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Christian Wilkins and Bridget Hustwaite to host ARIA Red Carpet Diamond Edition by Toblerone

Rhys Nicholson to host for Stan on the red carpet and backstage with Bridget Hustwaite

Kicking off the festivities on the **2023 ARIA Awards** Red Carpet Diamond Edition by Toblerone, will be model and actor, Christian Wilkins and music presenter, author and podcaster, Bridget Hustwaite, who are set to light up the Red Carpet as our esteemed red carpet hosts on Wednesday, 15 November at the Hordern Pavilion.

Together, Christian and Bridget will be live from 1.30pm on @ARIA_Offical YouTube channel where they will bring you all the exclusive moments, fashion highlights and interviews with all your favourite artists live from the Hordern Pavilion.

Christian Wilkins said: "Growing up I've always loved watching the red carpet and seeing all the artists in their wonderful outfits, and now to be able to co-host the **ARIA Awards** Red Carpet Diamond Edition by Toblerone, with the gorgeous Bridget is truly a pinch me moment. I can't wait to speak to some of our biggest stars and celebrate an incredible industry that is Australian music."

Bridget Hustwaite said: "I've spent the last five years reporting on the **ARIA Awards** as they unfolded on triple j, so to step out of the radio studio and onto the red carpet is an absolute dream! Australian music has been on fire this year so I'm really excited to celebrate all the amazing nominees and of course work alongside the absolute stars that are Christian Wilkins and Rhys Nicholson!"

Award-winning comedian and popular judge of the Stan Original Series RuPaul's *Drag Race Down Under*, Rhys Nicholson, will be bringing their frivolity to the red carpet, interviewing nominees, performers and celebrities ahead of the live awards. The ARIA fun will continue throughout the live ceremony for Stan Backstage, where Rhys will be joined by Bridget, to chat exclusively with the award-winners and performers straight off the stage.

Rhys Nicholson said: "I am simply bursting at the seams with excitement to shout at the beautiful people on the red carpet and then spend the evening backstage grilling Bridget and award-winners



about their music knowledge. What's their favourite chord? How does a CD work? Which Minogue would win in an arm wrestle? All the big questions."

Iconic premium chocolate brand Toblerone is proud to partner with ARIA to debut their most premium chocolate offering, the new Diamond Shaped Praline, in the **ARIA Awards** Red Carpet Diamond Edition by Toblerone.

Ben Wicks, Vice President Marketing for Mondelez International said: "Toblerone is thrilled to be part of the **2023 ARIA Awards**, as we recognise the best and brightest talent in Australian music. Just as Toblerone's distinctively shaped chocolate stands out in a world of squares, the **ARIA Awards** Red Carpet will celebrate the diversity, originality and brilliance of the industry."

With views of some of Australia's most celebrated icons, Crown Sydney will play host to industry partners and visiting artists as the official accommodation and strategic entertainment partner of the **ARIA Awards**. The images attached of Bridget, Christian and Rhys were shot at the Teahouse, Crown Sydney.

As the place where things get interesting, Crown will also unveil the decadent *ARIA Style suite*, where industry talent and artists will prepare to walk the **ARIA Awards** Red Carpet Diamond edition by Toblerone.

Some of Australia's most recognised artists will be hitting the red carpet, including: Troye Sivan, Ruel, Budjerah, DMA'S, Fanny Lumsden, G Flip, Jessica Mauboy, Meg Mac, Peach PRC, Bliss n Eso, 1200 Techniques, Sound Unlimited Posse, KYE, Jet, Baker Boy, BARKAA, Claudia Karvan, Cub Sport, Dermot Kennedy, Dylan Alcott, Hau Latukefu, Jack River, Jessica Mauboy, Joel Corry, Ruel, Kate Ceberano, Marcia Hines, Pia Miranda, Tim Rogers, Missy Higgins, Emma Memma, The Teskey Brothers, Lime Cordiale, Dan Sultan and many more.

This year's sold-out event promises to be a night filled with unforgettable moments, showcasing the best homegrown music Australia has to offer with a rocking line-up of performers coming together to make the Awards the biggest night of the year in Australian music.

Watch the **ARIA Awards** live from 5.00pm AEDT, only on Stan. The live stream will be followed by a special presentation on Channel 9 from 7.30pm with performances and moments also available on the [@ARIA.official](https://www.youtube.com/@ARIA.official) YouTube channel.

- Live from **1.30pm AEDT**: Red Carpet on [@ARIA.official](https://www.youtube.com/@ARIA.official) YouTube channel
- Live from **5.00pm AEDT**: The **2023 ARIA Awards** in full, only on Stan. The full show will also be available on demand on Stan following the official live stream.
- **7.30pm AEDT**: A **2023 ARIA Awards special presentation** on Channel 9 and streamed outside of Australia on YouTube

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ABOUT ARIA

The Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) is a national industry association with more than 175 members representing major and independent record producers, manufacturers, and distributors. ARIA acts as an advocate for the Australian music industry, administers the labelling code of practice, and compiles industry information and research. It also produces the ARIA Charts every week and the annual ARIA Awards. Most importantly, ARIA supports Australian music and creates opportunities for it to be heard.

We acknowledge First Nations people as the Traditional Owners and sovereign custodians of the lands on which we work and live. We recognise their continuing connection to Country and their respective nations across this continent and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We also celebrate the unique and inspiring creativity and songlines of the world's oldest living culture and give thanks for the immeasurable influence First Nations people continue to have over the music and art we all enjoy.



