
**NATIONAL
PRESS CLUB
OF AUSTRALIA**

**2025 Federal Parliamentary
Press Gallery
WALLACE BROWN Young
Achiever Award for
Journalism**

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Information for entrants

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
Friday 27 March 2026 at
6pm AEDT**

THE AWARD OBJECTIVE

*To recognise ethical and even-handed reporting
by journalists with up to five years' experience in the
Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery*

THE WALLACE BROWN AWARD OVERVIEW

This prestigious Award honours the contribution to journalism of former veteran press gallery journalist Wallace Brown. The aim is to give recognition to young journalists who, in their first years of working in the Press Gallery, excel in fair reporting.

The winning journalist will receive \$2000 and a glass prize piece. The winner's name will be inscribed on an honour board permanently displayed at the National Press Club of Australia.

Wallace Brown OAM, BA DipJ, one of the longest serving and most respected members of the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery 1961-1995, was noted for his even-handed reporting of political affairs and his encouragement of young journalists.

After working in Brisbane, London and New York for the *Herald and Weekly Times* he went to Canberra as the head of bureau for Brisbane's *The Courier Mail*.

During his time in Canberra, he covered 17 general elections, 38 annual Budgets, 10 Prime Ministers, 8 Governors-General and 11 Opposition Leaders.

He was a foundation member and president of the National Press Club, vice-president of the Press Gallery, and a member of the Old Parliament House Redevelopment Committee. In 1995, he was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for services to journalism.

In 2002 he wrote *Ten Prime Ministers, Life among the politicians* (Longueville Press); in 2006 he completed *at random: Anecdotes of a lucky life*.

The Wallace Brown Award for the best and fairest early career parliamentary journalist, is the only journalism prize which recognises the contribution made by younger members of the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery.

The Award is made possible by The Courier Mail, Wallace Brown's family, and the National Press Club of Australia.

THE JUDGING PANEL

The judging panel will comprise:

- The Editor of the Courier Mail
- A Board member of the National Press Club of Australia
- A Member of the Parliamentary Press Gallery Committee, and
- A Member of the Brown Family

Judges are selected on the basis that they are senior, respected, and familiar with the workings of the Press Gallery.

Judges have the discretion to nominate a recipient or to choose not to present the award in any one year.

ELIGIBILITY & SUBMISSION CRITERIA

The annual Wallace Brown Award is open to Press Gallery journalists of any medium, aged 30 years and below, who have been working in the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery for up to five (5) years.

Entries will only be accepted for work published or broadcast between: **21 December 2024 and 31 December 2025**. Judges have the discretion to nominate a recipient or to choose not to present the award in any one year.

Submissions must be received by 6pm AEDT, Friday 27 March 2026.

- Submitted work must be the original work of the applicant.
- Joint applications will be accepted. In the case of joint and/or equal winners, prize money will be shared.
- The Award is for a story or a series of stories covering a single issue or a range of issues, including opinion pieces, features, or news.
- Applicants may submit up to five (5) pieces of journalism. If the applicant submits more than five pieces, judges will only consider the first five pieces.
- Entries can be submitted in any medium and should be accompanied by a brief written statement, explaining the background to the work, as well as a current CV of the applicant.
- These items should all be compiled into one document.
- **Applicants are required to disclose if their entry or related journalism is or has been subject to any form of litigation such as claims for defamation or libel etc.**

In any event, applicants will indemnify the National Press Club, its judges, and corporate partners from any claim for damages and other financial settlements awarded by a court.

Applications must be submitted at www.npc.org.au via the Wallace Brown Young Journalist Award Website Submission Form.

N.B. All applicants will receive an email confirmation that their submission has been received. Any applicant who does not receive confirmation should contact the awards coordinator at the National Press Club.

AWARD PRESENTATION

The Wallace Brown Award will be presented at date to be advised in 2026.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

2008	<i>Patricia Karvelas</i>	<i>The Australian</i>
2009	<i>Daniel Street</i>	<i>Nine Network</i>
2010	<i>Jessica Wright</i>	<i>The Canberra Times</i>
2011	<i>Ashleigh Gillon</i>	<i>Sky News</i>
2012	<i>Anna Caldwell</i>	<i>Courier Mail</i>
2013	<i>Joe Kelly</i>	<i>The Australian</i>
2014	<i>Jonathan Swan</i>	<i>Fairfax Media</i>
2015	<i>Matthew Knott</i>	<i>Fairfax Media</i>
2016	<i>Annika Smethurst</i>	<i>Herald Sun</i>
2017	<i>Primrose Riordan</i>	<i>The Australian</i>
2018	<i>Alice Workman</i>	<i>Buzzfeed News</i>
2019	<i>Eryk Bagshaw</i>	<i>SMH & The Age</i>
2020	<i>Jennifer Bechwati</i>	<i>Network Seven</i>
2021	<i>Clare Armstrong</i>	<i>The Daily Telegraph</i>
2022	<i>Max Maddison</i>	<i>The Australian</i>
2023	<i>Paul Sakkal</i>	<i>SMH & The Age</i>
2024	<i>Jack Quail</i>	<i>The Australian</i>