



#PAAwards

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 & 2022 Rookies of the Year

2020 & 2022 Coaches of the Year

Uncle Kevin Coombs Medal

President's Award

2020 & 2022 Female Athletes of the Year

2020 & 2022 Male Athletes of the Year

2020 Team of the Year

Paralympic Medal

Hall of Fame

2020 & 2022 Paralympians of the Year

9.15PM

Entertainment

11.30PM

Event concludes

EVENT HOST



JOHANNA GRIGGS AM

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.

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2020 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

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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



Josh Hanlon
Para-alpine skiing



Rae Anderson
Para-alpine skiing

2020 COACH OF THE YEAR

Award Sponsored by



Alois Rosario
Para-table tennis



Louise Sauvage OAM
Para-athletics



David Betts
Para-cycling

2022 COACH OF THE YEAR

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Ryan Pearl
Para-alpine skiing



Par Sundqvist
Para-snowboard

2020 FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

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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

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Rae Anderson
Para-alpine skiing



Melissa Perrine
With guide Bobbi Kelly
Para-alpine skiing

2020 MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

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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

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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

HALL OF FAME



David Hall OAM



Daphne Hilton



**Sir George
Bedbrook OBE**



Ron Finneran OAM



Adrienne Smith OAM

PARALYMPIAN OF THE YEAR 2020

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PARALYMPIAN OF THE YEAR 2022

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PARALYMPIAN OF THE YEAR 2020 & 2022

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

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