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Shortlist announced for Australia's most prestigious prize in business literature

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Four fascinating books have been shortlisted in the 2014 Ashurst Business Literature Prize - Australia's richest and most prestigious award for business writing, the State Library of NSW announced today.

The shortlisted authors and titles are:

- **Andrew Burrell** – *Twiggy: The High Stakes Life of Andrew Forrest* (Black Inc.)
- **Ben Hills** – *Stop the Presses: How Greed, Incompetence (and the Internet) Wrecked Fairfax* (ABC Books/HarperCollins)
- **Margaret Simons** – *Kerry Stokes: Self-Made Man* (Penguin Group Australia)
- **Rodney Tiffen** – *Rupert Murdoch: A Reassessment* (NewSouth)

The shortlist was selected by an independent judging panel comprising former ASIC Chairman and former Deputy Chancellor of the University of Sydney, Alan Cameron AO; leading business journalist and Walkley Foundation Board member, Narelle Hooper; and Richard Fisher AM, General Counsel and Adjunct Professor at the University of Sydney.

Chair of the judging panel, Alan Cameron, commented: "This year's entries displayed a diversity of topics and approaches but with a decided trend towards analyses of prominent business leaders. The high standards set in previous years have been maintained and the judges will need to meet again to agree upon the winner."

The award was established by law firm Ashurst (formerly Blake Dawson) and the State Library of NSW to encourage the highest possible standards of literary commentary on Australian business and financial affairs written by an Australian author.

Last year, the Ashurst Business Literature Prize was expanded to include Australian authored works addressing international and global commercial life and its participants.

According to Ashurst Vice Chairman, Mary Padbury: "The Ashurst Business Literature Prize is Australia's most significant award for business writing.

"The works shortlisted for the 2014 Prize are about well-known key business leaders whose careers are of great interest to the Australian public. Ashurst is

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proud to support Australian business writers and to encourage the highest standards of considered commentary in the fields of business and finance.”

The winner will be announced at a special presentation dinner in Sydney on 4 March 2015.

Background information:

- Books nominated for the 2014 Business Literature Prize must have been first published between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 and commercially available in Australia within this period.
- Writers and illustrators whose works are nominated must be living Australian citizens or persons holding permanent resident status.
- Last year's prize was won by the award-winning journalist and author Malcolm Knox for *Boom: The Underground History of Australia, from Gold Rush to GFC* (Penguin Group Australia).

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