

## 2024 ACRA Award Winners Announced

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**Highlights of the 2024 ACRA Awards: Ben Fordham crowned Individual Talent of the Year, Jonesy & Amanda win Best On-Air Team (Metro), and Hannah's Story claims Podcast of the Year.**

Brendan Jones and Amanda Keller, have been named Best On-Air Team (Metro) at the 35th annual Australian Commercial Radio & Audio (ACRA) Awards, held tonight at The Star, Sydney. This marks the fifth time the WSFM stars have won the coveted title, taking home the award in 2012, 2014, 2019, and 2023.

Ben Fordham, the voice behind 2GB's Sydney breakfast show, was honoured as Individual Talent of the Year (Metro) in recognition of his outstanding impact on Australian radio. He also took home the Best Talk Presenter (Metro) award for the second consecutive year.

*The Kyle & Jackie O Hour of Power* (ARN) continued its dominance, winning Best Networked Show, while Brittany Hockley and Laura Byrne of *Life Uncut* were awarded Podcast Host(s) of the Year for their candid conversations that have captured audiences across Australia.

CRA Chief Executive Officer Lizzie Young praised the winners, saying, "These awards recognise the talent, passion, and creativity that drive the audio industry forward. From impactful local news to engaging entertainment, the ACRA winners are setting the bar for excellence in Australian radio and audio."

The prestigious Gudinski Award for Australian Music Champion was presented to *Triple M Homegrown with Matty O* (SCA). Honouring the late Michael Gudinski, the award celebrates outstanding contributions to Australian music, and Matty O's dedication to showcasing local talent has made *Triple M Homegrown* a key platform for artists.

The podcasting world also celebrated major wins, with *Hannah's Story* (9Podcasts, Nine Radio) named Podcast of the Year. The true crime sensation, produced by Jess Lodge, Melissa Downes, and Adam Buncher, has captivated listeners across the country.

Australia's love for audio in all forms was also recognised with awards for innovation, including *iHeartTrivia* (iHeartRadio Team) winning Most Innovative DAB Format and *The Reporter True Stories* (6PR, Nine Radio) winning Best Podcast by a Radio Show.

### Key 2024 ACRA Awards Winners:

- **Best On-Air Team (Metro):** *Jonesy & Amanda*, WSFM, Sydney NSW, ARN
- **Individual Talent of the Year (Metro):** Ben Fordham, 2GB, Sydney NSW, Nine Radio
- **Best Networked Show:** *The Kyle & Jackie O Hour of Power*, KIIS Network, Sydney NSW, ARN
- **Best Talk Presenter (Metro):** Ben Fordham, 2GB, Sydney NSW, Nine Radio
- **Podcast of the Year:** *Hannah's Story*, 9Podcasts, VIC, Nine Radio
- **Podcast Host(s) of the Year:** Brittany Hockley & Laura Byrne, *Life Uncut*, ARN/iHeart, Sydney NSW
- **Best Podcast by a Radio Show:** *The Reporter True Stories*, 6PR, Perth WA, Nine Radio
- **Most Innovative DAB Format:** *iHeartTrivia*, iHeartRadio Team, NSW, ARN

### 2024 ACRA Awards media collateral:

- Red (pink) carpet photos (available 8pm 12 Oct): [2024 ACRA Awards Pink Carpet](#)
- Winners' photos (available 10:30pm 12 Oct): [2024 ACRA Awards Winners](#)
- Highlights vision (available 12am 13 Oct): [2024 ACRA Video – Dropbox](#)

# 2024 ACRA Awards Full Winners List

## ENTERTAINMENT & TALENT

### **BEST ON AIR TEAM (METRO)**

**Jonesy & Amanda;** Brendan Jones, Amanda Keller, WSFM, Sydney, NSW, ARN

### **BEST ON AIR TEAM (PROVINCIAL)**

**Flan, Ali & Spida;** Sean Flanagan, Ali Plath, Spida Everitt, 92.5 Triple M Gold Coast, Gold Coast, QLD, SCA

### **BEST ON AIR TEAM (COUNTRY)**

**Mixx Brekky with Jimmy & Lippi;** Matt Lipiarski, James Thwaites; Mixx FM, Colac, VIC, ACE Radio Broadcasters

### **INDIVIDUAL TALENT OF THE YEAR (METRO)**

**Ben Fordham;** 2GB, Sydney, NSW, Nine Radio

### **INDIVIDUAL TALENT OF THE YEAR (PROVINCIAL)**

**Katie Woolf;** Mix 104.9, Darwin, NT, ARN

### **INDIVIDUAL TALENT OF THE YEAR (COUNTRY)**

**Courtney McIntyre;** Mixx FM, Hamilton, VIC, ACE Radio Broadcasters

### **BEST PROGRAM/CONTENT DIRECTOR (METRO)**

**Luke Davis;** 2GB, Sydney, NSW, Nine Radio

### **BEST PROGRAM/CONTENT DIRECTOR (NON METRO)**

**Brendon 'Whippy' Dangar;** 1029 Hot Tomato, Gold Coast, QLD, ARN

### **BEST NETWORKED SHOW**

**Kyle & Jackie O Hour of Power;** Kyle Sandilands & Jackie Henderson; KIIS Network, ARN

### **BEST MUSIC HOST (METRO)**

**'Ugly' Phil O'Neil;** WSFM, Sydney, NSW, ARN

### **BEST MUSIC HOST (PROVINCIAL)**

**Cam Hilder;** i98FM, Wollongong, NSW, WIN Network

### **BEST MUSIC HOST (COUNTRY)**

**Sarah Grigg;** Mixx FM Swan Hill, Swan Hill, VIC, ACE Radio Broadcasters

### **THE BRENNO / BEST NEW TALENT ON AIR – RADIO (METRO)**

**Andrew 'Hayesy' Hayes;** Nova 919, Adelaide, SA, NOVA Entertainment

### **THE BRENNO / BEST NEW TALENT ON AIR – RADIO (PROVINCIAL)**

**Tubes Taylor;** 107.3 Triple M Hobart, Hobart, TAS, SCA

### **THE BRENNO / BEST NEW TALENT ON AIR – RADIO (COUNTRY)**

**Nicholas Groer;** Chilli North East, Launceston, TAS, ARN

### **BEST NEW TALENT OFF AIR – RADIO (METRO)**

**Ella Kanna;** KIIS 1065, Sydney, NSW, ARN

### **BEST NEW TALENT OFF AIR – RADIO (NON METRO)**

**Leesa Singleton;** 864 Triple M Toowoomba/Darling Downs, Toowoomba, QLD, SCA

### **STATION OF THE YEAR (METRO)**

**2GB;** Sydney, NSW, Nine Radio

### **STATION OF THE YEAR (NON-METRO)**

**1029 Hot Tomato;** Gold Coast, QLD, ARN

### **BEST COMEDY SEGMENT (NON METRO)**

**Hans The Aldi Mole;** Sam Archie Arenson, Henry Bretz, Power100, Townsville, QLD, ARN

### **BEST COMEDY SEGMENT (METRO)**

**Aussie We Didn't Start The Fire;** Ben Harvey, Liam Stapleton, Belle Jackson, Nova 100, Melbourne, VIC, NOVA Entertainment

## SALES & MARKETING

### SALES TEAM OF THE YEAR (NATIONAL)

**Adelaide Direct Sales Team**; Adelaide, SA, NOVA Entertainment

### SALESPERSON OF THE YEAR (METRO)

**Isabella Lorimer**; Sydney, NSW, ARN

### SALESPERSON OF THE YEAR (NON METRO)

**Leigh Irwin**; Hot Tomato Southport, NSW, ARN

### MOST CREATIVE SALES SOLUTION (METRO)

**Zooper Dooper Mission Space Freeze**; Cam Busby, Sophie Hudson, Aaron Joseph, Melbourne, VIC, SCA

### MOST CREATIVE SALES SOLUTION (NON METRO)

**Archibald by ALAND**; Lauren Montgomery, Alice Worthy, Star 104.5, Central Coast, NSW, NOVA Entertainment

### PROMOTIONS DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR (METRO)

**Kerry Gregory**; KIIS Network, Melbourne, VIC, ARN

### PROMOTIONS DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR (NON-METRO)

**Amelia Cutmore**; 864 Triple M Toowoomba/Darling Downs, Toowoomba, QLD, SCA

### MOST CREATIVE STATION PROMOTION (METRO)

**Golden Holden**; The Christian O'Connell Show, Gold 104.3 Melbourne, VIC, ARN

### MOST CREATIVE STATION PROMOTION (NON METRO)

**Lyndal & Crammy's Origin or Bust**; Lyndal & Crammy, 96.5 Wave FM, Wollongong, NSW, ARN

### MARKETING TEAM OF THE YEAR

**NOVA Entertainment Marketing**; National, NOVA Entertainment

### BEST MARKETING CAMPAIGN (NATIONAL)

**Smooth FM - Together in Music**; NOVA Entertainment Marketing, National, NOVA Entertainment

## PODCASTS & DIGITAL

### PODCAST HOST/S OF THE YEAR (NATIONAL)

**Brittany Hockley & Laura Byrne**; Life Uncut, ARN & iHeart, Sydney, NSW, ARN

### BEST PODCAST BY A RADIO SHOW (NATIONAL)

**The Reporter True Stories**; 6PR, Perth, WA, Nine Radio

### PODCAST OF THE YEAR (NATIONAL)

**Hannah's Story**; Jess Lodge, Melissa Downes, Adam Buncher, 9Podcasts, VIC, Nine Radio

### BEST NEW TALENT – PODCAST (NATIONAL)

**Joey Watson**; LiSTNR, Sydney, NSW, SCA

### MOST INNOVATIVE DAB FORMAT (NATIONAL)

**iHeartTrivia**; iHeartRadio Team National, iHeartRadio Team, NSW, ARN

## PRODUCTION

### BEST RADIO SHOW PRODUCER (METRO)

**Liam McGuire**; 2GB, Sydney, NSW, Nine Radio

### BEST RADIO SHOW PRODUCER (NON-METRO)

**Monique Cremona**; 1029 Hot Tomato, Gold Coast, QLD, ARN

### BEST PODCAST PRODUCER (NATIONAL)

**Jess Lodge**; Hannah's Story, 9Podcasts, Brisbane, QLD, Nine Radio

### BEST IMAGING PRODUCER (METRO)

**David Kinsky**; Hit Network, Melbourne, VIC, SCA

### BEST IMAGING PRODUCER (NON METRO)

**Dan King**; K Rock 95.5, Geelong, VIC, Grant Broadcasters

## DIGITAL TEAM OF THE YEAR

**Jenna Benson, Brendan Jones, Amanda Keller;** WSFM Sydney, NSW, ARN

## BEST DIGITAL CONTENT CREATOR

**Jenna Benson;** WSFM, Sydney, NSW, ARN

## BEST INNOVATION IN ENGINEERING

**Project Grande;** ARN Regional - Brad Hambleton, Greg Hateley, ARN, Canberra, ACT, ARN

## BEST STATION PRODUCED COMMERCIAL – SINGLE (METRO)

**Fisiocrem;** Nikki Price, Jamie Lechner, 2GB, Sydney, NSW, Nine Radio

## BEST STATION PRODUCED COMMERCIAL – SINGLE (NON METRO)

**Ace Building Co;** Chloe Burgess-Jones, David Horspool, Hit 101.3 / 107.7 Triple M, Gosford, NSW, SCA

## BEST STATION PRODUCED COMMERCIAL – CAMPAIGN (METRO)

**Unique Homestyle Foods;** CREATE - Darren Russell, Eddie Bye, Adelaide, SA, NOVA Entertainment

## BEST STATION PRODUCED COMMERCIAL – CAMPAIGN (NON METRO)

**Avoiding Hackers;** Robbie Goodwin, Kelcie Toet, Mark Stevens, TRFM, Traralgon, VIC, ACE Radio Broadcasters

## TALK, NEWS & SPORT

### BRIAN WHITE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM

**Clinton Maynard;** 2GB, Sydney, NSW, Nine Radio

### THE GLENN DANIEL AWARD - BEST NEWS PRESENTER FM – (METRO)

**Patrina Jones;** GOLD104.3, Melbourne, VIC, ARN

### THE GLENN DANIEL AWARD - BEST NEWS PRESENTER FM – (NON METRO)

**Matt McDonald;** 1029 Hot Tomato, Gold Coast, QLD, ARN

### BEST NEWS PRESENTER AM – (METRO)

**David Armstrong;** 3AW, Melbourne, VIC, Nine Radio

### BEST NEWS PRESENTER AM – (NON METRO)

**Emma Clark;** 3WM, Horsham, VIC, ACE Radio Broadcasters

### BEST NEWS EVENT COVERAGE

**Bondi Attacks;** Ben Fordham, Mark Levy, Will Bottom, 2GB, Sydney, NSW, Nine Radio

### BEST LOCAL NEWS TEAM – (COUNTRY)

**Triple M Newcastle;** David Dollin, Dan Flegg, Saskia Channing, 102.9 Triple M Newcastle, Newcastle, NSW, SCA

### BEST CURRENT AFFAIRS PRESENTER – (NATIONAL)

**Ben Fordham;** 2GB, Sydney, NSW, Nine Radio

### BEST SPORTS PRESENTER – (METRO)

**David Morrow;** 2GB, Sydney, NSW, Nine Radio

### BEST SPORTS PRESENTER (NON-METRO)

**Annabelle Brett;** 102.3 Triple M Townsville, Townsville, QLD, SCA

### BEST SPORTS EVENT COVERAGE (METRO)

**2023 NRL Grand Final - Panthers Miracle Comeback;** The Continuous Call Team, Ray Hadley, Mark Levy, Darryl Brohman, Mark Riddell, 2GB, Sydney, NSW, Nine Radio

### BEST SPORTS EVENT COVERAGE (NON-METRO)

**2023 AFL Grand Final;** K rock Football Commentary Team, K rock 95.5, Geelong, VIC, Grant Broadcasters

### BEST DOCUMENTARY – AUDIO – (NATIONAL)

**Secrets We Keep - Shame, Lies and Family;** Amelia Oberhardt, Ellen Leabeater, Jake Morcom, Nial Fernandes, LiSTNR, Brisbane, QLD, SCA

### BEST COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN (METRO)

**Gifts For Kids;** The Christian O'Connell Show, Gold 104.3, Melbourne, VIC ARN

### BEST COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN (PROVINCIAL)

**i98FM Illawarra Convoy;** i98FM Illawarra Convoy Team, i98FM, Wollongong, NSW, WIN Network

### BEST COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN (COUNTRY)

**Christmas by the Lake;** 3CS & Mixx FM Team, 3CS & Mixx FM, Colac, VIC, ACE Radio Broadcasters

### **BEST TALK PRESENTER (METRO)**

**Ben Fordham**; 2GB, Sydney, NSW, Nine Radio

### **BEST TALK PRESENTER (NON-METRO)**

**Katie Woolf**; Mix 104.9, Darwin, NT, ARN

## **MUSIC**

### **BEST MUSIC FEATURE**

**Taylor Swift Triple M Versions**; Andrew Very, David Konsky, Kalun Townsend, 104.9 Triple M Sydney, Sydney, NSW, SCA

### **THE GUDINSKI – AUSTRALIAN MUSIC CHAMPION**

**Triple M Homegrown with Matty O**; Matthew O’Gorman, Kalun Townsend, Andrew Very, Shaun Gough, Julia Di Gregorio, 105.1 Triple M Melbourne, Melbourne, VIC, SCA

### **MUSIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR**

**Scott Baker-Smith**; Nova Network, Melbourne, VIC, NOVA Entertainment

## **SPECIAL**

### **HALL OF FAME**

**Bob Rogers OAM**

### **DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARD**

**Sound Future**; NOVA Entertainment, Sydney, NSW, NOVA Entertainment