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ARIA #1 Chart Awards return March 6 to celebrate the success of Australian artists

Join the Australian music industry as it celebrates the achievements of those exceptional Australian artists who made it to the top of the Motorola ARIA Charts in 2007. March 6 is the date set aside for the ARIA #1 Chart Awards, an event designed to honour those artists who achieved a number one single, album or music DVD throughout the year.

Media, industry and musicians alike will converge on Sydney's premiere harbourside venue, Doltone House, with proceedings designed to utilise the exceptional setting to full effect. In keeping with last year's successfully reinvigorated format, a media conference will pre-empt the Awards themselves, with the event proper commencing in the afternoon, all presided over by host extraordinaire James Mathison.

In the period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, a selection of very diverse Australian acts spent 29 weeks in the #1 position across the ARIA singles, album or music DVD charts. Last year's chart reflected the spectacular return of artists of the calibre of Crowded House, Kylie Minogue, Silverchair, Delta Goodrem, Human Nature, Powderfinger, AC/DC and Missy Higgins, whilst recognising the burgeoning success of acts such as John Butler Trio, Damien Leith, Evermore and The Veronicas.

Denis Handlin AM, ARIA Chairman and Chairman and CEO, SONY BMG Music Entertainment Australia and New Zealand, said "ARIA would like to congratulate the artists who achieved number ones across this period. The continuing chart-topping success of Australian artists is inspirational. These results highlight the ongoing appeal of our domestic artists to music consumers in this country."

2007 saw 13 singles from Australian artists awarded gold, platinum or multi-platinum status, whilst 35 individual Australian albums were acknowledged with platinum or multi platinum certification.

Many of these artists have already confirmed their attendance on March 6, with two chart-toppers set to perform in an acoustic environment. This year's event will also unveil some exciting new local talent, including two up and coming artists who will perform acoustically alongside their much-lauded peers.

The artists who will be recognised at the **2007 ARIA #1 Chart Awards** are as follows:

ARTIST	TITLE	WEEKS AT #1	LABEL
Evermore	Light Surrounding You	1 week	WAR
Silverchair	Straight Lines	4 weeks	ELEV/EMI
	Young Modern	4 weeks	ELEV/EMI
Missy Higgins	Steer	1 week	ELEV/EMI
	On A Clear Night	1 week	ELEV/EMI
Delta Goodrem	In This Life	1 week	SBME
	Delta	1 week	SBME
Damien Leith	The Winner's Journey	3 weeks	SBME
	Where We Land	1 week	SBME
Human Nature	Reach Out – Live At The Capitol Theatre	1 week	SBME
John Butler Trio	Grand National	1 week	JAR/MGM
The Veronicas	Hook Me Up	1 week	WAR
Powderfinger	Dream Days At The Hotel Existence	1 week	UMA
Kylie Minogue	2 Hearts	1 week	WAR
	X	1 week	WAR
Crowded House	Time On Earth	1 week	EMI
AC/DC	Plug Me In	5 weeks	ALB/SBME

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