

Sound+Image magazine's surprise Digital Radio of the Year

Sound+Image has announced its annual awards for consumer audio-visual equipment, with some interesting results in the category for Digital Radio.

The black-tie Awards dinner took place at the Sheraton on the Park, Sydney, on October 20th, and was hosted by Sound+Image Editor Jez Ford.

"With the digital radio category, we were keen to reflect the different ways in which DAB+ broadcasts can now be received," explains Jez.

"We're delighted to see the growth in in-car radios with DAB+ — we've always thought it critical to widespread adoption, and the winner of our In-car Head Unit under \$500 is Alpine's CDE-136BT.

"In the hi-fi space we awarded a Highly Commended Award to the NAD C 446 digital media tuner, which has DAB+, FM and AM, as well as internet radio and digital file support.

"Another Highly Commended went to the latest version of Pure's rugby-ball of a radio, the Sensia 200D Connect, as an example of how far a radio can be taken, with music streaming, Facebook, Twitter and more all under touchscreen control."

But the winner of the prestigious award for Digital Radio of the Year surprised many at the event. It is the Bush TR82DAB, which adds DAB+ to a design that first appeared in the market in 1959.

"It's not what people expected, I know, probably including Bush Australia themselves!" says Jez. "But it's excellent value, far larger than anything else at the price (RRP \$129) and that helps deliver a rich radio sound from all the best that digital radio has to offer. And everyone loves the retro design. We reckon every home should have one."

The complete list of Sound+Image Award winners is available here: <http://www.avhub.com.au/index.php/Features/Sound+Image/soundimage-awards-2013.html> and all the winners will be celebrated in a Special Awards Issue of Sound+Image in both print and digital editions.

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