



## Wendy Blacklock Industry Legend Award

Guidelines for determination.

**Endorsed by the PAC Australia board of management:** May 30, 2023.

### 1. Background

PAC Australia's annual IMPACT Awards, celebrate excellence in performing arts leadership, new thinking, and best practice, with a focus on lasting impact in communities.

The awards ceremony will usually align with the Australian Performing Arts Exchange (APAX).

The criteria for the IMPACT Awards are intentionally broad to attract nominations that reflect the complexity and diversity of our industry. Further information on the IMPACT awards is published on the PAC Australia website <https://paca.org.au/events/impactwards/>

The highest achievement in the awards is the **Wendy Blacklock Industry Legend Award**, honouring the illustrious career and the services of Wendy Blacklock AM, who is a pioneer of national touring and founder of Performing Lines.

### 2. Process and consideration

The PAC Australia board determines the Wendy Blacklock Industry Legend award, without a specific call to the membership for nominations. Recommendations for the Wendy Blacklock Industry Legend Award are often received from the members, or wider sector, which are passed onto the board for their consideration.

This award may be bestowed to an organisation or an individual.

This award does not replace the "Touring Legend Award" (previously bestowed by PAC Australia in the Drover Awards format). The award is intended to reward extraordinary leadership and exceptional service to the performing arts industry, specifically within the field of presenting (which may also encompass touring) to align with PAC Australia's representation within the broader performing arts sector.

The board may take length of service to the sector into account in their determination of the award recipient, however the focus of the award is exceptional service rather than long service.

Board members are invited to contribute throughout the year to a “long list” of potential organisations or individuals for consideration for the award, however there is no requirement to select from this list in determining the final award winner.

Assuming the awards ceremony is scheduled to align with APAX in the second half of the year, the board will determine the Wendy Blacklock Industry Legend Award in May or June each year.

The board will be bound by the Panel Code of Conduct in determining the award. The current code is published on the PAC Australia website <https://paca.org.au/events/impactwards/>).

The board will also be required to declare any conflicts of interest in their deliberations, to be noted in PAC Australia’s Conflict of Interest Register.

### **3. Notification and Conferral**

The award recipient will be notified in writing by the Chair of PAC Australia.

The formalities of conferring the award will be undertaken by PAC Australia staff.

Should the nominated recipient choose not to accept the award, the board will be notified, and a meeting will be called to determine an alternative winner.

#### Previous winners:

2025 Rhoda Roberts  
2024 Annette Downs  
2023 Restless Dance Theatre  
2022 Stephen Page

#### Previous Touring Legend winners:

2019 Critical Stages Touring  
2018 CIRCA  
2017 Rachael Maza  
2016 Bronwyn Edinger  
2015 Monkey Baa Theatre Company  
2014 Robert Love  
2013 Penny Miles  
2012 Bell Shakespeare  
2011 John Wood  
2010 Peter Owens  
2009 Bangarra Dance Theatre  
2008 Patch Theatre Company  
2007 Christine Dunstan  
2006 Jackie Weaver  
2005 Wendy Blacklock  
2004 Garry Ginnivan