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Senator Faulkner asked: Has the nature of the ceremony been consistent over the years?

Answer: The nature of the presentations of the Australian of the Year awards has varied from year to year. Prior to Australia Day 2003, the three main awards (Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year and Senior Australian of the Year) were presented at three separate ceremonies. The National Australia Day Council decided to restructure the awards programme for 2003 to bring together the presentation of the three awards in one ceremony, and to include a new Local Hero award. The presentation ceremony was broadcast on national television.

Presentation format of Australian of the Year awards over the past four years:

2003		
Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Local Hero (national televised broadcast)	25 January 2003	Princess Theatre, Melbourne
2002		
Australian of the Year	25 January 2002	Admiralty House, Sydney
Young Australian of the Year	24 January 2002	Great Hall, Parliament House
Senior Australian of the Year	26 September 2001	Great Hall, Parliament House
2001		
Australian of the Year (live insert into Today Tonight)	25 January 2001	Great Hall, Parliament House
Young Australian of the Year	24 January 2001	Great Hall, Parliament House
Senior Australian of the Year	4 October 2000	Great Hall, Parliament House
2000		
Australian of the Year (concert format and televised)	25 January 2000	Hordern Pavilion, Sydney
Young Australian of the Year	20 January 2000	Great Hall, Parliament House
Senior Australian of the Year	30 September 1999	Great Hall, Parliament House