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7am lands accolades at Australian Podcast Awards

The dynamic team behind Australia's No. 1 news podcast has been recognised at this year's <u>Australian Podcast Awards</u> in the categories of Current Affairs and Best Interview.

7am won gold in Current Affairs for its daily, in-depth audio journalism, where listeners hear from the country's best reporters, covering the news as it affects Australia.

Scott Mitchell, editor of *7am*, says, "Winning Best Current Affairs podcast is a tremendous recognition for the whole team here, who have worked tirelessly to bring fascinating stories to our listeners every morning during what has been a huge year of news."

The award recognises *7am*'s reputation for producing sophisticated, timely analysis of current affairs. Since its launch in 2019, *7am* has become Australia's most popular news podcast, garnering over 70,000 daily downloads.

Mitchell continues: "We're very lucky to have an incredible team and leadership here at Schwartz Media. They support the podcast and make it possible to deliver the quality of storytelling we do each day."

7am also claimed silver in the category of Best Interview. Hosted by award-winning investigative journalist Ruby Jones, 7am guests play a critical role in combining breaking news with enthralling behind-the-scenes storytelling.

"Ruby Jones approaches every episode with the same care and intelligence," says Mitchell. "To be recognised with silver in the interview category is a terrific reminder of how important it is to bring incredible guests to the audience every day."

Erik Jensen, editor-in-chief of Schwartz Media, says, "Since its launch, 7am has set the standard for daily news podcasts in Australia. These awards are recognition of the talent and skill that goes into every episode – and of how necessary the show is."

7am is available on Apple, Spotify, LiSTNR and all other podcast apps.