



MEDIA RELEASE

A Current Affair again supports weekly television current affairs reporting award

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The NRMA Kennedy Awards for Excellence in Journalism is honoured to again have the generous support of the *Nine's A Current Affair* as sponsor of the award for Outstanding Television Current Affairs Reporting, a category recognising excellence in weekly state and national reports.

Last year the Kennedy Foundation modified its recognition of outstanding television current affairs reporting with a special new category for weekly reports alongside a separate award for nightly productions.

A Current Affair was the inaugural sponsor of the single Outstanding Current Affairs Reporting Award in 2015 and agreed in 2017 to sponsor the weekly category as current affairs continued to play a key role in television news coverage and analysis throughout Australia.

The award for weekly current affairs reporting will be presented to the winner at the 7th

NRMA Kennedy Awards' gala event at the Australian Turf Club's Royal Randwick Ballroom on Friday August 10.

Announcing A Current Affair's continued sponsorship of the award, Kennedy Foundation chairman Simon Dulhunty thanked the show for its ongoing commitment to the NRMA Kennedy Awards and quality current affairs journalism.

"We are grateful that ACA has continued its generous support of current affairs reporting, fittingly a respected show which has been a long-running and significant player in national television current affairs," Mr Dulhunty said.

"The current affairs category was first introduced at the inaugural 2012 Kennedy Awards by popular demand and we are confident the award will again be keenly contested.

“The category acknowledges the superb work Australia’s current affairs teams do every week, often in extremely challenging and hazardous circumstances.”

A Current Affair’s Executive Producer, Mr Steve Burling, said ACA was “proud to be a part of NSW’s leading journalism awards, the Kennedys”.

“We are proud to again sponsor the Outstanding Current Affairs Reporting category. There has never been a more important time for strong, independent journalism to be encouraged and recognised,” Mr Burling said.

“In many ways our profession is at a crossroads as commentary is passed off as legitimate journalistic content, and investigative reporting is lost amongst the white noise of social media.

“A Current Affair will continue to support the Kennedys, as the awards celebrate excellence in journalism.”

The NRMA Kennedy Awards for Excellence in Journalism continue to recognise our finest media professionals and those who have put so much back into the industry. The awards are produced by the Kennedy Foundation, supporting media professionals in hardship as well as other charities.

The 2018 presentation will culminate with the announcement of the \$25,000 Kennedy Prize for *Australian Journalist of the Year*.

NB: Entries are officially open for the 2018 NRMA Kennedy Awards. Entries for work in the current financial year must be submitted to kennedyawardsjudging@gmail.com by close of business July 1. Entry is \$40 for every **unrelated** item of work and \$40 for a series of **related** stories (maximum five). The finalists in all competitive categories will be announced on Wednesday, July 25. Gala ticket purchases for the August 10 awards can be completed via our home page at www.kennedyawards.com.au

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