



Media Release

It's full steam ahead in a huge news year: call for entries in the 2020 NRMA Kennedy Awards for Excellence in Journalism

Entries currently open until cob July 1

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IN an historic news year the Kennedy Foundation is calling for entries in the 2020 NRMA Kennedy Awards for Excellence in Journalism.

Now in our 9th year, the NRMA Kennedy Awards are scheduled to be staged August 7 however, if necessary, a later date will be announced for the annual gala presentation at Royal Randwick depending on the timetable for lifting restrictions on social distancing.

Kennedy Foundation chairman Rocco Fazarri said last year's record for entries looks set to be broken after one of the biggest news years in living memory.

"The outstanding panel of Kennedy Awards judges is looking forward to selecting the best of the best after a year dominated by catastrophic bushfires and the global COVID-19 pandemic," Mr Fazarri said

"Once again Australian journalists have proven they lead the world with quality coverage of major stories and the NRMA Kennedy Awards will be showcasing the talents of our most outstanding colleagues."

The awards include the richest prize in Australian Journalism - the \$25,000 Kennedy Award for Journalist of the Year.

Entry registration and work from the current financial year are by **close of business July 1**.

Registration is completed via www.kennedyawards.com.au and then submit your entries, 400 word supporting statement and a head shot to: kennedyawardsjudging@gmail.com

Finalists in all 35 categories will be announced on July 22nd.

The Kennedy Awards continue to have the generous support of the NRMA in the year of its 100th anniversary

The NRMA has partnered the Kennedy Awards since the inaugural event in 2012, sponsoring the Outstanding Political Reporting Award for two years before taking up an historic naming rights sponsorship in 2014.

Mr Fazzari said the foundation was honoured to receive the NRMA's ongoing strong commitment.

"The NRMA's unwavering support of our Awards has enabled us to go from strength to strength since the first Kennedy's in 2012," Mr Fazarri said.

The entry fee for the awards is a tax-deductible donation of \$50 to the Kennedy Foundation for each item of work broadcast or published between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. There is no limit to the number of entries if each is registered separately.

Entry for every unrelated item of work or for a series of related stories (maximum of five) is covered by the \$50 entry fee.

In the category of Outstanding Podcast an edited compilation of relevant material broadcast can be entered and should not exceed five minutes.

For video entries we suggest you upload your video to YouTube or Vimeo, if there is not an existing link to the piece. Dropbox and High Tail can also be used to provide video files.

For Journalist of the Year, Best Columnist, Political Reporting, Young Journalist of the Year and Racing Writer you are able to enter a body of work up to a maximum of five pieces under a single \$50 entry.

In the Young Journalist of the Year category entrants qualify if they are yet to turn 27 by June 30.

For all other entries competing against one's self is allowed and an entry fee is applicable for each item of work submitted.

The annual NRMA Kennedy Awards are staged by the Kennedy Foundation, a registered charity supporting colleagues in hardship and promoting excellence in journalism.

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