



THE KENNEDY AWARDS

PAUL WHITTAKER JOINS NRMA KENNEDY AWARDS JUDGING TEAM

The Kennedy Foundation is delighted to announce three-time Walkley winner and *The Daily Telegraph* Editor Paul Whittaker has joined the judging team for the 2015 NRMA Kennedy Awards.

Mr Whittaker, a former editor of *The Australian*, brings a wealth of experience to the adjudication of the P&O Cruises *NSW Journalist of the Year*.

He joins News Corp colleague Miranda Devine, Network TEN's Executive Director of News & Current Affairs Peter Meakin and PRIME TV CEO and Destination NSW Chairman John Hartigan in judging the Gold Spirax.

Other members of our experienced judging panel include Melissa Hoyer, Steve Creedy, John ChouEIFate, James Croucher, Paul Fenn, Felicity Moffatt, Candy Sutton, Nichola Younger, Kellie Sloane, Steve Warnock, Geoff Greenwood, Bill Woods, Tracy Spicer, Peter Kogoy, Mike Duffy, Ben Hanson, Lindsay Day, Andy Taylor, Bob Pearce, Rick Stevens, Alex Mitchell, Jonathan Marshall, Anthony Peterson, Robert Kinny, Tom Krause, Patrick Burns, Roger White, David Ritter, Peter Ryan and Simon Dulhunty.

Now in our fourth year, the Kennedy Awards recognise the work of Australia's finest news media professionals in our industry's most competitive market.

Entries for work in the current financial year must be submitted to kennedyawardsjudging@gmail.com by close of business on July 1.

The finalists in all 33 competitive categories will be announced July 22.

The presentation of the Spirax trophies will take place at our annual gala ceremony and winter ball in the Grand Ballroom of Royal Randwick on Friday, August 7.

Registration for a \$30 donation to the Kennedy Foundation and gala ticket purchases can be completed via our home page at www.kennedyawards.com.au

Entries close at 6pm, July 1, 2015 for any material broadcast or published between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

Three finalists in each category will be selected and the judging committee <http://kennedyawards.com.au/judges/> will be identifying exceptional examples of ground breaking, gutsy and creative journalism - demonstrating a profound and enduring impact in NSW.

Judges will also take into account resources, research, preproduction, preparation, logistical challenges, public interest and community benefit.

There is no limit to the number of tax-deductible entries, as long as each one is registered separately.

Entry is \$30 for every **unrelated** item of work

Entry for a series of **related** stories (maximum five) is also \$30

Email your entries to kennedyawardsjudging@gmail.com and include your links, video & audio files, PDFs, Jpegs, a recent headshot and up to 400 words in support of the entry.

For video entries we suggest you upload your video to youtube.com or vimeo.com, if there is not an existing web link to the piece. Hightail and drop box files are also acceptable.

For Journalist of the Year, Best Columnist, Political Reporting and Young Journalist of the Year a maximum of five pieces can be entered under a single \$30 entry.

Competing against your own work is allowed and an entry fee is applicable for each item submitted.

The NRMA Kennedy Awards are staged by the *Kennedy Foundation* – a registered charity that provides financial and other support to news media professionals in hardship, with compassion in confidence.

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