

# Lawyer X wins gold at Walkleys

For the second consecutive year News Corp Australia journalists have won the Gold Walkley, with *Herald Sun* reporters Anthony Dowsley and Patrick Carlyon recognised for their courageous and risky work over many years to expose the biggest scandal in Australia's legal history, Lawyer X.

It follows last year's recognition for *The Australian's* Hedley Thomas, who won the coveted journalism award for the Teacher's Pet podcast.

The Walkley judges said Dowsley and Carlyon overcame the odds to produce the Lawyer X stories which recast people's understanding of Melbourne's gangland wars.

The Walkley judges said: "Anthony Dowsley and Patrick Carlyon took on the legal system and the police, pursuing this story doggedly for five years. Their coverage was comprehensive and they were relentless in uncovering the biggest scandal in Victorian legal history."

The judges also singled out the *Herald Sun's* "major commitment" for "journalistic persistence that has changed Australia".

"That's what a Gold Walkley is all about," they said.

News Corp Australasia chairman Michael Miller said the awards recognised journalism's role in keeping the public informed.

"The role of the media is to shine a light on dark places, which can involve telling dangerous truths to those in power. That's exactly what the *Herald Sun* has done with its Lawyer X coverage and what all of our mastheads strive to do every day.

"Anthony and Patrick's dogged persistence, overcoming countless suppression orders to expose one of Victoria's greatest scandals well deserves the recognition they've received."

Dowsley and Carlyon's efforts also saw them win a Walkley for Coverage of a Major News Event Or Issue and a third Walkley for Investigative Journalism.

Additional News Corp Australia journalists also won a number of other Walkley's.

*The Courier-Mail's* Baz McAlister won best Headline, Caption or Hook and Fadzil Hamzah won best Production for The Ibrahim Tapes in *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Sunday Telegraph*.