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ABC HONoured AT 2018 WALKLEY AWARDS

ABC journalists and teams have been awarded for public service journalism, investigative reporting, camerawork, TV and radio news and current affairs reporting, production, photography and coverage of Indigenous affairs at the 2018 Walkley Awards for Excellence in Journalism, which were held last night in Brisbane.

ABC great Sean Dorney was also recognised for more than 40 years of reporting on the Asia Pacific with the award for Outstanding Contribution to Journalism.

The awarded journalism includes “I Am That Girl”, the *Four Corners* report which led the NSW Government to call for a review of the state’s consent laws; the 7.30 stories detailing the sexual harassment allegations against entertainer Don Burke; Aaron Hollett’s exceptional camerawork from the devastated Syrian city of Raqqa; and Jane Bardon’s tenacious reporting for *AM*, *ABC RN Breakfast* and *ABC NEWS Online*, which kept pressure on the territory and Federal Governments to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children.

Acting ABC Managing Director David Anderson said: *“Congratulations to all of the ABC finalists and winners – this is a true career highlight.”*

“The list of ABC finalists showcases the incredible range and depth of the work done by our talented journalists, technical operators and production teams, and their dedication to serving Australian audiences.”

ABC NEWS Director Gaven Morris said: *“These stories unearth secrets; expose wrongdoing, misconduct and injustice; hold the powerful to account; give voice to the voiceless; and tell absorbing tales.”*

“They impact us all and change our nation for the better. They show why public interest journalism has never been stronger or more important.”

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Full list of ABC 2018 Walkley Award finalists and winners:

Print/Text News Report

- **WINNER** Kate McClymont, Lorna Knowles, Tracey Spicer and Alison Branelly, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and ABC, "[Don Burke Investigation](#)"

Public Service Journalism

- Belinda Hawkins and Sarah Farnsworth (*Australian Story*, ABC TV): "[The Justice Principle](#)"
- **WINNER** Louise Milligan, Sashka Koloff, Mary Fallon and Lucy Carter (*Four Corners*, ABC TV): "[I Am That Girl](#)"

Innovation

- Nathan Bazley, Luke Gibbs, Matt Holbrook and Daniel Mee (ABC): "[Kokoda VR](#)"

Coverage of Indigenous Affairs

- **WINNER** Allan Clarke and Yale Macgillivray with Unravel True Crime Team (ABC Podcasts and ABC TV): "[Unravel: Blood on the Tracks](#)" and "[Australian Story: Blood on the Tracks](#)"

Coverage of Community or Regional Affairs

- Giselle Wakatama (ABC): "[Home of Horrors](#)"

Radio/Audio News and Current Affairs

- **WINNER** Jane Bardon (*AM*, *ABC Radio National Breakfast*, ABC News Online): "[Indigenous families appeal to NT Government to keep young people out of detention](#)", "[NT child protection workers allege unmanageable workloads putting vulnerable at risk](#)" and "[Tennant Creek night patrols begin to have effect](#)"
- Ange McCormack, Karla Arnall and Philippa McDonald (*Triple J Hack*, ABC): "['Disturbing' NSW Health privacy breach revealed](#)"
- Sally Sara (ABC Radio): "[Going Back](#)"

Radio/Audio Feature

- Hagar Cohen and *Background Briefing Team* (*Background Briefing*, ABC Radio National): "[Fentanyl: A national emergency](#)"

Production

- ABC News Story Lab (ABC News Digital): "[Into The Cave](#)"
- **WINNER** *Four Corners* Production Team (*Four Corners*, ABC TV): "[I Am That Girl](#)"

Coverage of a Major News Event or Issue



- Paige Taylor, Natasha Robinson, Jacquelin Magnay and Chris Merritt (ABC, *The Australian*, *The Weekend Australian*): “[Captain Dragan](#)”

Television/Video: Camerawork

- Matthew Davis (*Foreign Correspondent*, ABC): “[On Top Of The World](#)”
- **WINNER** Aaron Hollett (*Four Corners*, ABC): “[City of Ghosts](#)”
- Ginny Stein (*Lateline*, ABC): “[The Duterte Solution](#)”

Television/Video: News Reporting

- **WINNER** Alexandra Blucher and Mark Willacy (*ABC 7pm News*, ABC TV): “Corruption concerns at one of Australia’s biggest councils”

Television/Video Current Affairs Short (less than 20 minutes)

- Hagar Cohen and Nikki Tugwell (7.30, ABC TV): “[Fentanyl abuse series](#)”
- **WINNER** Lorna Knowles, Kate McClymont, Jo Puccini, Alison Branley and ABC and Fairfax Team (7.30, ABC TV): “[Women claim Don Burke sexually harassed them](#)” and “[More people come forward with accounts of dealing with Don Burke](#)”

Television/Video Current Affairs Long (more than 20 minutes)

- **WINNER** *Four Corners* Team (*Four Corners*, ABC TV): “[Out of the Dark](#)”
- Stephen Long, Wayne Harley and Mary Fallon (*Four Corners*, ABC TV): “[Digging into Adani](#)”
- Louise Milligan, Sashka Koloff, Mary Fallon and Lucy Carter (*Four Corners*, ABC TV): “[I Am That Girl](#)”

Commentary, Analysis, Opinion and Critique

- Julia Baird, ABC, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The New York Times*: “[When women speak: The importance of female voices in the era of #MeToo](#)”

Walkley Documentary Award

- Shortlisted – *Four Corners* Trump/Russia team, (*Four Corners*, ABC TV): “Trump/Russia”

Walkley Book Award

- Longlisted – Rachael Brown, Trace (Scribe Publications): “*Who Killed Maria James?*”

Nikon-Walkley Press Photographer of the Year

- Shortlisted – Matthew Abbott, *The New York Times*, *Oculi*, ABC and *The Australian*

Nikon-Walkley Contemporary Australian Daily Life Prize

- **WINNER** by Matthew Abbott (ABC Online) for “Not a farmer’s wife”



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