# The Australian Biosecurity Awards 2024: Video description and transcript

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## Introduction

This is the accessible text transcript of the Australian Biosecurity Awards 2024 highlight reel.

## Transcript

[Video begins]

Screen 1 [00:00:00.000 - 00:00:04.000]: [Video description: Title text on background]

[Text]: The Australian Biosecurity Awards 2024.

[Audio]: Uplifting music

Screen 2 [00:00:04.000 - 00:00:23.000]: [Video description: Adam Fennessy PSM, Secretary Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, addresses guests with video montage of 2024 Australian Biosecurity Award recipients]

[Audio]: I think it's so fitting that we're here at Parliament House, which is a coming together in a meeting place across Australia to recognise the achievements of many in this room for your biosecurity achievements and for you being champions of what we do together across Australia.

Screen 3 [00:00:23.000 - 00:00:44.000]: [Video description: Justine Saunders APM, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity, Operations and Compliance Group, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, addresses guests with video montage of 2024 Australian Biosecurity Award recipients]

[Audio]: As the person privileged to lead and manage Australia's government biosecurity efforts on a daily basis, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude. Your contributions not only strengthen our national biosecurity system but also inspire all of us to be biosecurity champions. Managing biosecurity risk is not just a government responsibility, it's a shared duty that connects all of us.

Screen 4 [00:00:44.000 - 00:00:54.000]: [Video description: Adam Fennessy PSM, Secretary Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, addresses guests with video montage of 2024 Australian Biosecurity Award recipients]

[Audio]: For the first time we've introduced a First Nations award for excellence in biosecurity, so that is an important milestone for the evolution of the Australian Biosecurity Award program.

Screen 5 [00:00:54.000 - 00:01:22.000]: [Video description: The Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, addresses guests with video montage of 2024 Australian Biosecurity Award recipients]

[Audio]: All of this is in part due to our strong biosecurity system of which we should all be incredibly proud, but particularly the people in this room who have put so much of their energy and effort into ensuring that Australians are kept free from pest and disease. And because of this vital work, because of your vigilance, your innovation, and your hard work, we're paving the way to strengthen our biosecurity system while motivating others to join our national effort. And thank you again, and congratulations to all our winners.

Screen 6 [00:01:22.000 - 00:01:30.000]: [Video description: List of 2024 award categories]

[Text]: Congratulations to the 2024 Australian Biosecurity Award recipients.

9 award categories:

* Dr David Banks Biosecurity Lifetime Achievement Award
* Dr Kim Ritman Award for Science and Innovation
* First Nations Award for Excellence in Biosecurity
* Farm Biosecurity Producer of the Year
* Industry
* Government
* Environmental Biosecurity
* Community
* Education.

[Audio]: Uplifting music

Screen 7 [00:01:30.000 - 00:01:39.000]: [Video description: List of 2024 award recipients]

[Text]: 2024 Australian Biosecurity Award recipients:

* Dr Leslie David Sims – Dr David Banks Biosecurity Lifetime Achievement
* Dr Laurence Mound – Dr Kim Ritman Award for Science and Innovation
* Uncle Dave Wandin – First Nations Award for Excellence in Biosecurity
* Western Cape Turtle Threat Abatement Alliance – First Nations Award for Excellence in Biosecurity
* Australian Prawn Farms – Farm Biosecurity Producer of the Year
* Shayne and Blaise Cini – Karden (Qld) Pty Ltd – Farm Biosecurity Producer of the Year
* Dr Michelle Wille – Environmental Biosecurity
* John Park – Industry
* Brisbane City Council, Keep Moreton Island (Mulgumpin) Cane Toad Free – Government
* Biosecurity Queensland, African swine fever prevention and preparedness project – Government
* Southern NSW Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub (hosted by Charles Sturt University) – Community
* SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium and Agriculture Victoria – Education.

[Audio]: Uplifting music

Screen 8 [00:01:39.000 - 00:01:45.000]: [Video description: Title text on background]

[Text]: The Australian Biosecurity Awards 2024.

[Video ends]

[End of transcript.]

**Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge the continuous connection of First Nations Traditional Owners and Custodians to the lands, seas and waters of Australia. We recognise their care for and cultivation of Country. We pay respect to Elders past and present, and recognise their knowledge and contribution to the productivity, innovation and sustainability of Australia’s agriculture, fisheries and forestry industries.

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