



Friends of Australia



Gai Waterhouse

An Australian horseracing and fashion icon, Gai Waterhouse is Australia's leading horse trainer. She has captured 93 Group 1 winners, more than 300 coveted black type trophies, four NSW Premierships, 7 Sydney Trainer's Premierships and won leading G1 trainer for 08/09 season.



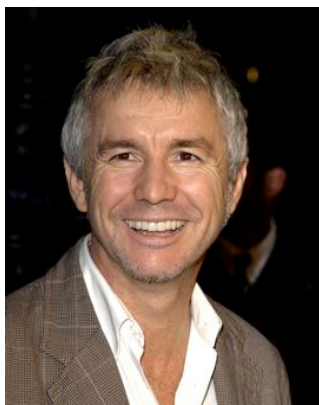
Bill Granger

Bill is one of Australia's most successful chefs, restauranters and food writers. The owner of Bills restaurants in Sydney and Bills Café in Tokyo, he also has plans to open a new restaurant in London later in the year. Bill has released over 6 best selling cookbooks and a TV series called *Bills Food* which has aired in Australia and the UK.



Sarah-Jane Clarke and Heidi Middleton

Sarah Jane and Heidi are the founders of Australia's leading fashion label, Sass and Bide, which launched in Sydney in 1999. Today Sass and Bide is sold in some of the best boutiques and high fashion stores around the world. In 2009 Sarah Jane and Heidi were also the subject of a finalist Archibald Prize portrait by Jenny Sages.



Baz Luhrmann

Baz Luhrmann grew up in rural NSW and has gone onto become one of Hollywood's most respected and successful film directors. After pursuing a career in Australian film and television, Luhrmann went on to make *Strictly Ballroom*, *Romeo + Juliet*, *Moulin Rouge* and recent epic, *Australia*.



Eugene Tan

Eugene is a surfer who founded the highly popular *Aquabumps* blog, including a daily eZine with images and surf reports from Bondi Beach and other iconic beach destinations around Australia. The daily email now has over 30,000 subscribers with a large percentage of these people based overseas.



Gillian Corban and Amanda Blair

Gillian and Amanda are the founders of the iconic designer Australian stationary brand, Corban and Blair. The company is based on the idea of sharing and recording stories, with a beautiful range of leather journals and travel products.



Jennifer Adams

Jennifer is a television presenter, producer and charity ambassador for Reach Youth. After forming her own production company Eve Media a few years ago, Jen is the producer, scriptwriter and presenter of the seven-part travel documentary *Places We Go*.



Justin Jones and James Castrission

Justin and James are the incredible sea kayakers who are the first people to successfully cross the Tasman Sea from Australia to New Zealand by kayak.



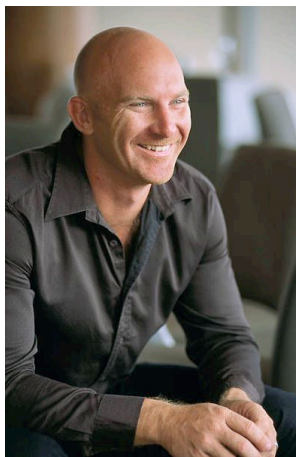
Evonne Goolagong Cawley

Evonne is a former World No. 1 Australian female tennis player. She was one of the world's leading players in the 1970s and early 80s when she won 14 Grand Slam titles, including four Australian Opens, two Wimbledon and one French Open.



Ellen Fullerton

Ellen is a rising swimming champion who achieved extraordinary results at the Junior level which culminated in her breaking the Australian Age record in the 200m Individual Medley at the 2008 World Junior Titles in Mexico. In 2007 Ellen also recorded the highest medal tally at the Australian Age Nationals with 3 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze.



Matt Moran

Celebrity chef and TV personality, Matt Moran left school at 15 to become an apprentice chef. He now owns one of Sydney's premier restaurants, ARIA located opposite the iconic Sydney Opera House. An advocate for apprenticeships, Matt is considered an expert within the industry and is one of three renowned chefs featured on *Heat in The Kitchen*, on The Lifestyle Food Channel.



Mark Gerrard

Mark is an Australian rugby union footballer who currently plays for the Brumbies. Currently playing in Japan, Mark hopes to return to Australia to play in the 2011 Super 14 campaign and be selected for the World Cup in NZ.



John Fitzgerald

John is a true Australian sporting icon, who represented Australia in the Davis Cup for 11 years. He held the No. 1 ranking in Australia for several years, represented his country in two Olympic games, won 6 ATP Tour singles titles and won 30 ATP Tour doubles titles. In 1993 he received the Order of Australia Medal for his service to tennis.



Jessi Miley-Dyer

Jessi is one of the best young international surfers on the professional circuit. She was a star during her years on Australia's Pro Junior series and is currently a contender in the ASP Women's World Tour.



Larissa Brown

The 2008 Australian Young Environmentalist of the Year, Larissa Brown is also the Founder and Executive Director of the Centre for Sustainability Leadership, a non-profit organisation which helps Australians make their personal and professional environments more sustainable. Larissa represented Asia and Pacific youth at the United National Climate Change Conference in 2007 and participated in the 2020 Summit in 2008.



Mark Olive

AKA 'The Black Olive', Mark is a celebrity chef who has been in the kitchen for more than 20 years. Born in Wollongong, Mark's people are the Bundjalung nation from NSW's northern rivers region. Today, Mark is a regular chef on public and corporate events, has a BA in Film and Television and has a passion for cooking and filmmaking.

**Matthew Hardy**

Comedian and author Matthew Hardy, has lived in London and was a regular on BBC TV's Saturday Night Stand-Up Show. His debut comedy DVD, titled "I'm So Australian" was released in 2007, and he now co-hosts Melbourne radio's drive-time program with AFL star Dermott Brereton and Channel 10 commentator, Anthony Hudson.

**Peter FitzSimons**

Peter was born in Peats Ridge, New South Wales, and is a former Wallabies rugby union player. Now a journalist, author and radio presenter, Peter is one of Australia's most prominent and successful media and publishing identities. Peter is also a correspondent to London's Daily Telegraph newspaper.

**Scott Fava**

Scott created Australian Rugby history this year when he became the first player to appear for all four Australian Super 14 sides. Growing up on the south coast of NSW, Scott has played four seasons with the Brumbies and joined the HSBC Waratahs for the 2009 season.

**Tim Webster**

Tim Webster is a respected TV presenter – who retired from Channel 10's news in 2008, after 27 years with the network – and radio journalist who currently hosts 2UE's afternoon news program.



Shane Heal

One of Australia's greatest basketballers, Shane represented his country at four Olympic games, including captaining his team at the 2004 event. He has achieved more total points and assists than any other player in the world at the 1996, 2000 and 2004 Olympics. Shane currently plays for the Gold Coast Blaze NBL team, which he joined in 2008.



Steve Liebmann

Steve is one of Australia's most respected journalists, and has been for more than four decades. He has interviewed presidents, prime ministers and royalty, and is a regular on 2UE radio and is best known for co-hosting the *Today* news and current affairs show.



Bruce Hopkins

Bruce is the longest serving lifeguard at Bondi Beach and has been there for a term of 15 years. He has been a keen surfer since the age of six and completed a large amount of rescues, saving many lives and resuscitating people whose heart and breathing have stopped completely. In 2006 he won the Australian Lifeguard of the year award, and recently picked up 2 gold medals at the Australian Surf Lifesaving titles. Bruce also stars in the hit television program *Bondi Rescue*.



Brad Malyon

Brad is a lifeguard at Bondi Beach and also stars in the television series *Bondi Rescue*. He loves travelling to exotic surf spots around the world and recently started the surfing Magazine called *Frothers*, which includes his photographs of local beaches.



Kelly Landry

From her beginnings as a successful international fashion model Kelly's stardom has continued to rise as a TV personality, firstly with Channel Seven, then as co-host of Channel Nine's *Million Dollar Wheel of Fortune*, and now as a presenter on Channel Nine's highly successful national travel program *Getaway*.



William Barton

William is one of Australia's leading didgeridoo players and composers and is a powerful advocate for the wider perception of his cultural traditions. Born in Mount Isa, he was taught the instrument by his uncle, an elder of the Waanyi, Lardil and Kalkadunga tribes of western Queensland. At 17 years, William played his first classical concert with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra and is now one of the world's leading musicians.



Hailey Turner

Hailey is a QLD local who was a finalist in the *Best Job in the World* campaign. Hailey is incredibly passionate about Tourism and Australian culture and continues to blog about Australia via her website, Seeyouatthereef.com



Rhoda Roberts

Rhoda was the first Aboriginal presenter on prime-time television, fronting SBS's *First in Line*. She was the creative force behind 1997's Festival of the Dreaming. And in 2000 she and the Bangarra Dance Theatre's Stephen Page created the culturally potent Awakening segment of the Sydney Olympics opening ceremony. She is renowned for being an expert on the Arts industry in Australia.



Jane Ferrari

Head winemaker for Yalumba wineries in the Barossa Valley, Jane is a public speaker and wine educator who travels all over the world to deliver outstanding presentations on Australian wines.



Cheryl Barker

Australian born Cheryl Barker has established a distinguished opera and concert career throughout the UK, Europe, USA and Australia. She is particularly noted for her interpretations of Puccini's heroines, as well as the works of Mozart, Janacek, Strauss and Verdi.

Recent and future plans include performances for Opera Australia (*Madama Butterfly*, *Manon Lescaut*, *Tosca*, *Marschallin* – role debut), Netherlands Opera (*Emilia Marty*), Bastille/Paris (*Butterfly*) and English National Opera (*Miss Jessel*). She holds an honorary Doctorate of Music/Victorian College of the Arts.



Paul Roos

Sydney Swans coach, 2005 Australian Sports Coach of the Year, and former AFL great Paul Roos is one of Australia's most respected AFL figures. Coaching the Swans to the 2005 AFL premiership trophy, breaking a 72 year drought, Paul has been described as a 'great sportsman' and is a member of the Australian Hall of Fame.



Axle Whitehead

Axle is a high-profile Australian television presenter and musician, who made his debut in the first season of Australian Idol and currently stars on *Home and Away*, as well as hosting the Seven Networks new program, *World's Strictest Parents*.



Louise Sauvage

Born in Perth, Louise Sauvage has won nine gold and two silver medals for Australia in the Paralympics.

Louise also holds two Olympic gold medals and she has won the Boston marathon four times, establishing herself as one of the world's greatest wheelchair athletes in both track and road races.

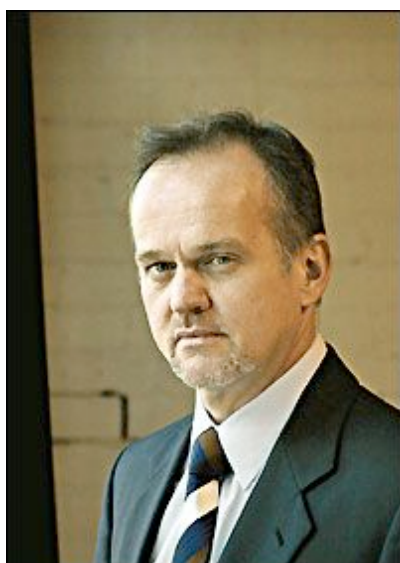
Louise lives by the motto – “You never know what you can achieve until you try”, and was named the International Female Wheelchair Athlete of the Year in 2000. Louise is an ideal *Friend of Australia* with her determination, ambition, commitment and success.



Catherine Martin

Academy Award winning set and costume designer Catherine Martin, is an international success.

Co-founder of Sydney-based production company, *Bazmark Inq*, which she runs with her Director husband, Baz Luhrmann, Catherine was born and raised in Sydney. She is renowned in both film and theatre and worked on *Moulin Rouge*, *Australia* and *La Bohème*.



Adrian Collette

Adrian Collette is Chief Executive of Opera Australia. In the early 1980s he joined Victoria State Opera as a member of their Young Artist Program, and performed with the company for six years. He joined Opera Australia in 1997. Adrian Collette is a Member of the Victorian Council for the Arts, a Member of the Australian Entertainment Industry Association's Executive Council and a Trustee of Sydney Grammar School.



Emma Matthews

Emma is one of Australia's leading sopranos. She is the recipient of three Helpmann Awards, five Green Room Awards and the 1999 Remy Martin Opera Award.

Currently, Emma is a principal artist with Opera Australia. She made her debut with the company in 1993 as Damigella in *L'incoronazione di Poppea*. Her subsequent performances include the roles of Angelica in *Orlando*, Rosina in *The Barber of Seville* and Zdenka in *Arabella*.

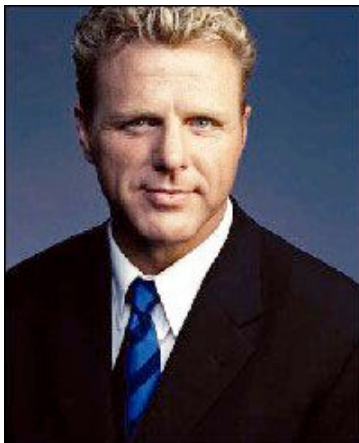


Tim Olsen

Dedicated to showcasing the diversity of Australia's best artists, Tim Olsen is one of the country's most notable art dealers and gallery directors.

With galleries scattered throughout Sydney, Tim is considered an expert in the art world.

He is a great advocate of Australian art.



Dermott Brereton

Former AFL champion, Dermott played in five premierships for Hawthorn.

Now working with Channel Nine, Dermott is a regular presenter on *Getaway*, a commentator and Australian sporting icon.



Andy Ridley

Andy is the Executive Director of *Earth Hour* – the global climate change campaign held in more than 370 locations municipalities around the world.

Originally from the UK, Andy now resides in Sydney. A committed environmentalist, Andy enjoys bush walking, diving, music and film.



Ann Sherry

Former CEO of Westpac New Zealand; and the Bank of Melbourne and Group Executive, People & Performance; Ann was awarded an Order of Australia for her corporate contributions to the Australian community.

Ann was appointed as the new CEO of Carnival Australia in 2007, one of the largest vacation companies in the world. She is a great advocate of tourism in Australia and a forward thinker in HR and workplace equality.



Bernard Salt

Partner with KPMG and based in Melbourne, Bernard is a regular commentator on *Sunrise*, *Today Show*, *Today Tonight*, *A Current Affair* and *60 Minutes*. A columnist with *The Australian* and Melbourne *Herald Sun* newspapers, and best-selling author, Bernard is also the Chairman of the Tourism Forecasting Committee.

An expert in demographics and generational trends, Bernard is a highly respected business figure in Australia.



Dick Smith

One of Australia's most successful businessmen, aviator, film-maker and explorer, Dick Smith hot-air ballooned from New Zealand to Australia, and embarked upon the first ever solo helicopter flight around the world. Founder of Dick Smith Foods in 1999, Dick is passionate about Australian interests and developing business within the nation.

Dick has an international profile and is an Australian icon.



The Wiggles

Sam (Yellow), Murray (Red), Jeff (Purple) and Anthony (Blue) make 'The Wiggles' and are proudly one of Australia's most successful musical exports.

Entertaining pre-school children the world over, The Wiggles are currently celebrating their 18th year in the music industry, and have created a catalogue of music, television, video and film, throughout their history.

Recognised by parents, children, teens and business people, The Wiggles represent countless realms of success within Australia.



John Laws

The Golden Tongs is one of Australia's most notable radio personalities, with a talk radio career longer than any other broadcasters'.

Born in Wau, Papua New Guinea, and raised in Sydney, John began his radio career in 1953, joining 2UE in 1957. After 55 years on air, he retired in June 2007.

Renowned for his usual quote 'you be kind to each other,' John Laws is one of the country's most influential media figures.

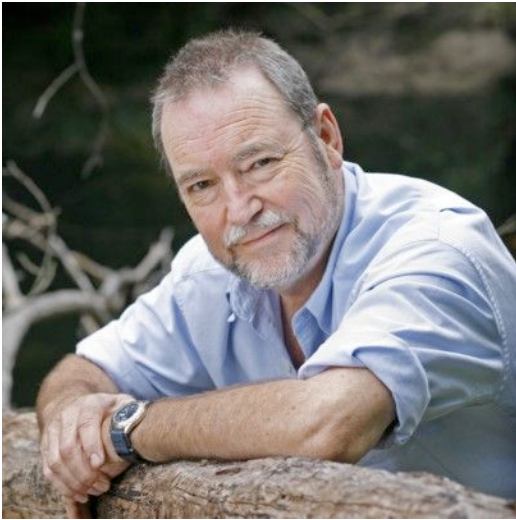


Peter Sculthorpe

Justly described as Australia's most distinguished composer, Peter Sculthorpe is primarily known for his orchestral and chamber music, including *Kakadu* and *Earth Cry*.

Celebrating his 80th birthday in 2009, the internationally renowned virtuoso was born in Tasmania and began composing after his first piano lesson at nine years of age. His *Sonatina for Piano* launched him to international stardom in 1954.

An "Australian Living Treasure", many of Peter's compositions have resulted from an interest in Australia and its neighbour's heritage.



John Williamson

Born in Victoria's Mallee country, John Williamson is known as 'Australia's Songwriter', creating songs including *True Blue*, *Cootamundra Wattle* and *Rip Rip Woodchip*.

Throughout 1988, 1989 and 1990, John had the best selling country album each year – an achievement he reached another four times throughout the following decade, and again in 2005.

Calling himself a *Bush balladeer*, John is a fair dinkum Aussie.



John Bertrand

A self-professed proud Australian, John Bertrand skippered Australia II to an inspirational victory in the 1983 America's Cup, breaking 132 years of US domination and the longest-running record in the history of modern sport.

World Champion and Olympic medallist, John received an Order of Australia in 1985 and published his biography 'Born to Win' in the same year. He is a successful businessman and philanthropist, and currently sits as Chairman of the Prime Ministers Alannah and Madeline Children's Foundation.

Life member of both the International America's Cup of Fame and Australia's Sports Hall of Fame, John is an iconic and inspirational Australian.



Robert 'Dipper' DiPierdomenico

An Australian Football Hall of Fame member, Dipper is a legendary AFL player, Brownlow Medal Winner and member of the VFL/AFL Italian Team of the Century.

A true Aussie larrikin, Dipper is known just as much for his jovial personality and big smile, as he is his infamous moustache. Currently the NAB AFL Auskick Ambassador, he is introducing school-aged kids and their families to the game he loves, AFL.



Lisbeth Gorr

Known best for her alter ego, adventurer Elle McFeast, Lisbeth Gorr is one of Australia's funniest women.

A mother, partner, media personality, comedy circuit regular, radio host, and writer, Lisbeth is currently developing her first feature film.

Described as 'one part performer, one part journalist and one part comic', Lisbeth looks at the realities of life and makes others smile and laugh about it – it's tough to get more Australian than that!



Lisa Wilkinson

Currently co-host of the Nine Network's *Today Show*, Lisa is one of Australia's most admired and respected journalists.

With more than 20 years in the media industry, Lisa was appointed editor of *Dolly* magazine at just 21; by 25 she was editing *Cleo* and doubled its circulation in a decade; and she later went on to become the International Editor-in-Chief.

Lisa is also an incredible business mentor, mother of three and wife to fellow journalist and author, Peter FitzSimons.



Kurt Fearnley

Described as the 'Marathon Man' of wheelchair sports, Kurt is a two-time Paralympic Champion, five-time world champion, and recently completed the Kokoda Track.

Raised in a small country town, Kurt was born without the lower portion of his spine but this has never hindered his ambition.

An ambassador for the Day of Difference Foundation and International Day of People with a Disability, Kurt is also a qualified P.E teacher and was named the 2009 NSW Young Australian of the Year – he is an incredible example of the Australian spirit.



Zoe Naylor

Best known for her role as Regan Mcleod on Australia's award-winning *drama Mcleod's Daughters*, Zoe is a talented actress, TV presenter, journalist, model and public speaker.

A Queensland girl, Zoe has worked in Australian TV and radio and is currently working on a thriller feature film. She has worked in New Zealand and is a freelance writer for *Road Rider* and *Australian Traveller Magazine*.

Zoe admits to having a secret love affair with her Ducati motorbike and is a true Australian beauty.



Rick Stein

A British citizen, Rick is a renowned chef, owns several restaurants, a delicatessen, patisserie, seafood cookery school and forty hotel bedrooms in the UK. He also recently opened a restaurant at Mollymook's Bannister's resort in Mollymook on NSW's beautiful South Coast.

Rick is engaged to Australian born Sarah Burns, and regards Australia as his second home. He has a house in Sydney and a holiday retreat in Mollymook.



Vinod Daniel

Vinod Daniel is the head of Cultural Heritage and Science Initiatives at the Australian Museum and is the Chairman of AusHeritage, Australia's International Cultural Heritage Network. He is also a board member of the Australia India Council.

He has worked extensively in furthering Australia's relationship with India and in 2009 was awarded the award for meritorious service by the Indo Australian Association. Vinod is originally from Chennai India, has lived in the USA and moved permanently to Australia in 1995.



Kym Ellery

Born in Perth, Kym Ellery is a renowned Australian fashion designer best known for her fashion label Ellery and for her role as market director for *Russh Magazine*.

From Perth to London, Kym has years of knowledge and experience in the fashion industry.



Sally Dominguez

Sally Dominguez is a designer, inventor and educator who judges as a sustainability expert on ABC TV's *New Inventors*.

Sally has won three major product design awards, has a decade of architectural experience and has judged professionally for four years – including on ABC TV's *New Inventors* and at the Australian Design awards, *Wheels Magazine's* Car of the Year awards and the San Francisco-based Spark awards.

Her profile in Australia and in the "green" community of the US is in sustainable invention, water technologies and innovative design.



Lizzy Lovette

Lizzy Lovette is one of the youngest personalities in Australia to juggle both radio and television hosting roles simultaneously.

Lizzy has worked as a radio host for 2day FM, Nova 969 and Triple M. A passionate entertainment reporter, she has also hosted several television programs, including *Eclipse Music TV*, *Famous Presents Hollywood Uncensored* and *The Music Jungle*.

She is currently a celebrity gossip correspondent on *The Morning Show* and works for 2day FM.



Amanda Groom

Amanda Groom is a digital media expert with a 20 year track record in television, web and print. She began her career producing award winning documentary series for the ABC. Her roles have included Head of Content for *Network of the World*, Series Author and Executive Producer. She has notably worked with Sony Pictures Entertainment, National Geographic Channel, Channel Four, and Networks Nine and Ten in Australia.

She is currently an accredited trainer with the BBC and was a finalist for "Australian Woman of the Year in the UK 2009".



Pete Evans

Born in Melbourne, Pete Evans is one of Australia's most popular celebrity chefs. He owns several. He owns several of Australia's most iconic restaurants including the *Hugos* group, and he has released numerous cooking books. Pete is currently the presenter on *My Kitchen Rules*.



Akira Isogawa

Akira is one of Australia's most celebrated clothing designers, having received international recognition for his contemporary designs.

Born in Kyoto Japan, Akira moved to Australia in 1986 where he studied fashion design at the Sydney Institute of Technology, drawing inspiration from contemporary Japanese design.



Sonny Vandevelde

Sonny Vandevelde is an accomplished Australian fashion photographer known for the energy, colour and life he injects into his work.

Sonny was raised on Sydney's northern beaches. He worked for Quiksilver and spent 10 years photographing Sydney's nightlife earlier in his career.

He is now based in Europe to focus on his fashion photography and returns to Sydney each year to enjoy Christmas in Australia.



Bryce Courtenay

Bryce Courtenay is one of Australia's most successful authors of all time.

Originally from South Africa, Courtenay moved to Australia after being banned from his homeland for starting a weekend school for Africans.

His first novel, *The Power of One*, was released in 1989 and is one of the highest selling books in Australian history by a living author. Courtenay has authored over 20 books.



Fleur Wood

Fleur Wood is an accomplished Australian fashion designer. In 1999 she founded the *Fleur Wood* collection that includes a range of homewares, clothing and accessories made from luxurious fabrics and modern designs.

She is known for her distinct and delicate pieces she creates, with a vintage influence and modern edge.



Curtis Stone

Curtis Stone is a celebrity chef and presenter that has had great success overseas. He was trained in London by legendary chef Marco Pierre White.

He is presenter of the globally successful cooking/lifestyle program, *Surfing the Menu*, and has one of America's most popular reality/cooking shows titled, *Take Home Chef*.



Adam Scott

Adam Scott is an Australian professional golfer with fifteen tournament wins throughout his career.

At the height of his career Scott was ranked third in the world and he is now focussing his efforts on the US PGA Tour.



Jules Lund

Jules Lund is a Television presenter and media personality, who has worked on the Australia's longest standing TV program, *Getaway*, since 2004.

He has appeared in *Torvill and Dean's Dancing on Ice*, *Big Questions*, *Hole in the Wall* and recently presented on *The Today Show*.



Tara Moss

Tara Moss is a former model turned international best-selling author.

Moss started writing her successful debut novel, *Fetish*, when she was just 23. Her crime novels have been nominated for both the Davitt Awards and the Ned Kelly; two of Australia's most prestigious honours.

Moss currently hosts the crime documentary series "Tara Moss Investigates" on the National Geographic Channel in the UK.



David Gyngell

David is the current CEO of Channel Nine. He is the son of Australian television pioneer Bruce Gyngell and has had an imperative role in shaping Australian television. Since 2004 he has been married to Channel Nine journalist Leila McKinnon.



Peter Morrissey

A prominent Australian fashion designer, Peter has been a part of the industry since the 1980s, forming the internationally renowned *Morrissey* label in 1997.

Recently, Peter has designed a special range for the USA market which will be sold at 350 stores across the US from April 2010. He is also working on an initiative to help troubled youth called *Fashion Your Life*.



Maggie Tabberer

Maggie Tabberer is an Australian icon for her outstanding contribution to the fashion, publishing and television industries. Maggie was a prominent model in the 1960s, and was the public face of the national magazine *Australian Woman's Weekly*, where she worked as fashion editor for fifteen years. Maggie has also launched her own plus size clothing label called 'Maggie T' and is a prominent media and television personality.



Donna Hay

Donna Hay is Australia's leading food editor and best-selling cookbook author. Her food, recipes and styling focus on basic ingredients, simple preparation and beautiful photographs.

She is the editor of *donna hay magazine* which has subscribers in 82 countries.

Hay is the author of 18 award-winning cookbooks that have been translated into nine languages.



Darcey Bussell

Darcey is an English dancer and former prima ballerina of The Royal Ballet who is considered one of the greatest English ballerinas of all time. Darcey has always had great ties and passions for Australia as she was raised here and has recently immigrated to Sydney with her Australian born husband, Angus Forbes.

In December 1990 she was voted Dancer of the Year by the readers of Dance and Dancers magazine. In 1990 she was presented with the Evening Standard Ballet Award for 1990. In 1991 she was a joint winner of the Cosmopolitan Achievement Award in the Performing Arts category.



Kathy Lette

Born in Sydney's southern suburbs Kathy Lette is an international best-selling author now based in the UK.

Her first book *Puberty Blues* was a huge success and was made into a motion picture in 1981. Apart from writing over nine best-selling books, Kathy has worked as a newspaper columnist in Sydney and New York.

She currently lives in London and is married to fellow Australian and renowned human rights lawyer Geoffrey Robertson.



Geoffrey Robertson QC

Geoffrey Robertson is an Australian born human rights lawyer, academic, author and broadcaster. He has been involved in numerous landmark cases in both Britain and Australia.

His fight for human rights has been a constant theme in his distinguished law career, and his law firm – Doughty Street Chambers – is Britain's leading human rights practice. He now lives in London with his wife, best-selling author Kathy Lette.



Barton Lynch

Barton Lynch spent more than 15 years as a top 16 surfer and won the World Title in 1988. Barton mentors, coaches and trains hundreds of surfers of all levels including many of the countries aspiring champions.

In 2006 he launched Barton Lynch's Blast Off, Australia's premiere pre-junior surfing event and coaching program.

Lance Armstrong



An American professional road racing cyclist, Lance Armstrong is one of the most respected athletes of the decade. He won the Tour de France a record-breaking seven consecutive years from 1999 – 2005, cementing him as one of the best cyclists of all time.

Lance is also a strong supporter of the fight against cancer, having conquered the disease himself in 1996.

Lance is a very passionate advocate of Australia and recently worked with the South Australian Government in the Tour Down Under cycling event.



Kieren Perkins

Kieren Perkins is a former Australian professional swimmer and one of the world's most successful Olympic long distance swimmers.

He dominated the 1500m event for close to a decade and held the world record in the 400m, 800m and 1500m events. He won four Olympic medals over three Olympic Games and currently works for the National Australia Bank as head of business development and acquisition.

Karen Mok



Born in Hong Kong, Karen Mok is an actress and singer who has enjoyed phenomenal success in Asia since making her debut in 1993.

Internationally recognized, the award-winning actress has appeared in nearly 40 films including *Shaolin Soccer*, *Fallen Angels*, *Around the World in 80 days*, and *Black Mask*. Karen made music history as the first female artist from Hong Kong to win Taiwan's prestigious Golden Melody Award and the first Asian star to take the lead role in the Broadway hit musical "RENT".

She supports numerous charitable causes, especially those concerned with children's welfare and animal rights.



Marcia Hines

Marcia Hines was born in Boston, USA. She has achieved success in her adopted homeland of Australia as a vocalist, actress and TV personality.

Since 2003 she has been a judge on the popular show *Australian Idol*, and her elevated profile has seen a resurgence of interest in performing. Her recent album, *Discotheque*, reached #6 on the ARIA charts.

She was inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame on 18 July 2007, acknowledging her contribution to the Australian music industry.



Collette Dinnigan

Born in South Africa, Collette Dinnigan is an Australian based fashion designer. She opened her own range in 1992, and was the first Australian to launch a ready-to-wear collection in Paris in 1995.



Marina Prior

Marina is an Australian singer and actor.

She has had starring roles in Australian theatre productions including *Cats*, *The Student Prince*, *Anything Goes*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *West Side Story*, *The Secret Garden*, and *Show Boat*, among others. She has also released three albums.

Marina has been the Goodwill Ambassador for Samaritan's Purse Australia since 2005, visiting several development projects in Asia, including schools and water projects.