The Premier Sports Journalism Prize in Australia

Gordon AWARD

7th Australian
Sports Journalist of the Year

Entries Now Open

$7,500 Prize
Deadline 28 January 2022

Melbourne Press Club

About the award

The Harry Gordon Australian Sports Journalist of the Year Award is a national prize recognising excellence in sports journalism across all codes and all parts of Australia. The winner receives a $7,500 cash prize, a certificate and permanent recognition for their achievement. The prize is provided by the Melbourne Press Club and the winner will be announced at the annual Quill Awards dinner on 18 March 2022.

Honour roll

2020: Julian Linden, *The Daily Telegraph*
2019: Konrad Marshall, *Good Weekend magazine*
2018: Andrew Rule, *Herald Sun*
2017: Will Swanton, *The Australian*
2016: Caroline Wilson, *The Age*
2015: Gerard Whateley, *ABC*

Who is eligible

The Gordon Award is open to any Australian journalist in any media whose work was published or broadcast in 2021. Nominees may enter themselves or be nominated by their editors or colleagues. By accepting the prize, the winner agrees, if requested, to speak at an event hosted by the Melbourne Press Club within a year of the presentation. They also acknowledge the right of the Club to republish or rebroadcast the winning work when promoting the Award.

Judging criteria

The judges are looking for sports journalism that is memorable and excellent - in print, digital or broadcast media. They are seeking a winner whose work is consistent with the standard of journalism practised by Harry Gordon. They are looking for great news reporting, story-telling, commentary, analysis and presenting. They recognise the impact of a big breaking story or a game-changing revelation but they also give weight to consistent achievement of a high standard. Above all they will applaud journalists whose work has enriched the sports they cover and the experience of their readers, viewers or listeners.

How to enter

Entries should include a statement of no more than 1,000 words summarising the work and achievements of the entrant and include a maximum of five examples of their work. For print and online journalism, PDFs of the work should be attached. For broadcast journalism, links should be provided to video or audio files. All videos and audio files must be publicly accessible and downloadable.

For further details and the online application form, go to **melbournepressclub.com**
Enquiries: **admin@melbournepressclub.com** or **(03) 8080 3610**

About Harry Gordon

Harry Gordon, one of the greatest war correspondents, sports writers and newspaper editors of his generation, died in January 2015.

Gordon joined Sydney's Daily Telegraph as a copy boy at the age of 16. In his 20s he was a war correspondent in Korea and Algeria. He later became editor of the Sun News-Pictorial and then editor-in-chief of the Herald and Weekly Times and Queensland Newspapers. He was also a chairman of Australian Associated Press (AAP).

After the Korean War, Gordon was sent to cover his first Olympic games, in Helsinki in 1952. That began a lifelong engagement with the Olympic movement and a number of books that recorded the “golden era” of Australian Olympic sport in the 1950s and 60s. The last of his 15 books, From Athens With Pride, was published in 2014.

Australian Olympic Committee President John Coates said Gordon had earned the respect of many people throughout Australia and around the world for his support for the Olympic movement. Gordon was also the historian of his beloved Hawthorn Football Club.

He was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 1990 and into the Victorian Media Hall of Fame in 2013. He was a Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George and a Member of the Order of Australia.

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