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Who will be 2018 Australian of the Year?

Hosted by ABC presenters Chris Bath and Kumi Taguchi, the **2018 Australian of the Year Awards** celebrate everyday inspiring Australians making significant contributions to their communities and to the nation.

The Prime Minister, Hon Malcolm Turnbull will officially announce the 2018 Australian of the Year as well as Young Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero.

Ceremonial highlights also include; inspiring stories about the exemplary 32 State and Territory recipients and their remarkable contribution to Australia and live performances by celebrated Australian singer/songwriter and guitarist Paul Dempsey and two-time Aria Award winner Amy Shark.

ABC Managing Director Michelle Guthrie said, “The ABC is proud to bring Australian audiences special coverage of this significant national event, along with stories and Australian conversations from every part of the nation on our television, radio, digital and social media platforms”.

Chair of the National Australia Day Council, Ms Dannielle Roche OAM, said the Australian of the Year Awards showcase the diverse stories of our nation.

“The Australian of the Year Awards have helped shape our great Australian story over the past 57 years by celebrating the achievements of our finest citizens, leaders who inspire us and whose contributions make us stronger as a nation and improve the lives of others,” said Ms Roche.

“This year’s 32 State and Territory recipients remind us of the values we hold dear – passion, perseverance and a determination to succeed. They are the people that make us proud to call Australia home.”

The **2018 Australian of the Year Awards** will broadcast live from The Great Hall Parliament House, Canberra on Thursday January 25 at 7.30pm on ABC TV & ABC Radio, and simulcast LIVE on ABC iview, ABC News, ABC TV Facebook and YouTube (@ABCTV).

NOTES TO EDITORS:

AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS HIGHLIGHTS

- Red Carpet and welcome from hosts Chris Bath and Kumi Taguchi
- Prime Minister’s Address



- Prime Minister announces 2018 Young Australian of the Year
- Prime Minister announces 2018 Australia's Local Hero
- Prime Minister announces 2018 Senior Australian of the Year
- Prime Minister announces 2018 Australian of the Year

BROADCAST INFORMATION:

- Australian of the Year Awards LIVE AEDT 7.30pm – Thursday, January 25
- ABC TV & Local Radio broadcast 7.30pm (local time each state)
- Live 7.30pm AEDT on ABC iview, ABC News, and ABC TV Facebook & ABC TV YouTube

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