



## MEDIA RELEASE

### KENNEDY AWARDS PARTNERSHIP WITH ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE

The 2013 Kennedy Awards for Excellence in NSW Journalism will be making a major contribution to the health of Aboriginal Australians.

The Kennedy's have formed a partnership with the Aboriginal Medical Service at Redfern.

The Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) was established in 1971. It was the first Aboriginal community controlled health service in Australia, and it is now a key Indigenous community organisation, from which most Aboriginal medical services around the State of New South Wales have stemmed.

The AMS pioneered the concept of Aboriginal community-controlled health care, and as part of its broader objectives, the AMS aims to improve the health standards in Aboriginal communities across Australia.

The service now provides medical, dental, aged care, drug and alcohol services to around 55,000 patients each year.

Kennedy Awards charity director Rebecca Richardson welcomed the opportunity for Sydney's media community to help the AMS.

"Apart from recognising and celebrating journalistic excellence in NSW the awards are all about creating a solid legacy for the late Les Kennedy, one of Australia's leading indigenous journalists," Ms Richardson said.

"We are certain Les would be thrilled that an event named in his honour is supporting the AMS."

This year's Kennedy Awards will be staged in the brand new Australian Turf Club ballroom at Royal Randwick in Friday, August 9th.

Entries close July 1 for all work completed in the current financial year.

For gala tickets and awards entry go to [www.kennedyawards.com.au](http://www.kennedyawards.com.au)

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