

Festival History

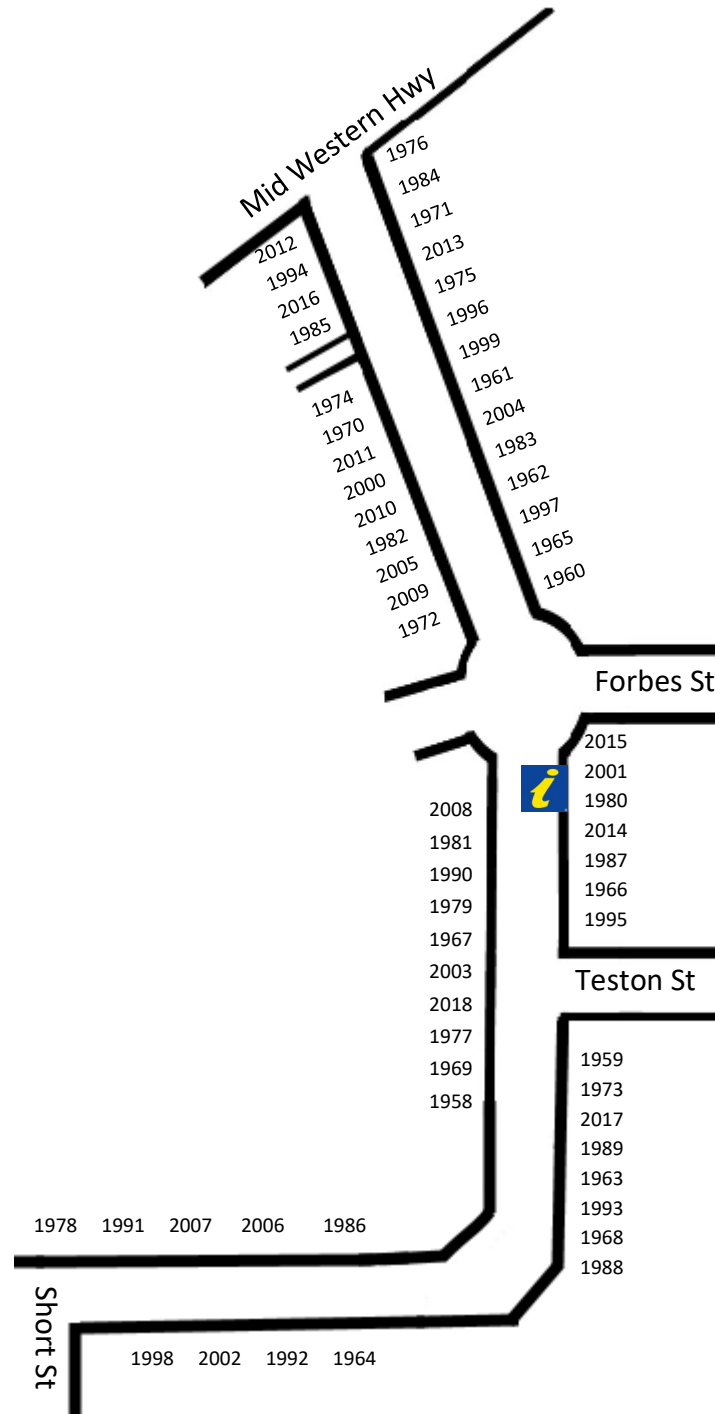
In a special meeting called in November 1957, the then Headmaster of the Grenfell High School, Mr Harold Goodwin, moved that an annual festival be held to commemorate the birth of Henry Lawson at Grenfell. The festival was first held in 1958 and has continued ever since. The Festival is held in the week leading up to and including the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June.

The festival is named "The Grenfell Henry Lawson Festival of Arts" and it seeks to promote and attain recognition for aspiring Australians in the fields of poetry, writing, composing, painting, and television.

Statuettes executed in bronze by Michael Mandelc are a feature of the Festival and are presented each year at the Awards Dinner. They are awarded to the overall winners for the Art, Photography, Short Story and Verse competitions. The statuettes have gained considerable prestige throughout Australia.

Walk of Fame Plaque Locations

To commemorate the 50th Henry Lawson Festival of Arts in 2007, plaques honouring each official guest were laid in the Main Street footpaths. The plaques are randomly placed on both sides of the street. Consult the list on the reverse side of this pamphlet for the guest's names and the year they attended the festival. If you require further information, a Walk of Fame Guest Profile Brochure is available.



The Henry Lawson Festival Of Arts



Walk of Fame

Main Street
Grenfell

www.grenfell.org.au/attractions/walk-of-fame

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Official Guests of The Henry Lawson Festival of Arts

Year	Official Guests
1958	Prof Colin Roderick CBE - Author
1959	Hon Ray S Maher MLA - Labor NSW
1960	Olav Nordland - Norwegian Consul
1961	Sir Eric Woodward KCVO - NSW Governor
1962	Eric Baume - Journalist
1963	Ald Harold Jensen - Lord Mayor of Sydney
1964	John Thompson - ABC Broadcaster
1965	Neil Hutchison - ABC Television
1966	Michael Sawtell - Author
1967	Bertha Jago (Lawson) - Daughter of Henry Lawson
1968	Bill Peach - Television Personality
1969	Leonard Teale - Actor
1970	Chuck Faulkner - Actor
1971	Harold Goodwin - Founder, Henry Lawson Festival
1972	Hon George Freudenstein MLA - NSW Country Party
1973	Dr Hilarie Lindsay OAM - Author
1974	Patrick White - Author
1975	John St Vincent Welch - Past President Henry Lawson Festival
1976	Ted Roberts - Author
1977	Clive Evatt QC - Labor Party
1978	Lorraine Bayly - Actor
1979	Steve Liebmann - Television Presenter

Year	Official Guests
1980	Leonard Teale - Actor
1981	Malcolm Thompson - Actor
1982	Peter Sumner - Actor
1983	Jennifer Murphy - Actor
1984	James Dibble AM - ABC News Reader
1985	Peter Lawson - Artist
1986	Thomas Keneally AO- Author
1987	Di Morrissey - Author
1988	Slim Dusty AO- Country Music Singer
1989	Eric Rolls AM- Author
1990	Bridget Goodwin - Film Maker
1991	Mike Hayes - Journalist
1992	Leon Becker AM - Broadcaster
1993	Alan Moir - Cartoonist
1994	Geoff Lawson OAM- Cricketer
1995	Carol Willis - Camp Quality
1996	Dr Hilarie Lindsay OAM - Author
1997	Garry McDonald AO- Actor
1998	Paula Duncan AM - Actor
1999	Judy Nunn - Actor
2000	Peter Bensley - Actor
2001	Colin Buchanan - Country Singer

Year	Official Guests
2002	Jan O'Neill (Lehane) - Tennis Star
2003	Alan Jones AO - Broadcaster
2004	Her Exec. Prof Marie Bashir AC - NSW Governor
2005	Don McAlpine - Cinematographer
2006	David Foster OAM- Wood Chopper
2007	Hon Ian Armstrong OBE - National Party
2008	Sandy Fussell - Author
2009	Max Cullen - Actor
2010	Juliette Palmer-Frederick - Author
2011	Gregory Bryan - Historian
2012	Dick Smith AO - Entrepreneur
2013	Chris Coleman — Broadcaster
2014	Mark Grentell —Director/Writer/Producer
2015	Roy Billing - Actor and Writer
2016	Vanessa Grimm - News Presenter
2017	Tara Moss - Author, Journalist, Documentary Presenter
2018	Alison Bell - Actor, Producer
2019	Inga Simpson - Author