



Adam Noble

'Goldwell's Inspirational Director'

Next Hair has been awarded more national titles than any other salon in the Australian Capital Territory.

Owner Adam Noble, an icon in the industry, has been chosen as one of Australia's top 10 hairdressers for more than 10 years. He made history by becoming the first and only hairdresser from Canberra to win the prestigious Australian Hairdresser of the Year, a title recognizing the most outstanding talent from the top echelon of hairdressing.

Giving back to the industry and developing hairdressing as a genuine profession is Adam's biggest priority outside of the salon — as a mentor, a trainer, an educator and a judge. Adam continues to be selected as an educator based on his ability to explain complex cutting techniques in an easy-to-understand and motivating manner.

Up and coming stylists need the support of experts in the industry to grow their skills and refine their techniques and Adam is tireless when it comes to sharing the expertise he has built up over 28 years in the industry. As well as conducting master classes and teaching workshops and seminars, he also has judged for many competitions in Australia and internationally. Adam also educates the next generation of hairdressers - in private sessions in salons around Australia, including those owned by industry icons such as Sharon Blain and Sandy Chong.

He has looked after the hair of a United States President and First Lady, actors such as Cate Blanchett, royalty such as Sweden's Crown Princess Victoria, and internationally-renowned musicians such as Toni Childs. Here in Australia, he regularly cuts for high-profile personalities, including members of the Prime Minister's family and other politicians and diplomats.

As master educator of Goldwell's Australian Creative Team, Adam seizes every opportunity to teach and train in the industry, pushing it to be the best it can be. This involves frequently

travelling across Australia. His expertise and solid reputation for being a top hairdresser has also led him to continue to be invited to judge many hairdressing competitions in Australia and abroad.

Is hairdressing like fashion, does it constantly change every season, is it as fickle?

Hair and fashion are so tightly linked they cannot be pulled apart. Fashion is about a great look, from head to toe. Great hair is integral to that look.

What's the latest emerging look for women/men?

Stronger but refined and vibrant shapes are in, with exaggerated fringes, short or long. Shapes vary box bobs and lots of disconnected layers for fabulous movement are emerging looks. Thankfully, the style requires less need to flatten hair with straightening irons.

The latest shapes depend, as all fabulous hair cuts do, on harmony with colour. Stylish colour accents are part of the latest look, adding a level of intrigue. New formulas using different pigments merge with authentic colours adding dimension and a multi-tone look to the hair. At first glance the look is subtle and natural, but on second glance unique and special. A natural more lived-in feel is the look.

What makes a good hairdresser?

Any advice for aspiring hairdressers?

A good hairdresser is someone who communicates well with their clients by building trust and mutual respect, advising honestly but tactfully about a desired style, offering options and continuing to suggest change.

A good hairdresser is also not afraid to take control yet deliver a style and colour for the client that, when seen in the mirror, they can identify with—one that makes them smile and helps them express who they are.

