

MEDIA RELEASE

KATE McClymont WINS INAUGURAL FAIRFAX WOMEN OF INFLUENCE AWARD

**- McClymont also wins the category award for Public Agenda Setting -
- Five other Fairfax staff named as category award winners -**

October 3, 2013: Fairfax Media has held its inaugural Fairfax Women of Influence Awards to identify and recognise female employees who have made a valuable contribution to the company, its future, and the broader community.

Senior investigative journalist for *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*, Kate McClymont, received the overall award as the Fairfax Woman of Influence which included \$10,000 for professional development. McClymont also won the Fairfax Women of Influence category award for Public Agenda Setting.

Fairfax Media CEO Greg Hywood said: "Kate is a worthy recipient of this award. She's one of Australia's most respected journalists and is never afraid to be heard. Kate should be commended for her tireless pursuit of the truth in her reporting. We're all better off for having people like Kate in the job of asking the questions that people don't want asked."

McClymont started her career at *The Sydney Morning Herald* as a cadet at the age of 25, has five Walkley Awards, and at this year's NSW Kennedy Awards for Excellence in Journalism won the awards for Outstanding Crime Reporting, Outstanding Court Reporting, and shared the award for 'Scoop of The Year'.

Mr Hywood said: "Kate is great role model and is in good company with our other award winners and the many other highly-commendable nominees. We have many talented and highly capable women in our business and we will do everything we can to encourage their success throughout their careers."

The Fairfax Women of Influence for 2013 were held today in Sydney at a ceremony attended by Fairfax staff and Board Members Sandra McPhee and Linda Nicholls, who presented the awards.

Category award winners, who each received \$2,500 for professional development, include:

Change Champion

Lois Turei – Chief of Staff and Acting GM of Fairfax Editorial Services in the Fairfax New Zealand division (Auckland)

For revolutionising work flows and being a leader in one of the greatest transformations in production processes witnessed at Fairfax.

Community Leader

Annamarie Jamieson – Project manager for the Fairfax New Zealand division (Auckland)

For being a driving force behind the launch of Creative Spirit in New Zealand (www.creativespirit.org.nz), an employment program designed to boost employment of people with disabilities, starting with businesses in the creative communication space.

Innovation

Ainslee O'Brien – Director of FX Client Solutions for the Australian Publishing Media division (Sydney)

For lifting the view by others that Fairfax is an innovative company; implementing strategies to foster innovative thinking within her team; and coming up with innovative and successful advertising solutions for clients that bring significant revenue to the APM business.

Leadership

Marnie McKeown – WA State Manager for the Australian Publishing Media division (Perth)

For being a long-time advocate of combined print and digital sales solutions; cultivating effective spheres of influence within a highly competitive market; developing extensive networks; mentoring a wide range of staff; and being an integral leader in the launch and ongoing success of WAtoday.com.au

Young Leader

Nicole Denton – 3AW Content Director (Melbourne)

For rising to the challenge of promoting change and improvement to an already high-performing area of the business; supporting others in their rising careers; becoming the first female senior producer of the 3AW breakfast program; and shaping and supporting the new line-up and format of sister station 2UE.

Public Agenda Setting

Kate McClymont – Senior investigative journalist for the SMH and The Age (Sydney)

For revealing numerous crooked deals and their perpetrators; courageous and relentless investigative reporting, most recently for her notable reporting on the Canterbury Bulldogs salary cap scandal as well as the dealings of the Obeid family and several NSW government ministers.

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About Fairfax Women of Influence

The Fairfax Women of Influence Awards are an internal program that was established following the highly successful external Women of Influence Awards program that is run in partnership with Westpac in Australia and New Zealand, together with The Australian Financial Review and Fairfax Media NZ, respectively.

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Photos of award winners available upon request.