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Sky News Sponsors Outstanding Political Reporting Award

The NRMA Kennedy Awards for Excellence in Journalism is honoured to welcome Sky News as the new sponsor of the prestigious award for Outstanding Political Reporting.

The political category, recognising the outstanding efforts and contributions of the nation's top political media professionals, will be presented to the winner at this year's gala event at the Australian Turf Club's Royal Randwick Ballroom on Friday 9 August 2019.

Now in its 8th year, the Outstanding Political Reporting Award will once again be in popular demand following a number of ground-breaking parliamentary stories coinciding with the highs and lows of the 2019 election battleground.

Introduced due to popular demand in 2012, the Outstanding Political Reporting Award has since been bestowed upon some of Australia's most outstanding political journalists and commentators, including *The Daily Telegraph's* Andrew Clennell in 2014 and 2015 with a series of exclusive parliamentary stories from NSW as well as Sky News Political Editor David Speers who received the award for his unmatched excellence in covering the 2016 Federal Election.

Last year Sky News presenter and National Political Editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, Sharri Markson took out the Outstanding Political Reporting Award and was voted Journalist of the year.

Announcing the sponsorship with Sky News, Kennedy Foundation Chairman Simon Dulhunty said: "The Outstanding Political Reporting category was introduced at the inaugural 2012 Kennedy Awards by popular demand and since then has attracted high quality entries from some of our country's finest political reporters and commentators.

"The Kennedy Foundation is extremely grateful to again have the generous support of Sky News Australia for this coveted category which continues to recognise great reporting in both the print and electronic media, political journalism that stands out from the coverage of other competitors in the industry.

"The award is a fitting recognition of the expert work our political reporters continue to do – and have done for decades – and we welcome Sky News' involvement in 2019," Mr Dulhunty said.

Sky News Chief Executive Officer Paul Whittaker said: “Sky News is proud to once again support one of the most prestigious events in the Australian media calendar.

“Since its inauguration in 2012, Sky News has supported the Kennedy Awards across many categories including the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Award for Outstanding Finance Reporting. Now supporting the hotly contested category of Outstanding Political Reporting, we look forward to being part of the award that recognises the exceptional efforts of Australia’s leading political journalists.”

The NRMA Kennedy Awards for Excellence in Journalism are supported by the Kennedy Foundation, a registered charity to administer a benevolent fund for media professionals facing hardship as well as to other state and national charitable groups.

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