

RUPERT McCALL OAM – Poet/Author



Rupert McCall is an Australian poet of international renown. His tributes to special events and occasions have become highly sought-after and treasured for the indelible mark they've left on audiences everywhere.



He is the author of six anthologies of verse that have collectively sold over 120,000 copies. Equally at home in radio or on TV, his resume features hosting roles for CH7's *The Great South East*, 4BC's *Sports Today* program and CH9's *Weekend Extra*. Rupert's great passion for sport was on display when he was appointed commentator for CH10 at the 2007 *Rugby World Cup* in France.

In many sectors, Rupert McCall has become the poet of our generation. In 2005 he was awarded the honour of opening the *Prelude to the Dawn Service in Gallipoli* with his acclaimed and moving tribute *NINETY YEARS AGO* and in 2011, he recited his poem *A FIREFIGHTER'S DREAM* at Ground Zero for the New York Fire Dept on the 10th Anniversary of 9/11. Rupert has also paid tribute to heroes and legends such as Roger Federer, Rod Laver, Greg Norman, Phil Hughes, Gary Ablett, John Eales, Dawn Fraser, Don Bradman and Black Caviar!

His popularity transcends all demographics and ages, from the schools he visits to the corporate and sporting functions that he entertains. He is a passionate Australian and his ability to share this enthusiasm with any audience is warmly received.

He has hosted and spoken at various high profile functions including Allan Border Medal Dinners, AFL Hall of Fame Dinners, Olympic receptions, racing occasions from Flemington to Birdsville, Test Match Rugby functions, tributes and testimonials. Rupert has already carved out a unique position in the Australian psyche and will continue to captivate and inspire audiences for years to come.

In 2013 as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours List, Rupert received a Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia for services to the community, particularly as a poet.