scandal"
John Silvester, *The Age*, "The Long Night"

JUDGES - BUSINESS JOURNALISM

Adele Ferguson, journalist, *The Australian*
Ross Greenwood, journalist, Nine Network
Mark Skulley, senior journalist, *The Australian Financial Review*

BUSINESS JOURNALISM FINALISTS

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Anthony Klan, *The Australian*, "Fincorp Collapse"
Gerard Ryle, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, "Where There's Smoke"
Hedley Thomas, *The Australian*, "Coal Hard Facts"

COMMENDED

Rebecca Urban, *The Age*, "Coles Meat Scandal"

JUDGES - INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISM

Michael Gawenda, journalist and author, *The Age*

Deborah Jones, executive editor, *The Australian*

Mark Willacy, journalist, *Landline*, ABC TV

INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISM FINALISTS

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Mansour Razaghi, Mark Corcoran and Bronwen Reed, *Foreign Correspondent*, ABC TV, "Kurdistan– the Other Iraq"

Olivia Rousset, *Dateline*, SBS TV, "State of Despair"

Ginny Stein, *Dateline*, SBS TV, "Burma – Inside the Secret City"

JUDGES - INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM

Matt Denholm, journalist, *The Australian*, Tasmania

Peter McEvoy, executive producer, *Factual*, ABC TV

Monique Farmer, managing editor sections, *The Sydney Morning Herald*

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM FINALISTS

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William Birnbauer, *The Sunday Age*, "Cheated by the Law"

David Higgins, Mark Schliebs and Will Temple, www.news.com.au, "Against the Odds"

Ginny Stein, *Dateline*, SBS TV, "Rwanda – Questions of Murder"

COMMENDED

Richard Kerbaj, *The Australian*, "Sheik Hilali"

JUDGES - BROADCAST INTERVIEWING

Belinda Hawkins, journalist, *Australian Story*, ABC TV

Ray Martin, journalist, Nine Network

Chris Willis, Sydney news director, Seven Network

BROADCAST INTERVIEWING FINALISTS

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Sarah Ferguson, *Sunday*, Nine Network, "Broadcast Interviewing"

David Hardaker, *Foreign Correspondent* and *AM*, ABC TV and ABC Radio, "Middle East Leaders"

Tony Jones, *Dateline*, ABC TV, "Tony Jones Interviews"

JUDGES - COMMENTARY, ANALYSIS, OPINION AND CRITIQUE

Paul Kelly, editor-at-large, *The Australian*

Margot O'Neill, journalist, *Dateline*, ABC TV

Russell Skelton, journalist, *The Age*

COMMENTARY, ANALYSIS, OPINION AND CRITIQUE FINALISTS

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Paul Daley, *The Bulletin* and *The Bulletin Online*, "Leadership Shadow Play"

Sally Neighbour, *The Australian*, "Terrorism Coverage"

Tony Walker, *The Australian Financial Review*, "Interesting Times"

LITERARY

Best Non-Fiction Book

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Shortlist announced on November 12, 2007

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A full list of finalists and judges is also available at www.walkleys.com

