



ARIA TO FOREVER HONOUR THE LATE MUSIC JOURNALIST WITH THE IAIN SHEDDEN ARIA MEDIA SUITE

The legacy of renowned Australian music journalist, **Iain Shedden** will permanently be honoured by the renaming of the ARIA Awards media suite. The room will formally be known as '**The Iain Shedden ARIA Media Suite**' and will be a standing tribute to **Shedden**, who covered numerous ARIA Awards throughout his distinguished career.

The room in which journalists and musicians cross paths during the annual awards ceremony, will display some of his greatest stories to remember a man who devoted his life to the twin disciplines of journalism and music.

The former drummer for The Saints and beloved music industry figure spent 25 years working as a music journalist for *The Australian*. Being an established presence, Iain's rapport with fellow musicians left an everlasting mark.

Denis Handlin AO, ARIA Chairman and Chairman and CEO of Sony Music Entertainment

Australia and New Zealand and President, Asia said:

“Iain was an outstanding person who had the utmost respect in the industry. He was an incredible music journalist and a long time member of the landmark punk band The Saints.

Iain’s career reflected his passion for artists and music. Through his distinguished writing, music fans enjoyed brilliant insightful stories on a wide range of artists, music and industry news.

On behalf of all ARIA members, we are honoured to be able to pay tribute to such an esteemed member of the music industry at the 31st Annual ARIA Awards and to uphold Iain’s legacy with the renamed Iain Shedden ARIA Media Suite for the ARIA Awards.”

Iain was a passionate musician, beloved husband to his wife Christine, father of two to Molly and Conor and friend to many industry figures and artists alike.

The 2017 **ARIA Awards** with **Apple Music** will be held at **The Star Event Centre, Sydney**, an event which will be a memorable experience for not only the deserving musicians but also the members of the music industry.