



Monday 24 September 2018 **Gordon Bennett OAM**

60 Years in Melbourne Television Production

Gordon Bennett reflects that “to have spent the past 60 years in an industry for which I have so much passion has been an extraordinary experience. To have been there on the very first day of television, to have worked on the 1956 Olympics, to still be employed in the industry – what amazing good fortune!”

Over a sixty year period Gordon has had many executive roles at Channel 7 including Chief News Cameraman, The Seven Network - Executive Producer Sport, The Seven Network – Executive Producer – Sport, Network Director Sport Production, Executive Producer Current Affairs, Network Executive Producer Olympics, Deputy Director Sport and Olympics.

In these various roles he has covered 8 Olympics Games, produced World of Sport 1977-1986, TV Ringside, Annual Sport Australia Awards, and the funerals of Ron Casey and Ted Whitten. He also produced the first live televised Grand Final, weekly AFL telecasts, Davis Cup, Australian Open Tennis, World Championships in both Athletics and Swimming, Australian Masters Golf, Basketball and the Melbourne Cup Carnival.

Over the years some of his work colleagues have been: Ron Casey, Lou Richards, Bill Collins, Sandy Roberts, Brian Naylor, Mal Walden and Bruce Mc Avaney.

Gordon has received many awards particularly Media (VFL and Penguin) over his long career. He is a Life Member of the Australian Football Media Association, and was inducted into the MCG Media Hall of Fame in 2003. He was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia, General Division in June 2018.

DATE: Monday 24 September 2018
TIME: 6.30pm for 7.00pm
PLACE: Amora Hotel Riverwalk
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