



Australian Press Council Independent Journalist Members

Warren Beeby



Warren Beeby was appointed as an independent journalist member in August 2007. He was a News Limited representative (or alternate) on the Australian Press Council from 1988 until his retirement on 30 June 2007.

In his time in the newspaper industry, since 1957, Warren worked in almost every facet of the editorial side of newspapers, from copy boy to foreign correspondent to political correspondent to business editor to editor of the national daily, *The Australian*. He moved into newspaper management in 1982 and was group editorial manager of News Limited from the early 1990s until his retirement.

Warren served as a director of Nationwide News Pty Ltd, the operating company for the Sydney-based newspapers of News Limited, a director of Australian Associated Press and Vice President of the Pacific Area Newspaper Publishers' Association (PANPA), as well as

of Newspoll.

Warren was appointed Australian section Chairman of the Commonwealth Press Union in 1995.

Prue Innes



Prue Innes was appointed an independent journalist member of the Council in August 2007. She has been a journalist for about 24 years. She did her cadetship at the *Herald and Weekly Times*. She then went to *The Age* where she became a specialist court reporter and then law reporter, but her time at *The Age* included two years in the Canberra press gallery and a year on the subs' desk.

She was a member of the review panel of the MEAA which produced the revised Code of Ethics in the late 1990s, and was the inaugural chair of the national ethics panel, until resigning earlier this year. She was active in the Victorian ethics committee for a number of years.

Prue was the first media officer in the Victorian court system, until July 2007. She was a member of the Courts Media Liaison Group which brought together key players to work out issues of concern for media coverage of the courts and improve media access. In 1998 she took a Churchill Fellowship looking at the relationship between the courts and the media, and was a member of the advisory board of Melbourne University's Centre for Media and Communications Law from its inception until resigning last December.

She holds a BA from Melbourne University and a Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law from Monash University.

Adrian McGregor



Adrian McGregor is an award-winning writer with long experience on Australian newspapers. He was Queensland bureau chief of The National Times for a decade, a senior feature writer on The Australian for some 20 years and, earlier in his career, was a sports columnist for both The Bulletin and Nation Review.

Adrian is a five times Walkley award finalist, was named Most Outstanding Contributor of Journalism in Queensland, and has won a National Press Club award for best sporting feature. He is the author of best-selling sports biographies including that of Wally Lewis, which created a new readership for rugby league books, of Greg Chappell, acclaimed as one of the finest contemporary contributions to the history of cricket, and of Cathy Freeman, which unveiled the links between Australia's most popular sportswoman and the Stolen

Children generation. His journalism has been included in several published collections of the best of Australian sports writing, and he is quoted in such diverse books as Phillip Knightley's *The Second Oldest Profession*; Paul Barry's *The Rise and Rise of Kerry Packer* and Neal Bascomb's *The Perfect Mile*.

Adrian has a BA from the University of Queensland, and is now a freelance writer and an occasional lecturer at universities in south-east Queensland. He was appointed an Alternate Member of the Council in 2004 and a full member in October 2005.

Gerard Noonan



After various casual jobs as a builder's labourer, farm labourer, clerk, skin diver and spray painter in Victoria and north western Australia, Gerard began in journalism at a Melbourne suburban newspaper in 1976. He worked at Australian Associated Press and the Australian Financial Review as a political and industrial relations reporter until 1986, when he transferred to Sydney to be news editor of the Australian Financial Review. From 1988 to 1992 he was the editor of the Australian Financial Review, and then the Editorial director of The Magazine Group to 1998.

In 1998 he was appointed senior writer for the Sydney Morning Herald and worked as education editor and NSW political correspondent before being appointed commissioning editor and senior writer for the Sydney Morning Herald in 2005.

Gerard represented the John Fairfax Group as an alternate on the Australian Press Council from 1999 until his retirement from the company.

Gerard holds a Bachelor of Arts from Monash and La Trobe Universities (1978) and completed a MA (distinction) in history at University of Sydney in 2002.