# Paralympics Australia Awards Event Program

## Welcome To The Paralympics Australia Awards

Welcome to the Paralympics Australia Awards, our chance to celebrate the extraordinary achievements of Australia’s Paralympic Teams at the Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022 Paralympic Games.

For reasons we all know, this was an extremely challenging period. Yet, through their relentless determination, resilience and phenomenal skills, the athletes, coaches and staff who represented us at the Summer and Winter Games brought honour to themselves and captured the hearts and minds of millions of Australians at a time when the nation needed it most.

Of course, such success would not have been possible without the incredible support behind our athletes from families, friends, our fabulous corporate partners, federal and state governments and the wider Australian community. To the many people who contributed to the Australian Paralympic Team’s success, we say thank you. You, as much as our stars in the sporting arena, deserve to enjoy this evening’s celebration.

Jock O’Callaghan, President

Catherine Clark, Chief Executive Officer

## Order OF Events

### 7.05pm: Official proceedings commence

Welcome to Country

Address by PA President Jock O’Callaghan

Commencement of Awards:

* 2020 and 2022 Rookies of the Year
* 2020 and 2022 Coaches of the Year
* Uncle Kevin Coombs Medal
* President’s Award
* 2020 and 2022 Female Athletes of the Year
* 2020 and 2022 Male Athletes of the Year
* 2020 Team of the Year
* Paralympic Medal
* Hall of Fame
* 2020 and 2022 Paralympians of the Year

### 9.15pm: Entertainment

### 11.30pm: Event concludes

## Event Host

Paralympics Australia is delighted to welcome Johanna Griggs AM as our Host for this ceremony.

Johanna is one of the Seven Network’s most iconic personalities. In addition to hosting duties during Seven’s outstanding Paralympic Games coverage in Rio, Tokyo and Beijing, Johanna has hosted Australia’s number one lifestyle show, Better Homes and Gardens, for the past 17 years.

A former elite swimmer, Johanna has also presented the Seven Network’s Olympic Games, Summer of Tennis, Melbourne Spring Racing Carnival coverage as well as Seven Weekend News, Sydney Weekender, House Rules, Auction Squad, House Calls To The Rescue and Australia’s Amazing Homes.

## Award Sponsors

Toyota, Woolworths, Qantas, 7, Commonwealth Games Australia, Royal Australian Mint.

## 2020 Rookie of the Year

Award sponsored by Commonwealth Games Australia

Ben Popham OAM, Para-swimming

William Martin OAM, Para-swimming

Paige Greco OAM, Para-cycling

Emily Petricola OAM, Para-cycling

## 2022 Rookie of the Year

Award sponsored by Commonwealth Games Australia

Josh Hanlon, Para-alpine skiing

Rae Anderson, Para-alpine skiing

## 2020 Coach of the Year

Award sponsored by 7

Alois Rosario, Para-table tennis

Louise Sauvage OAM, Para-athletics

David Betts, Para-cycling

## 2022 Coach of the Year

Award sponsored by 7

Ryan Pearl, Para-alpine skiing

Par Sundqvist, Para-snowboard

## 2020 Female Athlete of the Year

Award sponsored by Woolworths

Madison de Rozario OAM, Para-athletics

Paige Greco OAM, Para-cycling

Rachael Watson OAM, Para-swimming

Qian Yang OAM, Para-table tennis

## 2022 Female Athlete of the Year

Award sponsored by Woolworths

Rae Anderson, Para-alpine skiing

Melissa Perrine with guide Bobbi Kelly, Para-alpine skiing

## 2020 Male Athlete of the Year

Award sponsored by Qantas

William Martin OAM, Para-swimming

Darren Hicks OAM, Para-cycling

Curtis McGrath OAM, Para-canoe

Dylan Alcott AO, Wheelchair tennis

## 2022 Male Athlete of the Year

Award sponsored by Qantas

Mitchell Gourley, Para-alpine skiing

Josh Hanlon, Para-alpine skiing

Ben Tudhope, Para-snowboard

## 2020 Team of the Year

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Para-swimming, Men’s 4x100m Freestyle Relay (34 points), Rowan Crothers OAM, Matthew Levy OAM, William Martin OAM, Ben Popham OAM.

Para-table tennis, Women’s Class 9-10, Lina Lei OAM, Melissa Tapper, Qian Yang OAM.

Goalball, 2020 Tokyo Team, Jennifer Blow, Meica Horsburgh, Raissa Martin, Amy Ridley, Brodie Smith, Tyan Taylor.

## Paralympic Medal

Presented by Paralympics Australia CEO Catherine Clark

## Uncle Kevin Coombs Medal

Presented by Paralympics Australia Chef de Mission Kate McLoughlin

## President’s Award

Presented by Paralympics Australia President Jock O’Callaghan

## Australian Paralympic Hall Of Fame

Frank Ponta

Louise Sauvage OAM

Kevin Coombs OAM

Tracey Freeman

David Hall OAM

Daphne Hilton

Sir George Bedbrook OBE

Ron Finneran OAM

Adrienne Smith OAM

## Paralympian of the Year 2020

Award sponsored by Toyota

## Paralympian of the Year 2022

Award sponsored by Toyota

### Paralympian of the Year 2020 and 2022

Candidates can be nominees for Individual Athlete of the Year (Male and Female), Rookie of the Year or Team of the Team.

## Thank You To Our Partners

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