



THE KENNEDY AWARDS

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2015 NRMA KENNEDY AWARDS' NOMINEES SORTED FROM RECORD ENTRIES

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More than 100 nominees from a record field of 540 entries across the state were announced tonight for all 33 competitive categories for the 2015 NRMA Kennedy Awards for Excellence in NSW journalism.

The finalists included media professionals from all major metropolitan newspapers and television and radio networks as well as journalists, photographers and artists from regional newspapers and radio networks in the New England, Hunter, Illawarra and western areas as well as the Riverina.

After weeks of close scrutiny by experienced judges the finalists in each category were revealed in the palatial surrounds of the Australia Turf Club's The Stables at Royal Randwick.

Kennedy Foundation trustee and senior judge Peter Kogoy said the judges were highly impressed with the caliber of entries from metropolitan and regional newspaper, radio, television and online journalists, artists and photographers.

"In a massive news year the standard of submissions from the cream of Australian media professionals is exceptional," Mr Kogoy said.

"From investigative journalism to news breaking, superb feature writing and incredible pictorial entries, a class field has emerged to contest the coveted Spirax Trophies produced by Pelikan Artline.

"In a challenging and diversifying media environment quality journalism will always prevail and this certainly has been the case in 2015."

The hosts for the finalists' announcement function were foundation sponsors Racing NSW and the Australian Turf Club, which is also hosting the gala presentation ceremony at Royal Randwick's Grand Ballroom on August 7.

The Kennedy Awards and Kennedy Foundation acknowledged the very generous support of its major partner, NRMA Motoring + Services, as well as its other loyal sponsors:

Pelikan Artline - makers of the wonderful Spirax trophy - Racing NSW, the Australian Turf Club, the Nine, Seven and TEN networks, Sky News Australia and SUEZ environment, The Sydney Morning Herald, Destination NSW, Stockade Brewery, the ATP Men's Tour, the Australian Hotels Association, ANZ Stadium, Hillbrick Bicycles, NRMA Insurance, NSW Health, Paradigm Resources, Apollo Gas, P&O Cruises, Holland America Line, Carnival Australia and A Current Affair.

Tickets for the August 7 ceremony/black-tie ball are just \$190, and include a tax-deductible donation to the Kennedy Foundation – an officially registered charity to support news media professionals in hardship, with compassion, in confidence.

The ticket covers all drinks between 7.00pm and 2am, and a superb three-course meal prepared by the ATC's world-class chefs – a feast which received rave reviews after the 2013 event, the first to be staged in the brand new ballroom.

This year's Kennedy's "winter ball" will also feature the superb talents of musician and singer Sarah McLeod, former front woman of the rock band The Superjesus.

The event begins with drinks at 7.00pm and from 8pm to about 10.15pm the ABC's Lateline co-presenter, Emma Alberici, will host the presentation of 34 Spirax Trophies to the cream of the state's media talent, including the coveted P&O Cruises NSW Journalist of the Year.

NSW Premier Mike Baird will be one of the guest presenters at the awards along with some of the biggest names in Australian media.

After the Awards' presentations, guests will be invited to join the "after party" at Royal Randwick's The Stables until 2am.

Individual tickets and tables for 10 can be booked via eventarc
<https://register.eventarc.com/29734/2015-nrma-kennedy-awards-for-excellence-in-nsw-journalism>

2015 Kennedy Awards for Excellence in NSW Journalism Finalists

1. LES KENNEDY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CRIME REPORTING

Emma Partridge - The Sydney Morning Herald
Rebecca Le Tourneau, Tara Brown – 60 Minutes, Nine Network
Thea Dikeos, Stephen Pennells – Sunday Night

2. CHRIS WATSON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING REGIONAL PRINT REPORTING

Andrew Pearson, Daisy Huntly – The Daily Advertiser Wagga
Cydonee Mardon, Alistair Langford-Wilson - The Illawarra Mercury

Nigel McNay - The Border Mail

3. PAUL LOCKYER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING REGIONAL BROADCAST JOURNALISM

Tom Lowrey - ABC Mid-North Coast
Daniel Sutton – TEN Eyewitness News
Adam Harvey - 7.30 Report, ABC TV

4. ROD ALLEN AWARD FOR RACING WRITER OF THE YEAR Sponsored by Racing NSW and the Australian Turf Club

Adam Pengilly - The Sydney Morning Herald
Chris Roots - The Sydney Morning Herald
Christian Nicolussi - The Daily Telegraph

5. OUTSTANDING TURF REPORTING Sponsored by the Australian Turf Club and Racing NSW

Adam Pengilly - The Sydney Morning Herald
John Lehmann, Andrew Clennell, Miles Godfrey -The Daily Telegraph
Chris Roots - The Sydney Morning Herald

6. SEAN FLANNERY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RADIO REPORTING

Natalie Peters - 2GB
Amelia Birnie - 2UE
Michelle Taverniti - 2UE

7. OUTSTANDING RADIO CURRENT AFFAIRS

Sharon Davis - Freelance
Sarah Dingle - ABC
Mandie Sami - ABC Radio National

8. OUTSTANDING NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

Chris McKeen - The Daily Telegraph
Jonathan Marshall – Diimex
Andrew Meares - The Sydney Morning Herald

9. OUTSTANDING PORTRAIT

Nicholas Walker - The Good Weekend
Kate Geraghty - Fairfax Media
Dylan Robinson - The Border Mail

10. OUTSTANDING ONLINE PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY

Mike Bowers - The Guardian
Nicholas Walker - Fairfax Media
Dallas Kilponen - Fairfax Media

11. OUTSTANDING ONLINE VIDEO

Luke Blair - 60 Minutes, Nine Network
Mike Bowers, Jonny Weekes, Todd Moore - The Guardian
Bill Code - The Guardian

12. OUTSTANDING SPORT PHOTO **Sponsored by ATP Men's Tour**

Sylvia Liber - The Illawarra Mercury
Brett Costello - The Daily Telegraph
Rohan Kelly - The Sunday Telegraph

13. CLIFF NEVILLE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING TEAM PLAYER

To be announced on the night of the gala event

14. OUTSTANDING TRAVEL WRITING **Sponsored by Destination NSW**

Daniel Scott - The Sydney Morning Herald
Kerry van der Jagt - Fairfax Media
Greg Bearup - The Australian

15. PETER FRILINGOS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SPORT REPORTING **Sponsored by ANZ Stadium**

Peter Lalor - The Australian
Jessica Halloran - The Sunday Telegraph
Caro Meldrum-Hanna, Sam Clark, Max Murch – Four Corners, ABC TV

16. YOUNG JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR **Sponsored by Hillbrick Bicycles**

Ava Benny Morrison - AAP
Taylor Auerbach - The Daily Telegraph
Joel Tozer – The Feed, SBS

17. JOHN NEWFONG AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS REPORTING

Sponsored by Paradigm Resources

Nick Greenaway, Michael Usher – 60 Minutes, Nine Network
Bill Poulos - The Northern Daily Leader
Greg Bearup - The Australian

18. GARY TICEHURST AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING NEWS CAMERA COVERAGE

Sponsored by the Nine Network

Oliver Clarke, Josh Martin - Nine News
Greg Parker - 7 News
Greg Barbera - Sunday Night, 7

19. HARRY POTTER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING TELEVISION NEWS REPORTING

Sponsored by Network TEN

7 News Team
Damian Ryan - Nine News
Melinda Nucifora - TEN Eyewitness News

20. OUTSTANDING TELEVISION CURRENT AFFAIRS

Sponsored by A Current Affair, Nine Network

Caro Meldrum-Hanna, Sam Clark and Max Murch
Four Corners, ABC TV - "Making A Killing"

Liz Hayes, Stephen Rice, Laura Sparkes and Alice Dalley
60 Minutes, Nine Network - "The Siege Survivors"

Linton Besser, Ali Russell and Mario Christodoulou
Four Corners, ABC TV - "The Jobs Game"

21. PETER RUEHL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COLUMNIST

Lenore Taylor - The Guardian
James Jeffrey - The Australian
Adele Ferguson - Fairfax Media

22. OUTSTANDING FINANCE REPORTING

Will Glasgow, Jemima Whyte - The Australian Financial Review
Anthony Klan - The Australian

Adele Ferguson, Ruth Williams - Fairfax Med

23. OUTSTANDING CONSUMER AFFAIRS REPORTING

Caro Meldrum-Hanna, Ali Russell and Mario Christodoulou – Four Corners, ABC TV

Claire Aird - ABC

Josie Taylor and Alison Branley - 7.30 Report, ABC TV

24. OUTSTANDING ONLINE NEWS BREAKING

Sponsored by the Sydney Morning Herald

Fiona Friend, Marc Dodd, Peter Lalor and Simon King - The Australian
The Guardian

Nick Ralston - The Sydney Morning Herald

25. SCOOP OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Holland America Line

Alice Dalley, Tara Brown- 60 Minutes, Nine Network

Robert Ovadia, Adam Walters - 7 News

Paul Maley, Greg Bearup - The Australian

26. OUTSTANDING COURT REPORTING

Sponsored by Stabilo

Janet Fife-Yeomans - The Daily Telegraph

Louise Hall - The Sydney Morning Herald

Dan Box, Greg Bearup - The Australian

27. OUTSTANDING ILLUSTRATION

Scott "Boo" Bailey - The Daily Telegraph

Eric Lobbecke - The Australian

Rocco Fazzari - The Sydney Morning Herald

28. OUTSTANDING REPORTING ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Sponsored by SUEZ environment

Matthew Kelly - The Newcastle Herald

Marian Wilkinson, Ali Russell and Mario Christodoulou – Four Corners, ABC TV

Anne Davies - The Sydney Morning Herald

29. OUTSTANDING FEATURE WRITING

Sponsored by Stockade

Richard Guillatt - The Australian

Tim Elliott - The Sydney Morning Herald

Trent Dalton - The Australian

30. OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Sponsored by 7 News

Anthony Klan - The Australian

Caro Meldrum-Hanna, Sam Clark and Max Murch - Four Corners, ABC TV

Adele Ferguson – Fairfax Media

31. OUTSTANDING POLITICAL REPORTING

Sponsored by NRMA Insurance

Taylor Auerbach - The Daily Telegraph

Sean Nicholls - The Sydney Morning Herald

Andrew Clennell - The Daily Telegraph

32. KENNEDY AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Sponsored by SKY NEWS

TBA at August 7 gala

33. P&O CRUISES NSW JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Caro Meldrum-Hanna – Four Corners, ABC TV

Phil Rothfield - The Daily Telegraph

Chris Reason - 7 News

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