
**NATIONAL
PRESS CLUB
OF AUSTRALIA**

THE PAUL LYNEHAM AWARD

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

INFORMATION FOR ENTRANTS

APPLICATIONS CLOSE – Monday 23 May 2011

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 (i.e. 1 May 2010 to 30 April 2011).

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 MONDAY 23 May 2011 .

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 of Aust.

PO Box 6184

Kingston ACT 2604

or delivered to:

16 National Circuit , Barton A.C.T

2011 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.

Tom Calma has been a prominent voice in Indigenous affairs for 38 years, as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner for the Australian Human Rights Commission, as a Race Discrimination Commissioner, as a senior Australian diplomat representing education and training initiatives in India, Vietnam, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka and, more recently, in the Close the Gap campaign for Indigenous health equality. In February, 2010, he was appointed inaugural National Coordinator for Tackling Indigenous Smoking. Mr Calma is an Aboriginal elder of the Northern Territory's Kungarakan tribal group.

Professor Paul Pickering is Deputy Director of the Research School of Humanities and the Arts at the Australian National University. He is an historian whose interests include biography, the history of democracy, political movements, commemoration and public memory. His current project is a study of politics and music.

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 2011 Press Gallery Mid-Winter Ball on **Wednesday 15 June 2011.**

The winner will receive a \$5000 cheque and have their name 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	<i>Matt Price</i>	<i>The Australian</i>
2003	<i>Tony Walker</i>	<i>Australian Financial Review</i>
2004	<i>Laura Tingle</i>	<i>Australian Financial Review</i>
2005	<i>Paul Daley</i>	<i>The Bulletin</i>
2006	<i>Mark Riley</i>	<i>Network Seven</i>
2007	<i>Lenore Taylor</i>	<i>Australian Financial Review</i>
2008	<i>Katharine Murphy</i>	<i>The Age</i>
2009	<i>Lyndal Curtis</i>	<i>ABC Radio current Affairs</i>
2010	<i>Nicola Berkovic</i>	<i>The Australian</i>