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Respected radio executive Graham Mott inducted into Hall of Fame

One of radio's most respected and well-liked executives, Graham Mott, has been inducted into the Commercial Radio Hall of Fame at the 2012 Australian Commercial Radio Awards (ACRAs).

Graham was honoured for his outstanding lifetime achievement and contribution to the radio broadcasting industry at a gala ceremony, attended by 1300 of his industry peers at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre in Sydney.

Most recently General Manager of Fairfax Radio Network, Graham began his radio career as a talk radio panel operator at 2GB in 1969. He went on to hold many positions at talk and music stations over the next 42 years including program producer, production manager, operations manager, music director, program director and general manager. He worked at a variety of radio stations including 2SM, 2GB, 3AW, 2WS and 2UW..

Graham was also a Commercial Radio Australia Board member for many years as well as Chairing the industry Research Committee at various times.

Married with four children, Graham and his wife live in Melbourne.

Graham was honoured by some of the industry's biggest names at tonight's ACRAs including Neil Mitchell, Derryn Hinch and Ross Stevenson.

Commercial Radio Australia chief executive officer, Joan Warner said: "Graham Mott has been a staunch supporter of commercial radio for many years and has contributed greatly to its growth and development on many levels."

The Hall of Fame recipients are nominated by industry peers and are selected by a high level judging committee. Previous inductees include last year's Tony Pilkington, Derryn Hinch, John Laws, Bob Rogers, Gary O'Callaghan, Paul Thompson, Bob Francis, Rod Muir and the late Frank Hyde.

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Red carpet & winners photos available at <http://cra-events.dphoto.com/folder/c61c8s>

Red carpet vision from Awards Night will be available EX Globecast, Sydney - 2130 (AEDST) Saturday October 13.

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