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Radio people awarded Orders of Australia in Queens Birthday list

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Steve Ahern has received an Order of Australia medal for service to radio broadcasting as an educator, media trainer and author in the Queens Birthday Honours list, announced today. Other radio people to receive awards in today's honours announcement include ArtSound's **Chris Deacon**, multicultural presenter **Eugenia Moraitis**, and community broadcaster **Gary Thorpe**.

Steve Ahern has told **radioinfo** he is humbled by the award, which recognises his contribution to this industry through training and through major projects such as the foundation of a national media training school for South Africa as part of an AusAid project in the 1990s, and the more recent series of digital radio roadshows he developed. Ahern is also the author of the text book *Making Radio* and the original founder of this radio industry website.

Chris Deacon received his award for service to the ACT community by his leadership of the ArtSound community station in Canberra, which has recently expended its facilities and now does professional audio recording and audio work for the National Film and Sound Archive.

Eugenia Moraitis is a Victorian radio presenter and producer and Gary Thorpe is a Queensland community broadcaster.

Former 60 Minutes tv journalist **Ian Leslie** and chair of public broadcaster SBS **Carla Zampatti** also received awards in today's honours list.



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