

## Ray Hadley & Amanda Keller inducted into Radio Hall of Fame

Ray Hadley, one of Australia's most successful news, sport and talkback presenters and the humorous and quick-witted radio broadcaster, journalist and television presenter Amanda Keller, were tonight inducted into the Commercial Radio Hall of Fame at the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Australian Commercial Radio Awards. In front of more than 1000 industry peers, 2GB's Ray Hadley and WSFM's Amanda Keller were both recognised for their outstanding lifetime achievement and contribution to the radio broadcasting industry.

Amanda Keller, co-host of WSFM's breakfast show, Jonesy and Amanda is the first female on-air presenter to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and last year was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her three-decade career in the entertainment industry. Amanda's journalistic career began on Simon Townsend's Wonder World in 1985. She then became a regular on-air reporter on Ray Martin's Midday Show but it was six years on Beyond 2000 that made her a household name. Amanda reported from all over the world and received a number of journalism awards including a United Nations Media Peace Award (1989) and the Michael Daley Award for Science Journalism (1989).

In 1995, Amanda started her radio career with a highly successful five-year breakfast show on Triple M with friend, comedian and television producer, Andrew Denton. She was lured back to breakfast radio in 2005, where she continues to enjoy success with co-host Jonesy at WSFM both recently signing a contract through to 2020. Walkley award winner, Andrew Denton who recently underwent major heart surgery, made a surprise appearance on the night to present Amanda with her Hall of Fame award.

2GB broadcaster, Ray Hadley tonight became the most celebrated radio announcer in the history of the Australian Commercial Radio Awards (ACRAs), with a total of 30 awards throughout his 36-year radio career.

The Ray Hadley Morning Show has rated number one in Sydney since 2003, and is heard on 4BC in Brisbane and 30 network stations across Australia. In 2016 Ray celebrated 100 consecutive survey wins on his morning program. The former auctioneer and taxi driver, turned top-rating broadcaster, has had success across sport, news, talk and current affairs, which has not only earned him more ACRAs than any other presenter but also an incredibly loyal cross-generation audience.

Ray started as a traffic reporter on 2UE for the late legendary Sydney broadcaster, Gary O'Callaghan. By 1982 he was covering Rugby League and calling races. He was with 2UE for 19 years before moving to 2GB to do breakfast radio in 2001. In 2002, The Ray Hadley Morning Program began each weekday continuing the phenomenal success of his 'Continuous Call Team' on the weekends. Ray's Continuous Call Team has remained unbeaten in the ratings since 1992 and was this year awarded the Best On Air Team AM award.

Ray has covered 75 State of Origins, 27 Rugby League Grand Finals, 6 Olympic Games (1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012) and three Rugby World Cups (1991, 2003 and 2011) and led the ever-popular Continuous Call Team on air for 31 years. He was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2003 for service to rugby league as a broadcaster and for his community fundraising for charitable organisations.

The Hall of Fame recipients are nominated by industry peers and are selected by an executive level judging committee. Last year's inductee was Nova Entertainment chief executive officer, Cathy O'Connor, previous inductees have included: Jeremy Cordeaux, Peter Harvie, Kevin Blyton, Graham Mott, Tony Pilkington, Derryn Hinch, Neil Mitchell, John Laws, Bob Rogers, Janet Cameron, Gary O'Callaghan, Paul Thompson, Bob Francis, Rod Muir and the late Frank Hyde.

The Australian Commercial Radio Awards (ACRAs) are organised by Commercial Radio Australia and cover all metropolitan, provincial and country commercial radio stations, with winners announced for each of these areas in 33 categories, across news, talkback, sport and music. Tonight's gala event was hosted by Chris Taylor and Andrew Hansen from The Chaser, with more than 1000 radio industry stars, personalities and media executives from around Australia in attendance.

**PHOTOS:** Red carpet photos available to download from 7.00 pm AEDT & winners photos after the event [here](#). **VISION:** Broadcast vision of the ACRAs Red Carpet arrivals will be available to view and download [here](#) at approx 10.30 pm AEDT and will be sent Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> via satellite ex Globecast, Sydney and 5:30 am AEDT Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>. #ACRAs2017 Contact: Melissa Fleming 0417 499 529 or Judy Shaw 0418 415 965.