



2020 NRMA Kennedy Awards' Finalists

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Categories and finalists

1 Les Kennedy Award for Outstanding Crime Reporting -

Simon Bouda (A Current Affair); Australian Story: An Innocent Abroad (ABC); Michael Usher and team: Framed, the story of Scott Austic (7 News)

2 Paul Lockyer Award for Outstanding Regional Broadcast Reporting

(sponsor AGL) – Prime 7 Local News - Coast Team; Jane Goldsmith (NBN News); ABC Background Briefing/Landline

3 Chris Watson Award for Outstanding Regional Newspaper Reporting

(sponsor AGL) – Carla Hildebrandt (Mandurah Mail); Madeline Link (Northern Daily Leader); The Tumut and Adelong Times, Tumbarumba Times

4 Rod Allen Award for Racing Writer of the Year (sponsor Australian Turf Club)

– Damien Ractliffe, Chip Le Grand (The Age); Ray Thomas (Daily Telegraph); Chris Roots (Sydney Morning Herald)

5 Sean Flannery Award for Outstanding Radio Journalism (sponsor Hillbrick Bicycles)

– Gavin Coote (ABC Audio Current Affairs); Steve Cannane and Kyle Taylor (ABC Background Briefing); Elini Psaltis (World Today ABC)

6 Outstanding Podcast (sponsor broadcast voice coach Sally Prosser)

– Mark Whittaker: Blood Territory; Kimberley Pratt and Stephanie Coombes: First Person series (10 News First); The Eleventh (ABC Radio Programs)

7 Outstanding News Photo (sponsor Salty Dingo) – Sam Ruttyn (Sunday Telegraph); Nick Moir (Sydney Morning Herald); Dallas Kilponen (freelance pic for the Sydney Morning Herald)

8 Outstanding Portrait (sponsor Salty Dingo) – Richard Dobson (Sunday Telegraph); James Brickwood (Australian Financial Review Magazine); John Appleyard (Wentworth Courier)

9 Outstanding Sports Photo (sponsor Salty Dingo) – Brett Costello: Canberra Raiders (Daily Telegraph); Phil Hillyard: James Tedesco (Daily Telegraph); Micky Capparelli, freelance (Jeff Horn knockout)

10 Outstanding Online Video (sponsor Salty Dingo) – Let Her Speak: Nina Funnell, Lori Youmshajekian;(news.com.au) Paul Walker: CBD Stabber (7News); Tom Compagnoni: The Forgotten Sydney of AC/DC (Sydney Morning Herald)

11 Power of the Lens “The People’s Choice Award” (sponsor Salty Dingo) – to be announced at the gala event

12 Vince O’Farrell Award for Outstanding Illustration (sponsor Artline) – Christopher Downes (Mercury newspaper); Eric Lobbecke (The Australian); Cathy Wilcox (Sydney Morning Herald)

13 The Cliff Neville Award: Outstanding Team Player (sponsor) – to be announced at the 2020 gala event

14 Peter Frilingos Award for Outstanding Sports Reporting (sponsor Stonemasons and Landscapers) – Julian Linden: Chinese swimmer (Sunday Telegraph); Neil Breen: Josh Reynolds (9 News); Steve Cannane and Kyle Taylor: Bet 365 scandal (ABC)

15 2020 Young Journalist of the Year (sponsor Judith Neilson Institute for Journalism and Ideas) – Lauren Golman (A Current Affair); Zoe Samios (Sydney Morning Herald); Joshua Hanrahan (Daily Mail Australia)

16 Outstanding Travel Writing (sponsor RM Asia Pacific) – Katrina Lobley (Weekend Australian); John Borthwick (Weekend Australian); Anabel Dean (Island Life magazine)

17 Lifetime Achievement Award (sponsor Daily Telegraph, Sunday Telegraph) – to be announced at the 2020 gala event

18 John Newfong Award for Outstanding Indigenous Affairs Reporting – Michaela Whitbourn (Sydney Morning Herald); Living Black NITV; Australian Story, Making His Mark

19 Gary Ticehurst Award for Outstanding TV News Camera Coverage (sponsor Nine News) – Tim Myer (7 News); Cam Wallis (7 News); Paul Walker (7 News)

20 Harry Potter Award for Outstanding Television News Reporting (sponsor 10 News First) – Chris O’Keefe (9News); Kieran Gilbert, Andrew Clennell (Sky News); Tegan George (10 News First)

21 Outstanding Television Current Affairs Reporting (sponsor A Current Affair) – Mark Willacy: The Killing Field (Four Corners); Nick McKenzie, Grace Tobin, Nick Toscano: Crown Unmasked (60 Minutes); Tara Brown, Naomi Shivaraman (60 Minutes)

22 Mike Willesee Award for Outstanding Nightly TV Current Affairs Reporting (sponsor Nine News) – Tracy Grimshaw (A Current Affair); Paul Farrell, Alex McDonald (7.30 ABC); Dimity Clancey, Laura Mangham: Silent Killer (A Current Affair)

23 Peter Ruehl Award for Outstanding Columnist – Louise Roberts (Daily Telegraph); Will Swanton (The Australian); Michael Pascoe (The New Daily)

24 Outstanding Finance Reporting (sponsor Castle Rock Global Capital) – Adele Ferguson (Sydney Morning Herald); Nick McKenzie, Grace Tobin, Nick Toscano (60 Minutes and Fairfax/Nine); Aaron Patrick: Westpac Compliance Series (Australian Financial Review)

25 Outstanding Consumer Affairs Reporting – Amy Bainbridge, Lucy Kent, Loretta Florance: Bankruptcy Hunters (7.30 ABC); Natasha Robinson (The Australian); Alison Branley (ABC)

26 Outstanding Online News Breaking (sponsor Google) – Sarah Thompson, Anthony Macdonald, Tim Boyd (Australian Financial Review); Nine News bushfire coverage;(9news.com.au) Benedict Brook, Gavin Fernando ((News.com.au)

27 Outstanding Court Reporting (sponsor Stabilo) – Adam Cooper, Melissa Cunningham (The Age); Hagar Cohen (ABC); Michael Ruffles, Michael Evans (Sydney Morning Herald)

28 Outstanding Reporting on the Environment – Oliver Murray, Shannon Molloy, Stephanie Bedo (News.com.au); Peter Hannam (Sydney Morning Herald); ABC Landline and ABC Background Briefing

29 Rebecca Wilson Award 2020: Scoop of the Year – Chris O’Keefe (9 News); Mark Willacy: The Killing Field (Four Corners); Anna Caldwell, Richard Noone (Daily Telegraph)

30 Outstanding Investigative Reporting (sponsor 7News) – Family of Suspects (Seven Network); Kate McClymont, Jacqueline Maley (Sydney Morning Herald); The Killing Field (Four Corners)

31 Jim Oram Award: Outstanding Features Writing (sponsor Sydney Morning Herald) – Nick McKenzie (The Age); Trent Dalton (The Australian); Garry Maddox (Sydney Morning Herald)

32 Tom Krause Award for Outstanding Foreign Correspondent (sponsor ABC) – Adam Harvey (ABC Syria); Fiona Pepper (ABC, BBC); Ashlee Mullany (Seven Network)

33 Outstanding Political Reporting (sponsor Sky News) – Annelise Nielsen (Sky News); Chris O’Keefe: Ruby Princess (9News); Andrew Tillett (Australian Financial Review)

34 2020 TPG Telecom Kennedy Award for Australian Journalist of the Year (sponsor TPG Telecom) – Kate McClymont (Sydney Morning Herald); Nick McKenzie (60 Minutes/The Age); Sharri Markson (Daily Telegraph)