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2023 Global Australian Awards shine the spotlight on Australians leading impact on the global stage

The achievements and contributions of 25 remarkable Australians driving global impact are being recognised and celebrated in the lead up to the 2023 Global Australian Awards.

The Global Australian Awards, presented by [Advance, The Global Australian Network](#), showcase the achievements of inspiring global Australians who are innovating in their field and shaping the world. The Awards have been presented by Advance since 2012, and are overseen by a [judging panel](#) of eminent Australians.

The 25 finalists recognised in this year's Awards have worked across Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, North America and outer space! They join more than 170 eminent Australians who have been recognised as Advance GameChangers in the Global Australian Awards over the past 12 years.

Advance Global Australians CEO Johanna Pitman said: "The Global Australian Awards celebrate the often unknown Australian changemakers driving impact across their professions, industries and sectors around the world.

"Succeeding in another country means embracing risks, working in unfamiliar environments, and operating without an established network – it takes grit, curiosity and hard work. That is why Global Australians are immensely valuable for Australia, and that's why their success and impact needs to be celebrated.

"This year's finalists are tackling global challenges from food security to global warming; leading the development of new solutions for decarbonisation, digital transformation, and space exploration; and amplifying voices the world needs to hear. From scientists to storytellers, archaeologists to artists, tech trailblazers to teachers, corporate leaders to creative visionaries, doctors to entrepreneurs, advocates to academics - this year's Global Australian Awards finalists are working at the cutting edge of their professions.

"Through their work and leadership, they are collectively advancing human progress, protecting our planet, exploring new ones, driving social change, and above all, advocating for equality, justice and human rights. Advance is proud to shine the spotlight on their incredible impact around the world and build deeper connections with these remarkable Australians back here in Australia."

The winners of each category will be announced during a free, live broadcast at 7:30pm AEST, 13 September. The overall winner, 2023 Global Australian of the Year, will be announced during the broadcast. The 2023 broadcast will also feature leading Australians presenting the Awards, including business leader Catherine Livingstone AO, neuroscientist and academic Prof Sir Ed Byrne AC, international film star Pallavi Sharda, and global leader in quantum computing Prof Michelle Simmons AO.

Since 2020, the Global Australian Awards have been broadcast virtually to ensure maximum viewership by global Australians around the world. The Global Australian Awards are also broadcast on ABC iview to reach and inspire a broader Australian audience.

To learn more click [here](#)

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2023 Global Australian Awards Finalists:

Alumni

- Anan Bouapha – Founder and President, Proud To Be Us Laos
- Prof Abelardo Apollo Ilagan David, Jr. - Founder and Executive Director, ILLC, APDM and REACH Foundation, Inc.
- Dr Sri Safitri - Head of Digital Education Ecosystem, Telkom Indonesia

Indo-Pacific Impact

- Dr Catherine T.H. Lee - Craniofacial Orthodontist
- Prof Armand Salvador B. Mijares - Professor of Archaeology, University of the Philippines-Diliman
- Fa'aso'otauloa Sam Salli - CEO, SkyEye Pacific

Creative Excellence

- Elliot Kotek - CEO and Founder, The Nation of Artists
- Lucy McRae - Sci-fi Artist and Body Architect
- Stuart Skelton - Tenor

Emerging Leaders

- Dr Jessie Christiansen - Lead scientist, NASA Exoplanet Archive, California Institute of Technology
- Gregory Constantine - CEO and Co-Founder, Air Company
- Dr Brett Parkinson - Senior Manager, Research and Development, C-Zero Energy

Global Impact

- Prof Glenn Denning - Professor of Practice, Columbia University

Global Talent

- Dr Cle-Anne Gabriel - National Leader - Decarbonisation, KPMG Australia/ Founder & Director, ThinkZero
- Dr Nasir Mahmood - Vice Chancellor's Senior Fellow, RMIT University
- Dr Stefania Peracchi - Accelerator Scientist, ANSTO

Inspiring Corporate Leader

- Andrea Della Mattea - President, Asia Pacific, Microsoft
- Peter Osborne - Non-Executive Director, Nutritional Growth Solutions
- Luke Petherbridge - CEO, Link Logistics Real Estate; Co-founder CoreGiving

Social Impact

- Yalda Hakim - Journalist and Presenter
- Andrew Quilty - Photojournalist
- Annette Young - Host and Creator, The 51 Percent, FRANCE 24

Technology & Entrepreneurship

- Dr Kynan Eng - Co-Founder and CEO, iniVation
- Peter Hazlehurst - Co-Founder and CEO, Synctera
- Iris Lun - Co-Founder, 10Life

ABOUT ADVANCE.ORG

Advance is the Global Australian Network. We connect:

- Australians living overseas with one another and to Australia
- Australian expats who have returned to Australia
- Current and former international students
- Recently arrived skilled migrants to Australia

Our mission is to strengthen Australia by nurturing a globally connected mindset at home and abroad. We do this by supporting the flow of information and ideas between Global Australians and their home country. Since our founding in 2002, we've grown to serve members globally and provide services, events, and opportunities to Australia's greatest national resource: our people—at home and abroad. Our community of around 70,000 members are critical drivers of productivity and skills, and Australia's interconnectedness with our neighbours and trading partners.

Advance is guided by an [honorary board and committed volunteer advisors](#). These 42 well-connected individuals are based in Australia and across 13 countries around the world. Advance is a not-for-profit funded through corporate sponsorship and a Federal Government grant through DFAT's public diplomacy division, signifying the enormous potential of Australia's diaspora for soft power and economic links around the world. Our Patron is the Prime Minister of Australia, the Honourable Anthony Albanese MP. Successive Prime Ministers have been the Patron of Advance since 2002, sharing a commitment to the Australian diaspora and the work of Advance.

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