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Magazine Section

FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP
AND FUN

National Australia Day
Awards

The National Australia Day Council (NADC) is a non-profit social enterprise owned by the Australian Government and is the national coordinating body for the Australian of the Year awards and Australia Day. It was established in 1979 and incorporated as a government-owned business in 1990.

Australian Natives' Association was one of the chief promoters of Australia Day as a national holiday, and in 1946 formed an Australia Day Celebrations Committee in Melbourne to formalise its efforts. Similar bodies emerged in other states, and a Federal Australia Day Council (FADC) was formed to coordinate their efforts. In 1979, with the FADC's agreement, the organisation was replaced by a government-sponsored National Australia Day Committee.

The committee was initially headed by former Olympian Herb Elliott. In 1985, it was renamed the National Australia Day Council, with former tennis player John Newcombe as president. The organisation became an incorporated public company in 1990.

Chairs of the National Australia Day Council

Chair name	Term
John Newcombe	1990–1992
Phillip Adams	1992–1996
Kevan Gosper	1996–2000
Lisa Curry Kenny	2000–2008
Adam Gilchrist	2008–2014
Ben Roberts-Smith	2014–2017
Danielle Roche	2017–present

Since 1960 the award for the Australian of the Year has been bestowed as part of the celebrations surrounding Australia Day, during which time it has grown steadily in significance to become one of the nation's pre-eminent awards. The Australian of the Year announcement has become a notable part of the annual Australia Day celebrations.

The official announcement has grown to become a public event, and the Canberra ceremony is televised nationally. The award offers an insight into Australian identity, reflecting the nation's evolving relationship with the world, the role of sport in Australian culture, the impact of multiculturalism, and the special status of Indigenous Australians. It has also provoked spirited debate about the fields of endeavour that are most worthy of public recognition.

The award program promotes active citizenship and seeks to elevate certain people as role models. Three companion awards have been introduced, recognising both Young and Senior Australians, and proclaiming the efforts of those who work at a grass roots level through the "Australia's Local Hero" award.

The Australian of the Year award receives substantial sponsorship from private companies, including a relationship in excess of thirty years with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The close relationship with the Australian Government ensures that the award's profile and reputation is significantly enhanced.

Selection Criteria

There has been a significant shift in the criteria for the Australian of the Year award in fifty years. Initially the focus was on awarding the person who had 'brought the greatest honour to Australia'. This emphasis on international acclaim was gradually relaxed and Australian-based achievement was recognised more often from the 1970s onwards.

The official criteria have usually been suitably broad in their scope, so changes in approach are largely attributable to the membership of the NADC board and the political climate of the time. In the mid-1980s there was a notable shift towards high-profile winners, while in the 1990s some of those honoured reflected the prominent political issues of republicanism and reconciliation. Currently, the selection committees refer to three main criteria when considering nominees:

- Demonstrated excellence in their field;
- Significant contribution to the Australian community and nation; and
- An inspirational role model for the Australian community.

The third of these criteria supports the NADC's key goal of encouraging good citizenship

Since 2004 the award presentation has been held on Australia Day Eve in Canberra. The 32 finalists enjoy an eventful day including morning tea with the Prime Minister at The Lodge, and lunch with the Governor General at Yarralumla. In the evening winners are announced on national television. Specially produced video packages describe the winners in each of the four categories. The scale of the event displays a marked contrast to Sir Norman Martin's modest press conferences of the 1960s.

A highly memorable Australian of the Year function occurred in 1994, when the guest of honour was Charles, Prince of Wales. The Australian of the Year, environmentalist Ian Kiernan, sat on the stage after receiving his award, when a gunshot was heard and an assailant rushed toward Prince Charles. Kiernan jumped to his feet and wrestled the intruder to the ground

with the assistance of New South Wales Premier John Fahey. Kiernan later recalled: 'the Premier and I lay on the stage, panting as the adrenaline began to flow, and wondering what to do next.' As it turned out, the man was armed only with a toy cap pistol, but the incident was a serious security breach and somewhat upstaged Kiernan's award.

Award Winners

Year of award	Name	Post nominals	Born	Died	Comments
1960	Sir Macfarlane Burnet	OM	1899	1985	Virologist ; 1960 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine co-recipient
1961	Joan Sutherland	CBE	1926	2010	Opera singer
1962	Jock Sturrock		1915	1997	Yachtsman
1963	Sir John Eccles		1903	1997	Neurophysiologist ; 1963 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine co-recipient
1964	Dawn Fraser		1937		Swimmer; gold medal winner at 1956, 1960 and 1964 Summer Olympic Games
1965	Robert Helpmann	CBE	1909	1986	Actor; ballet dancer; director
1966	Jack Brabham	OBE	1926	2014	Racing driver; Formula One champion in 1959, 1960 and 1966

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1967	The Seekers		N/A		Music group
1968	Lionel Rose	MBE	1948	2011	Boxer; first Aboriginal Australian to win world boxing title (1968)
1969	Lord Casey	GCMG, CH, DSO, MC, PC	1890	1976	Politician, diplomat, Governor-General of Australia (1965–1969)
1970	Cardinal Sir Norman Gilroy	KBE	1896	1977	Clergyman; first Australian-born Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church
1971	Evonne Goolagong		1951		Tennis player
1972	Shane Gould		1956		Swimmer; winner of three gold medals, a silver and bronze in 1972 Summer Olympics
1973	Patrick White		1912	1990	Author; 1973 Nobel Prize for Literature recipient
1974	Sir Bernard Heinze		1894	1982	Conductor
1975	John Cornforth	CBE	1917	2013	Scientist; 1975 Nobel Prize in Chemistry recipient
	MAJGEN Alan Stretton	AO, CBE	1922	2012	Australian Army officer; managed Cyclone Tracy cleanup
1976	LTCOL Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop	CMG, OBE	1907	1993	Military surgeon; World War II prisoner of war
1977	Raigh Roe	CBE	1922	2014	President of the Country Women's Association

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	Sir Murray Tyrrell	KCVO, CBE	1913	1994	Official Secretary to six Governors-General
1978	Alan Bond		1938	2015	Businessman
	Galarrwuy Yunupingu		1948		native title activist
1979	Neville Bonner		1922	1999	First Aboriginal elected to the Parliament of Australia
	Harry Butler	OBE	1930	2015	Naturalist
1980	Manning Clark	AC	1915	1991	Historian
1981	Sir John Crawford		1910	1984	Economist
1982	Sir Edward Williams	KCMG, KBE, QC	1921	1999	Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland; chairman of the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games Foundation
1983	Robert de Castella	MBE	1957		Marathon runner
1984	Lowitja O'Donoghue	CBE	1932		Aboriginal health worker; inaugural chairperson of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (1990–1996)
1985	Paul Hogan		1939		Actor
1986	Dick Smith		1944		Entrepreneur
1987	John Farnham		1949		Singer, entertainer
1988	Kay Cottee		1954		First female sailor to perform a single-handed,

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					non-stop circumnavigation of the world (1988)
1989	Allan Border	AO	1955		Australian cricket team captain
1990	Fred Hollows		1921	1993	Ophthalmologist ; founder of The Fred Hollows Foundation
1991	Peter Hollingworth	AO, OBE	1935		Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane ; head, Brotherhood of St. Lawrence ; Governor General
1992	Mandawuy Yunupingu		1956	2013	Singer, Yothu Yindi
1993	<i>No award made: period of award changed from the previous year to the year ahead in 1994; i.e. Mandawuy Yunupingu was named Australian of the Year for 1992 in 1993 and Ian Kiernan was named Australian of the Year for 1994 in 1994</i>				
1994	Ian Kiernan	OAM	1940	2018	Environmentalist ; founder of Clean Up Australia and Clean Up the World
1995	Arthur Boyd	AC, OBE	1920	1999	Artist
1996	John Yu	AM	1934		Paediatrician , CEO of the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children
1997	Peter Doherty	AC	1940		Veterinarian ; immunologist; 1996 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine recipient
1998	Cathy Freeman		1973		Athlete ; also Young Australian of the Year in 1990

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1999	Mark Taylor	AO	1964		Australian cricket team captain
2000	Sir Gustav Nossal	AC, CBE	1931		Biologist
2001	LTGEN Peter Cosgrove	AC, MC	1947		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commander of the International Force for East Timor (1999-2000) • Chief of Army (2000–02) • Chief of the Defence Force (2002–05) • Governor-General of Australia (2014–2019)
2002	Pat Rafter		1972		Tennis player
2003	Fiona Stanley	AC	1946		Epidemiologist
2004	Steve Waugh	AO	1965		Australian cricket team captain and humanitarian
2005	Fiona Wood	AM	1958		Plastic surgeon; worked with victims of the 2002 Bali bombings
2006	Ian Frazer		1953		Immunologist
2007	Tim Flannery		1956		Scientist; global warming activist
2008	Lee Kernaghan	OAM	1964		Singer
2009	Mick Dodson	AM	1950		Indigenous leader
2010	Patrick McGorry	AO	1953		Psychiatrist
2011	Simon McKeon	AO	1955		Philanthropist businessman
2012	Geoffrey Rush		1951		Actor and film producer
2013	Ita Buttrose	AO, OBE	1942		Journalist and businesswoman, founding editor of Cleo
2014	Adam Goodes		1980		Australian rules footballer and indigenous community leader
2015	Rosie Batty		1962		Domestic violence campaigner
2016	LTGEN David Morrison	AO	1956		Commitment to gender equality, diversity and inclusion
2017	Alan Mackay-Sim		1951		Biomedical scientist treating spinal cord injuries
2018	Michelle Simmons		1967		Scientia Professor of Quantum Physics in the Faculty of Science at the University of New South

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					Wales
2019	Craig Challen	SC, OAM			Cave divers who participated in the Tham Luang cave rescue
	Richard Harris	SC, OAM			
2020	Dr James Muecke	AM			Eye surgeon and founder of Sight for All
2021	Grace Tame		1994		Advocate for survivors of sexual assault
2022	Dylan Alcott	AO	1990		Paralympic athlete

Award by Category

	1960–69	1970–79	1980–89	1990–99	2000–09	2010–19	2020–29	Total
Science (non-medical)	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	6
Arts	3	2	2	1	1	1	0	10
Medical science	1	0	0	3	3	2	1	10
Indigenous affairs	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	5
Religion	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Community Service	0	1	0	1	0	4	1	7
Politics/Public office	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Sport	4	2	3	2	2	1	1	15
Non-science academic	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Military service	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
Business	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	4

Award by Gender

	1960-69	1970-79	1980-89	1990-99	2000-09	2010-19	2020-29	Total
Female	2	3	2	1	2	3	1	14
Male	7	11	8	8	8	8	2	51

Palindrome

Palindrome - Derived from the Greek word *palindromos* meaning "running back again.")

If you are familiar with the sentence "Madam, I'm Adam," you might know what a palindrome is. A palindrome is a term for when a word or phrase is spelled the same way backward as it is forward. Some other examples of palindromes include level, kayak, civic, radar, solos, tenet; names like Mom, Dad, Bob, Otto, and Hannah, and sentences like, "Was it a bar or a bat I saw?" or "Too hot to hoot."

But some palindromes can be dates, like we have during February 2022.

Because date formats vary from country to country, not all dates that are palindromic in one kind of date format are Palindrome Days in another. For instance, February 20, 2022 or 2-20-22 is a palindromic date in the m-dd-yy format, but it isn't if you write the date as dd-m-yyyy (20-2-2022) or dd-mm-yyyy formats (20-02-2022).

Palindrome dates in February 2022:

d-m-yy – 2 February, 2022 (2-2-22)

m-d-yy - February 2, 2022 (2-2-22)

m-dd-yyyy - February 20, 2022 (2-20-2022)

m-dd-yy

- February 21, 2022 (2-21-22)
- February 22, 2022 (2-22-22)
- February 23, 2022 (2-23-22)
- February 24, 2022 (2-24-22)
- February 25, 2022 (2-25-22)
- February 26, 2022 (2-26-22)
- February 27, 2022 (2-27-22)
- February 28, 2022 (2-28-22)

dd-mm-yyyy – 22 February 2022 (22-02-2022)

A Little Bit Of Nostalgia Saturday Night 60 Years Ago

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yVjUHAgGda8>

With thanks to Roger Morrow



"Australian and American Bandstand"

19th February 8.00pm

Glen Street Theatre

Australian Bandstand

Bandstand was created in November 1958 by television executive Bruce Gyngell in consultation with Mayfield B. Anthony, The host for virtually the entire run was Brian Henderson, who was also a local newsreader from January 1957. From 1960 it developed a national profile as the Nine Network was created to link affiliate stations in other Australian cities.

Bandstand is closely associated with a core group of pop performers, who regularly appeared on the program, which became known as the Bandstand Family. Over the years they included Col Joye, Little Pattie, Warren Williams, Lucky Starr, Sandy Scott, Bryan Davies, Johnny Devlin, Laurel Lea, Judy Stone, the De Kroo Brothers, Digby Richards, the Bee Gees, the Allen Brothers (a duo of the unrelated, Peter Allen and Chris Bell), Cathy Wayne, The Delltones, and Olivia Newton-John. The Bandstand Family toured Australia and were recorded on albums. Most of the artists were signed with Festival Records – Gyngell's old employers.

Brian Henderson



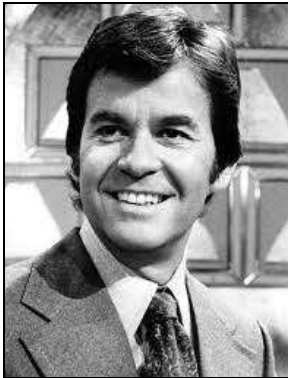
Henderson was born in Dunedin, New Zealand, on 15 September 1931. His father worked as a bus driver and a pastry cook and served in World War II. Henderson grew up in the South Island and attended Waitaki Boys' High School. He caught tuberculosis while in high school and spent three years recovering in a hospital. During this time, his interest in broadcasting was piqued when he became resident announcer and disc jockey of the hospital's radio station. He started working for 4ZB when he was 16 years old, initially as a copywriter, before becoming the country's youngest DJ.

Henderson moved to Australia in 1953 and settled in Sydney. He first worked for radio station 2CH before switching to television. After joining the Nine Network, he started presenting *Nine News* in Sydney from 1957, four months after it was established. He went on to host the music variety program *Bandstand* from 1958 until 1972.

From his first news broadcast in January 1957, Henderson used the tagline "... and that's the way it is", or "the way it is", to sign off after every bulletin, similar to United States newsreader Walter Cronkite. He died on 5 August 2021.

American Bandstand

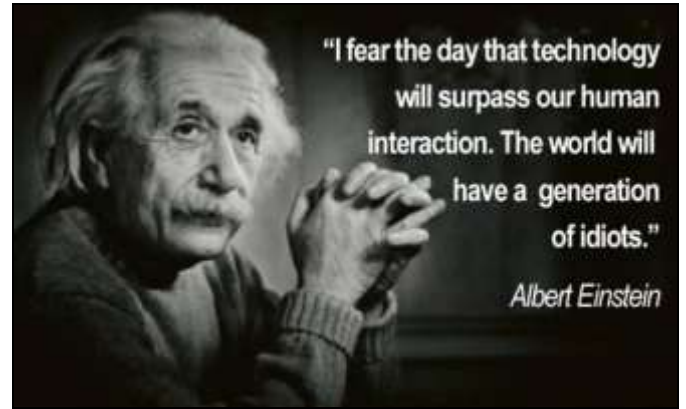
Richard Wagstaff Clark (November 30, 1929 – April 18, 2012) was an American radio and television personality, television producer and film actor, as well as a cultural icon who remains best known for hosting *American Bandstand* from 1956 to 1989.



As host of *American Bandstand*, Clark introduced rock & roll to many Americans. The show gave many new music artists their first exposure to national audiences, including Ike & Tina Turner, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Stevie Wonder, Simon & Garfunkel, Iggy Pop, Prince, Talking Heads, and Madonna.

Episodes he hosted were among the first in which black people and white people performed on the same stage, and they were among the first in which the live studio audience sat down together without racial segregation.

Paul Anka (the singer) claimed that *Bandstand* was responsible for creating a “youth culture.” Due to his perennially youthful appearance and his largely teenaged audience of *American Bandstand*, Clark was often referred to as “America’s oldest teenager” or “the world’s oldest teenager.”



1922 - *One Hundred Years Ago*

After some years raising money and experimenting with 10-minute joy flights for which they charged one guinea, Qantas inaugurated the first regular passenger flight service for the public from Charleville to Cloncurry. The first passenger on this flight of 577 miles was Alexander Kennedy, an 85 year old cattleman who had pioneered the overland ground route as a drover 50 years earlier. The aircraft used was an Armstrong Whitworth FK8.

In a narrow election victory, Prime Minister Billy Hughes leading the Nationalists remained in power at the Federal level by entering into a coalition with the new Country Party.

The Victorian Government opened the Great Ocean Road.

English writer D. H. Lawrence visited Australia for health reasons and, while living at Thirroul on the New South Wales coast, wrote the novel "Kangaroo". Lawrence thought the countryside was wonderful, but his opinion of the people was that they were raw, crude and self-satisfied.

The singer Gladys Moncrieff played to packed houses in the popular musical "Maid of the Mountains". Known as "Our Glad" she became a household name.

The bush poet Henry Lawson died alone at his Abbotsford cottage. Prime Minister, Billy Hughes, ordered a state funeral and crowds packed the streets of Sydney, men removed their hats

and women wept as the funeral procession passed by.

Major General John Gellibrand started a Remembrance Club in Hobart to help war widows and their children. Soon after the first Legacy Club was established early in 1923 in Melbourne.

In Sydney, the Smith Family was established to provide relief for destitute families.

The first of many groups of Barnardo's boys came from England to work on the land and be taught farming skills.

Australian tennis champion Gerald Patterson won the men's singles at Wimbledon for the second time.

South Australian premier Henry Barwell caused a stir when he recommended coloured labour be imported to help settlement in the unattractive Northern Territory. Barwell claimed "selected Asiatics working as coolie labour under indenture to white men" were needed to develop the hot, steamy and tropical north because, he asserted, they were the only race suited to such inhospitable conditions.

**OLD AGE COMES AT A
BAD TIME!
WHEN YOU FINALLY
KNOW EVERYTHING,
YOU START TO FORGET
EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.**

*Here are some Amazing Puns:
(and some real groaners too).*

- 1.** Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
- 2.** What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
- 3.** Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.
- 4.** Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.
- 5.** If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.
- 6.** Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.
- 7.** A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
- 8.** I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
- 9.** Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.
- 10.** How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.
- 11.** I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
- 12.** My friends and I have named our band 'Duvet'. It's a cover band.
- 13.** I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.

- 14.** Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't see in the dark.
- 15.** Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock? Well, time will tell.
- 16.** When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stare.
- 17.** Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."
- 18.** Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.
- 19.** Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the result was staggering.
- 20.** I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.
- 21.** I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
- 22.** What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.
- 23.** What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision? Suture self.
- 24.** I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

*Colours in the Bush (and our
2 year old Labrador, Molly) -
Jenny Jones*

