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9News & Current Affair confirm support for the 10th Anniversary NRMA Kennedy Awards

In a news year again dominated by world political events and the crippling pandemic 9News and *A Current Affair* continue to support quality journalism in the 10th anniversary year of the NRMA Kennedy Awards for Excellence in Journalism.

The annual Kennedy Awards continue to acknowledge excellence in journalism and 9News has re-affirmed its commitment again in 2021, supporting three popular Kennedy television categories.

9News is again sponsoring the Gary Ticehurst Award for Outstanding TV News Camera Coverage, the Mike Willesee Award for Outstanding Nightly Current Affairs and the coveted Kennedy award for Outstanding Television (long form) Current Affairs.

"We're thrilled to be back supporting the 2021 Kennedy Awards," Alexander Needs, Director, Partnerships & Strategy 9News, said.

"The past 12 months have tested our industry and the world at large. The journalism that has come from this period in history has been remarkable and we look forward to honouring the best of the best at this year's awards."

9News' trailblazers and news icons have featured prominently in the annual Kennedy Awards, not only as repeated category winners but particularly in one of the gala night's most loved awards, the Lifetime Achievement Award.

In 2019 retired 9News presenter, the legendary Brian Henderson, was recognised with the Lifetime Achievement Award before a packed house that rose for a standing ovation.

In 2018 trail-blazing Australian journalist Jana Wendt was recognised with the Lifetime Achievement Award before 600 guests.

Kennedy Foundation chairman Mr Rocco Fazzari today praised 9News for its continued support and loyalty to the NRMA Kennedy Awards.

"9News has been a loyal supporter of the Kennedy Awards since the inaugural event in 2012 - as well as its flagship newspaper, The Sydney Morning Herald, supporting the Outstanding Feature Writing Award," Mr Fazzari said.

"In a year dominated by massive stories Nine has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting quality journalism in Australia by again partnering with the Kennedy Awards."

Now in our 10th year, the NRMA Kennedy Awards will be staged Friday August 6 this year, again at Royal Randwick.

The awards are staged by the Kennedy Foundation, supporting colleagues in hardship and promoting excellence in journalism.

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