



AHA Special Award for Services to History

Mr Phillip Adams AO FAHA FRSA

I am pleased to announce that Mr Phillip Adams will receive the Australian Historical Association's Special Award for Services to History. This award has only ever been bestowed on three previous recipients, namely the late Emeritus Professor K. S. Inglis, the Hon. Bob Carr, and the ABC's own Social History Unit. It was a distinct privilege to announce this Award in Phillip's company on the airwaves of the ABC in this, his final week on *Late Night Live*.

The purpose of this award is to celebrate Phillip's distinguished contribution to the promotion of historical understanding and a love of history. That contribution has been especially evident in his hosting of the long-standing and much-admired ABC Radio National program *Late Night Live*. There has scarcely been an episode of *LNL* that has not, in some way, promoted public curiosity about, and literacy in, history.

Phillip's service on various boards and councils of importance to the historical profession, including the Council of the National Museum of Australia, the Australia Council, the Australian Film Institute and the National Australia Day Council, has also been exemplary. Our profession, and public history itself, have scarcely had a better friend in this country than him.

It is fitting, in the week of his retirement, to mark Phillip's contribution to Australian public life in this way. On behalf of the AHA, I thank Phillip for his life of service to history.

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