

2003	<b>Alan Jones AO</b> – Born April 13 1941. He grew up on his parents dairy farm near Acland, south-east Queensland and at 13 he left for boarding school. Upon leaving teaching, he attended Oxford University, then worked for three years as speech writer and senior adviser to PM Malcolm Fraser. Jones coached the Wallabies between 1984 and 1988. He achieved great success including Australia's now famous 1986 Bledisloe Cup victory in New Zealand. 1985 saw Jones join radio station, 2UE, as their morning talkback host.
2004	<b>Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC</b> -Born and raised in Narrandera, Bashir gained degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Sydney. She taught at the Universities of NSW and Sydney in the areas of indigenous health, children's services and mental health. In 1988 she was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia for her services to child and adolescent health. In March 2001 Professor Bashir was appointed the first female Governor of NSW. She has maintained a wide interest base with membership to societies including Amnesty International and The NSW Camellia Research Society.
2005	<b>Don McAlpine</b> - Born and raised in Quandialla. McAlpine started his career as a physical education teacher. He then moved on to cinematographer, filming a wide range of well known movies such as <i>Breaker Morant</i> , <i>Moulin Rouge</i> , <i>My Brilliant Career</i> , <i>Predator</i> , <i>Mrs Doubtfire</i> , <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> , <i>Patriot Games</i> and <i>The Getting of Wisdom</i> .
2006	<b>David Foster OAM</b> -World champion axeman who started wood chopping in Melbourne in 1976. Foster has won 163 world titles, 140 Australian titles and over 200 state, club and overseas championships to date. He has won Australian Axeman of the Year nine times.
2007	<b>Hon Ian Armstrong OBE</b> - Born 17 July 1937. He has been a member of The National Party since 1964. Member for Lachlan from 1981 until 2007. Positions he has held include Minister for Agriculture and Deputy Premier. Before entering politics he worked as a wool broker and a stock and station agent. He is a member of the advisory board of the Young Regional School of Music, Parkes Jockey Club and a life member of the Boorowa show society.
2008	<b>Sandy Fussell</b> – Born September 22 1960 in Camden NSW, is a children's author. Despite studying Industrial Maths and Computer Science and working as a freelance Computer Programmer, Sandy returned to writing in 2002 as a way of rekindling her oldest child's interest in reading. Sandy's books are presented as junior fiction and are based on history clothed in adventure making them exciting and full of action to hold the reader's attention.
2009	<b>Max Cullen</b> born 29 April 1940 in Wellington NSW, is an artist and actor. He studied at Sydney's National Art School and began his career painting and sculpting and participating in solo and group exhibitions. Cullen is stage and screen actor having appeared in films and television series including <i>Spider and Rose</i> , <i>X-Men Origins: Wolverine</i> , <i>The Flying Doctors</i> and <i>Love My Way</i> . A recent performance was 'Lawson' a one-man show on the life of Henry Lawson.
2010	<b>Juliette Palmer-Frederick</b> Born September 20 1925 in Sydney. Juliette earned a Diploma of Education, attended Sydney Teachers' College and studied piano and singing at the Sydney Conservatorium. She wrote and illustrated 'Blue Mountains Olde and New Ways Cookbook' and 'Romancing the Inns on the Western Road.' Juliette initiated the Blue Mountains Radio Players in 1996.
2011	<b>Dr Gregory Bryan</b> was born 8 May 1967 in Mount Gambier SA. He is a Henry Lawson enthusiast and a literacy education professor in Canada. Together with his brother, in 2011 he became the first person ever to retrace Henry Lawson's 1893 Outback walk from Bourke, New South Wales, to Hungerford, Queensland, and back. The distance of almost 450km was completed in temperatures in the mid-forties. Bryan wrote a book about the experience entitled <i>To Hell and High Water</i> .

## The Henry Lawson Festival of Arts



### Walk of Fame Guest Profiles

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1958	<b>Professor Colin Roderick CBE</b> – A graduate of Queensland and Melbourne Universities. Prominent author, academic and historian on Australian literature and a world authority on the works of Henry Lawson. He was involved in establishing, and subsequently became chair of, Australian Literature at Sydney University for which he earned his CBE. Also awarded the gold medal of the Australian Literature Society for his work on Lawson.
1959	<b>Hon Ray S Maher MLA</b> -Born in Grenfell 1 <sup>st</sup> April 1911. Despite being a talented student and completing an Arts Degree, the Depression forced Maher to give up plans of becoming a lawyer. Instead he developed a cementing business. This led to involvement in trade unions and the Labor Party which he joined in 1927. Maher was elected to the Legislative Assembly from 1953 to 1965. He was Speaker from 1959 to 1965. After politics one of many positions included adjudicator in public speaking in the City of Sydney eisteddfod.
1960	<b>Olav Nordland</b> -The Norwegian Consul to Australia opened the festival in recognition of Henry Lawson's Norwegian heritage. Nordland was delighted to see the festival as a centre of the arts, allowing expression through music, literature and poetry. He praised the hospitality of Grenfell and said the festival was one of his most delightful official duties. Nordland declared he would carry the memory of his visit to Grenfell for the rest of his life.
1961	<b>Sir Eric Woodward KCVO</b> -Born on 21 July 1899 at Hay, he grew up on various properties in NSW and Queensland. Woodward participated in a range of sports and did well academically, but could not afford to attend university. He joined the army and then transferred to the Air Force. After a distinguished career in the military he was appointed Governor of New South Wales from 1957-1965 where he endeavoured to unify society.
1962	<b>Eric Baume</b> –Born on 29 May 1900 in New Zealand, he matriculated at Auckland University. He joined the <i>New Zealand Herald</i> as a proof-reader before becoming a reporter, then editor of the <i>Dominion</i> in Wellington. He moved to Sydney and was promoted to editor of the <i>Sunday Sun</i> . A lieutenant in the Australian Military Forces, Baume also wrote novels, verse and drew cartoons published in both New Zealand and Australia. In 1966 he was appointed O.B.E. as a journalist, author and broadcaster.
1963	<b>Ald Harold Jensen</b> -Born 12 July 1913 in Newtown, New South Wales. An electrician at the Singer Sewing Machine Company then the Shell Oil Company. Jensen established his own business as an electrical contractor and joined the Electrical Trades Union and the Australia Labor Party. Jensen was Sydney Lord Mayor from 1957 to 1965. He was a Member of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly from 1965 until 1981 where he served as Minister for Local Government and Minister for Roads. He was awarded Father of the Year in 1958 and an Order of Australian in 1982 for parliamentary and local government service.
1964	<b>John Thompson</b> - Born 20 December 1907 in Melbourne. Thompson earned an Arts Degree from the University of Melbourne. He moved to London to make a name as a poet and novelist where although unable to sell any novels, he published a collection of romantic lyrics. After time on a farm in Dorset, he married, and travelled back to Perth to work as an ABC announcer. He enlisting in the Australian Imperial Force as a radio mechanic but was discharged to become a war correspondent. Thompson settled in Sydney and became a producer for ABC where he wrote and narrated documentaries on literary and historical subjects and travel.
1965	<b>Neil Hutchison</b> -Earned a Master in Arts from Oxford University. Hutchison held positions within the ABC including the Head of Features, Director of Drama and Assistant General Manager. He was a member of the 1962 Adelaide Festival committee. Hutchison thanked Grenfell for the honour of opening the Henry Lawson festival and noted the spirit warmth of friendship within the town. He was presented with a book of Sydney Nolan paintings and a copy of Golden Granary– the History of Grenfell and the Weddin shire.

1994	<b>Geoff Lawson OAM</b> –Former international cricketer for Australia. Lawson was born in Wagga Wagga. Lawson made his test debut in the season of 1980-81. Geoff's international career spanned 46 test matches and 80 one day internationals, taking 180 wickets at test level. Since retiring Lawson has had a distinguished commentating career and in more recent times has coached the Pakistan cricket team.
1995	<b>Carol Willis</b> -Born in Taree and raised in Wingham. Willis worked for Camp Quality for 16 years in positions of secretary and area manager. During this time she regularly visited Grenfell co-ordinating fundraising, camps and dinners. Over 8 years was spent as a volunteer while she continued working in the defence force and as a school canteen manager.
1997	<b>Garry McDonald</b> –Born October 30, 1948 and raised at Glen Innes NSW. McDonald wanted to be an actor from a young age and eventually graduated from NIDA in 1967. His most successful TV shows include <i>Mother and Son</i> , <i>Auntie Jack</i> and <i>The Norman Gunston Show</i> where he created the character Norman Gunston. McDonald has starred in films including <i>Picnic at Hanging Rock</i> , <i>The Picture Show Man</i> and <i>Ginger Meggs</i> . He has also worked as a theatre director. In 1976 McDonald won the coveted Gold Logie Award. In 2003 he was awarded the Officer of the Order of Australia for service to the community by raising awareness of mental health issues and to the arts as an entertainer.
1998	<b>Paula Duncan AM</b> -Born 15 September 1952 in Cooma, New South Wales. Duncan studied acting at the National Institute of Dramatic Arts. She later starred in television shows including <i>The Young Doctors</i> , <i>Prisoner</i> , <i>Neighbours</i> , <i>Home &amp; Away</i> <i>Mother &amp; Son</i> , <i>Number 96</i> and <i>Cop Shop</i> . She has won 7 Logies and has been awarded the Order of Australia, for her Outstanding Contribution to the Entertainment Industry and the Australian Community.
1999	<b>Judy Nunn</b> –Born in Perth and spent her childhood on cattle properties near Broome in WA. Nunn dreamt of being an actress from childhood. At age 19 she headed to Sydney to follow her dream and within three years was gaining great success. At this time she headed to London where she spent 5 and a half years on stage tours before returning to Sydney. Her most successful television roles have included <i>The Box</i> , <i>Sons and Daughters</i> and <i>Home and Away</i> . She sought extra challenges and took up writing novels. Titles include <i>Eye in the Storm</i> , <i>The Glitter Game</i> and <i>Beneath the Southern Cross</i> .
2000	<b>Peter Bensley</b> - Born in Wialda, NSW in 1954. He has appeared in many television series, including <i>Water Rats</i> , <i>The Young Doctors</i> , <i>Prisoner</i> , <i>Neighbours</i> , <i>Home and Away</i> and <i>Police Rescue</i> . He has also had experience as an assistant director and has written television scripts. In 2006 he published a well acclaimed novel <i>On a Wing and a Prayer</i> about the impact of WWII on its survivors. He currently lives in Sydney northern beaches with his wife and three children.
2001	<b>Colin Buchanan</b> -The 10 time golden Guitar and ARIA and APRA winner is one of Australia's best known Country Music stars. He is a highly successful songwriter having co-written songs for artists such as Lee Kernaghan and Troy Cassar-Daley. His authentic Australian country music belies his roots; born in Ireland and growing up in the Sydney suburbs.
2002	<b>Jan O'Neill (Lehane)</b> - Born July 9, 1941 at Piney Range, near Grenfell. Australian number one women's tennis player in 1960. She won the under 19 school girl title at 12 years of age and went on to win 30 state junior titles. O'Neill was twice Australian Junior Champion and was the runner up in the Australian Open for 4 years from 1960-63 losing to Margaret Court each time. O'Neill was also runner up in the Australian Open women's doubles reaching the final in 1961 and 1963. O'Neill won the Australian Open mixed doubles twice in 1960 and 1961.

1987	<b>Di Morrissey</b> -Born 18 March 1948 in Wingham, New South Wales. Chips Rafferty, who attended the Lawson Festival in its early days, was her mentor. He taught Morrissey Australian poems and to love Australian culture. After training as a journalist, she worked as an editor in Fleet Street, London. She married an American diplomat and lived in Singapore, Thailand, Japan, Indonesia, Guyana and the United States. She returned to live in Australia and worked as an advertising copywriter, TV presenter, screenwriter, radio broadcaster and acted on stage and television until she made the move into fiction writing. She is currently Australia's top selling female novelist.
1988	<b>Slim Dusty AO</b> -Born June 13 1927 in Kempsey, New South Wales, the son of a dairy farmer. Dusty was an iconic Australian country music singer-songwriter and the first Australian to have a number one hit record. He has sold more than six million albums and singles in Australia. He received an unequalled 37 <i>Golden Guitar</i> Awards and two ARIAs. Dusty became the first singer in the world to have his voice beamed from space when astronauts on the space shuttle Columbia played Dusty singing <i>Waltzing Matilda</i> as it passed over Australia. Dusty also recorded classic Australian poems by Henry Lawson with new tunes, to call attention to the old bush ballads.
1989	<b>Eric Rolls AM</b> -Born 25 April 1923 to a farming family at Grenfell. After serving in WWII with the Australian Imperial Force in Papua New Guinea and Bougainville he farmed for 40 years in the state's central-west. A poet, historian and environmentalist he published more than 20 books, including the classic <i>A Million Wild Acres</i> . A writer for both adults and children, Rolls was known for his celebration of Australian landscapes and multicultural society.
1990	<b>Briget Goodwin</b> –Daughter of festival founder Harold Goodwin. An author and film maker with a special interest in historical documentaries. She studied chemical warfare trials held in north Queensland during WWII which she turned into the film <i>Keen as Mustard</i> . Goodwin worked previously as Associate Professor in film and television at Bond University. Following her Walkley Award in 1989 for <i>Keen as Mustard</i> she wrote a book with the same name.
1991	<b>Mike Hayes</b> -Was born in a caravan in England in 1944. His family spent two years in Sri Lanka before eventually moving on to Australia. Hayes grew up outside Melbourne. He started his career as a journalist where he broke the story on Cyclone Tracy. He was evacuated to Canberra and eventually moved to Gundaroo where he started writing the <i>Prickle Farm</i> stories for the ABC. These stories record the adventures of the original ‘tree-changers’ who left urban homes for life in the bush during the 1970s and 80s. Hayes left the ABC to work as a freelance writer and video producer.
1992	<b>Leon Becker AM</b> -Began working in radio in 1940 as an office boy. He joined the RAAF in 1942 and was posted to ‘RAAF radio’ in PNG. As a young radio announcer in Sydney, one of his first jobs included recording and editing the addresses by Rotary guest speakers. He became a president of the Rotary Club of Warringah and its first Paul Harris Fellow. His work on Rotary International promotion was taken up for worldwide distribution.
1993	<b>Alan Moir</b> -Was born in 1945 and raised in New Zealand. He is a highly acclaimed self taught cartoonist. He moved to Australia in the early 1970s, and took out Australian citizenship. He has published several books. He is the Editorial Cartoonist for the <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> and previously worked for <i>The Bulletin</i> and Brisbane's <i>Courier-Mail</i> . His work on international events is also published regularly through The New York Times Syndicate. Moir has won the ‘Australian Editorial Cartoonist of the Year’ six times and the Churchill Fellowship in 1999. He won the Walkley Award for Political Cartooning in 2000 and 2006 and the UN Award for Political Cartooning 2004.

1966	<b>Michael Sawtell</b> –Born 20 August 1883 in Adelaide. Although a talented student, after school he became a drover, rather than continuing with further study. Contact with Aborigines resulted in lifelong respect for Aboriginal spirituality. Sawtell travelled all over Australia during his career and wrote assorted political books, pamphlets and the poem <i>The Wisdom of a Vagabond</i> which was published in Sydney. In later life he contributed letters and articles to the press and made radio broadcasts. He lectured to community organizations with his favorite topics being Aborigines and water for the inland.
1967	<b>Bertha Jago (Lawson)</b> -Born 1899. The daughter of Henry Lawson, she earned an Arts Degree and worked as a librarian. She was a writer and co-authored a book on Henry Lawson. Jago was active in the Fellowship of Australian Writers. After Lawson’s death she dedicated herself to defending his reputation. Jago has visited Grenfell several times, once to plant a tree on the site of Lawson’s birth at Lawson Oval. Jago was always happy to visit Grenfell as the town had done so much to preserve her father’s memory.
1968	<b>Bill Peach</b> -Born in 1935 in Lockhart, NSW. Peach attended boarding school in Bathurst before completing an Arts Degree. He started his media career as an ABC cadet in 1958 before sailing to London for a job with the BBC. On returning to Australia in 1967 he became the presenter of our first current affairs program, <i>This Day Tonight</i> . He quit the program after eight years to host travel shows. After making the crossover to travel TV, Peach started his own touring company and has been writing travel books and articles for the last 25 years. As a popular TV personality, respected journalist and anchorman, Peach received a special Logie Award for Outstanding Contribution to TV for hosting <i>This Day Tonight</i> .
1969 & 1980	<b>Leonard Teale AO</b> -Was a multi-talented performer appearing in variety shows, radio, music, spoken verse, film and television. He appeared in <i>Seven Little Australians</i> , <i>Smiley Gets a Gun</i> , <i>Class of '74</i> , and <i>Homicide</i> . He was best known for his radio rendition of <i>Superman</i> and his recital of <i>The Man From Snowy River</i> . Teale was initially rejected for the part of Det. Sgt. Mackay but went on to become the longest serving of the Homicide cops, staying with the programme for 357 episodes from 1965 through to 1973. The Sydney actor was drawn to bush songs during the 1950s.
1970	<b>Chuck Faulkner</b> -Born 1922 in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Faulkner became an Australian but spent time in America. Faulkner was a real-life policeman for two years before he became an actor. He starred in <i>Skippy</i> , <i>Homicide</i> , <i>Name that Tune</i> and <i>Division 4</i> , which won the award for Best TV series in the 1969 Henry Lawson Festival of the Arts. <i>Division 4</i> ran on the Nine Network from 1969 until 1975 and recorded over 300 episodes.
1971	<b>Harold Goodwin</b> - was one of the founding members of the Grenfell Henry Lawson Festival of Arts Committee which held its first festival in 1958. At the time Goodwin was the headmaster at the Grenfell High School and had circularised all Grenfell organisations promoting the idea that an annual event be held to commemorate Henry Lawson’s birthplace. Goodwin was the Secretary for the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts Committee from 1958 until 1967. He was responsible for having the Grenfell High School renamed The Henry Lawson High School.
1972	<b>Hon George Freudenstein MLA</b> -Born in Young in 1921 and educated at Grenfell High School. He was a farmer, bank officer and served in the military between 1941 and 1946. He was a member of the Australian Country Party (predecessor to the Nationals) and was active in the NSW Legislative Assembly between 1959 and 1981. He filled positions such as Minister for Conservation and Minister for Cultural Activities, Acting Minister for Agriculture and Assistant Treasurer. His pastimes include cattle breeding and tennis.

<b>1973 &amp; 1996</b>	<b>Dr Hilarie Lindsay</b> OAM- Was Born 18 April 1922 in Sydney. She is an accomplished author having written professionally for over 40 years and has more than 20 books to her credit. She has written across all genres including short stories, poetry, fiction, children's, non-fiction and a full-length play. In 1973 Lindsay became President of the Society of Women Writers. She has been awarded the MBE and an OAM for Services to Literature and the Queen's Jubilee Medal. She has twice won the Grenfell Henry Lawson Statuette for prose and is a long term patron and supporter of the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts.
<b>1974</b>	<b>Patrick White</b> -Born 28 May 1912, Knightsbridge, London to Australian parents, who settled in Sydney when he was six months old. At the age of ten, White was sent to boarding school. After school White spent two years working as a jackaroo. He attended Cambridge University and earned a Bachelor of Arts. When WWII broke out he joined the Royal Air Force and became an intelligence officer serving in Egypt, Palestine and Greece. He published 12 novels, two short story collections and eight plays. He won two Miles Franklin Literary Awards for <i>Voss</i> and <i>Riders in the Chariot</i> . In 1973 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.
<b>1975</b>	<b>John St Vincent Welch</b> -Pastoralist and significant local citizen who involved himself in numerous groups. He served as president of the Henry Lawson Festival and the show society for a number of years. Welch was also involved in the Grenfell dramatic society.
<b>1976</b>	<b>Ted Roberts</b> -Born 17 April 1931 in Sydney, New South Wales. After completing his education, Roberts commencing his career as one of Australia's champion freelance scriptwriters and producers for television and film. Roberts's credits include <i>Skippy</i> , <i>Homicide</i> , <i>Water Rats</i> , <i>A Country Practice</i> , <i>Blue Heelers</i> , <i>Mission Impossible</i> and <i>Star Trek</i> . Roberts was presented with the Richard Lane Award for Services to the Australian Writers' Guild, and the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts prize for the TV miniseries <i>Lindsay's Boy</i> .
<b>1977</b>	<b>Clive Evatt</b> – Born 6th June 1900 in East Maitland, New South Wales. Educated at the Royal Military College, Duntroon and awarded a Kings Medal in 1921. Called to the Bar in 1926, Evatt became a prominent barrister. A Labor politician who served as the Minister of Housing and Assistant Treasurer. He was expelled from the party in 1956 and stood as an Independent in 1959. Has been the president of the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and trustee of Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park.
<b>1978</b>	<b>Lorraine Bayly</b> AM -Born January 16, 1937 in Booligal, but grew up in Narrandera, Batemans Bay, Batlow then Sydney. Her interest was always acting. Roles in Australia and New Zealand included <i>Death of a Salesman</i> and <i>The Last Yankee</i> . Television credits include <i>The Sullivans</i> , <i>Neighbours</i> and <i>Play School</i> . Film credits include <i>The Man From Snowy River</i> and <i>1915</i> a period drama about WWI filmed in Quandialla. This film sold to almost 40 countries and won 2 Logies. Bayly was awarded an Order of Australia in 2001.
<b>1979</b>	<b>Steve Liebmann</b> -Born 1944, and grew up in Cooma at the base of the Snowy Mountains. He began his career in rural, regional and city radio and television, at Radio 2XL in his home town, while still attending high school. After Cooma, he worked in Canberra before moving to Sydney. Eventually he became 2UE's director of news and public affairs and presented an afternoon news program. He hosted the early morning TV show <i>Today</i> for 22 years and has worked on all three commercial television channels during his career. Liebmann received awards including 'News Presenter of the Year' from the Australian Commercial Radio Industry and the Penguin Award for Special Recognition for Contribution to News. He is considered one of our most respected radio broadcasters and television anchors.

<b>1981</b>	<b>Malcolm Thompson</b> - Born in Yorkshire in 1949. An actor on the soap opera <i>Coronation Street</i> , as well as film and theatre in London's West End. He married an Australian woman and after visiting in 1976, made Australia his home. Thompson is best known for his role in <i>The Restless Years</i> and <i>Number 96</i> . Other Australian credits include live theatre and morning television. Thompson left acting for the hotel industry and worked his way up from waiter to general manager of the Park Hyatt, Tokyo, where he coordinated shooting of the film <i>Lost in Translation</i> .
<b>1982</b>	<b>Peter Sumner</b> -Born January 29, 1942 in Sydney. He was educated in the UK and Australia including the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Sumner worked as a high school English teacher before began an apprenticeship with the ABC. This led to a career as actor, director, writer and adaptor of screenplays in theatre, film and television. His acting credits include parts in such films as <i>Star Wars</i> , <i>Ned Kelly</i> and television roles such as <i>All Saints</i> and <i>Heartbreak High</i> . He has narrated hundreds of commercials and documentaries and is a tutor in screen acting at the Australian Academy of Dramatic Art.
<b>1983</b>	<b>Jennifer Murphy</b> -Began her theatrical career in Australia and has performed in New York and on the West End in London, in productions such as <i>My Fair Lady</i> and <i>Evita</i> . More recently Murphy directed musical productions in Australia and Ireland. Murphy has also provided musical consultancy and been a vocal coach for stage, film and television on productions in Australia and overseas including <i>Star Struck</i> , <i>Thunderstruck</i> and <i>Razzle Dazzle</i> . Murphy is Artistic Director for Performing Arts in Catholic Schools and is head of musical theatre at the Australian Institute of Music.
<b>1984</b>	<b>James Dibble</b> AM -Presented the first news bulletin in 1956, bringing viewers up to date on the Russian invasion of Hungary. The 15-minute bulletin contained only 2 minutes of pictures as it was thought to trivialise the news. His television presenting career spanned almost 30 years at the ABC ending in 1983. Dibble was the first winner of the Clear Speech Award in 1967 and won a second time in 1968. Dibble served as a Director and Chairperson of the Peer Support Foundation and is a past president of the Rotary Club of Warringah and a member of Rotary International Public Relations Committee.
<b>1985</b>	<b>Peter Lawson</b> -Henry Lawson inspired his great nephew at an early age to began a life long interest in the pioneering period and the gold rush. Lawson now lives on Magnetic Island in Queensland where he produces intricate portraits, landscapes and streetscape scenes. Lawson has been capturing the historical importance of local communities around Australia in his art for over forty years.
<b>1986</b>	<b>Thomas Keneally</b> AO -Born 7 Oct 1935 in Sydney. Keneally spent his early years in country towns of northern NSW before commencing theological studies for the Catholic priesthood, though he did not take Orders. He turned to clerical work and school teaching before publication of his first novel in 1964. Since that time he has been a full time writer with the odd stint as a lecturer. He is one of Australia's most popular and prolific writers, having published more than 30 novels, dramas and screenplays. Keneally won the Miles Franklin Award twice and was short-listed for the Booker Prize on 4 occasions. In 1982 he won the Booker Prize with <i>Schindler's Ark</i> , later made into the Academy Award-winning film <i>Schindler's List</i> . Keneally was awarded the Order of Australia in 1983 for services to Australian Literature.