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Twitter sponsors Young Journalist of the Year

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Australia's media charity the Kennedy Foundation is honoured to announce Twitter has sponsored the prestigious Kennedy Award for 2018 Young Journalist of the Year.

The Young Journalist of the Year Award, open to Australia's finest journalists aged 26 years and younger, will be announced at the seventh annual NRMA Kennedy Awards for Excellence in Journalism at Royal Randwick, on August 10. The winner of the coveted award will also receive a \$5,000 cash prize to go toward their journalistic efforts.

As part of its growing partnership with the Kennedy Foundation, Twitter is also supporting the Les Kennedy Scholarship for Indigenous Journalism Students. The scholarship, first started in 2016, aims to help support an Indigenous student from regional NSW studying journalism at the University of Technology Sydney.

Students who win the scholarship will receive Twitter training and support as part of their studies.

Announcing Twitter's sponsorship of the award and scholarship, Kennedy Foundation chairman Simon Dulhunty said the awards and the foundation were honoured to have Twitter support excellence in young journalism.

"The Kennedy Foundation is extremely grateful to have the generous backing of Twitter whose support of young media professionals battling it out in a highly volatile and competitive media market every day is a breakthrough for the awards," Mr Dulhunty said.

“The Young Journalist of the Year Award recognises standout achievement by a young journalist in either the print or electronic media and acknowledges supreme craftsmanship and expertise in what promises to again be a crack field this year.

“It is only fitting that Twitter, which has promoted an exchange of information, comment and breaking news by Australian reporters, should be sponsoring an award recognising the rich talent of emerging young journalists.”

"Twitter is honoured to be working with the Kennedy Foundation as part of our ongoing support for the future of quality journalism in Australia," said Jonathan Harley, Director of News, Asia Pacific at Twitter.

“As the fastest news platform on the planet, Twitter celebrates and encourages the very best reporting.

“We’re very excited to partner with the Kennedy Foundation for the Young Journalist of the Year Award as well as work with them to support future generations of Indigenous journalists.”

The NRMA Kennedy Awards for Excellence in Journalism are named in honour of Sydney crime reporter Les Kennedy who died aged 53 years in 2011. The awards are produced by the Kennedy Foundation, a registered charity for media professionals facing hardship, as well as to other state and national charitable organisations.

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