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NEW APPOINTMENTS TO KENNEDY AWARDS

The Kennedy Foundation has announced the appointment of a new general manager of the annual Kennedy Awards for Excellence in Journalism.

Anna Magnus will lead the organisation of the annual awards gala and associated events, stepping-up from her role as manager of the foundation's Sydney Media Club.

Foundation chairman Mr Rocco Fazzari said Ms Magnus brings immense experience to the awards.

"Anna joined us to work on the awards and the Sydney Media club planning in 2018 and has organised many state-based awards for the Walkley Foundation, including the Queensland Clarion Awards," Mr Fazzari said.

Since the Kennedy Awards began in 2012 almost three quarters of a million dollars has been raised for colleagues in hardship, the promotion of excellence in journalism and charities in the wider community, including the Charles Perkins Trust, the children's cancer charity RedKite and the ANZUP Below the Belt cancer trials.

Ms Magnus was excited to be taking the general manager's role as Kennedy Awards celebrates its 11th year.

"After the Kennedys navigated the challenges of COVID since 2020 to stage our event I'm looking forward to building on what's already been established as a decade long tradition of celebrating journalism," Ms Magnus said.

"Times have been tough across the not-for-profit sector and the foundation is extremely grateful for the faith and support of our loyal partners in helping us survive the trials and uncertainty delivered by the pandemic."

Ms Magnus welcomed the appointment of three new Kennedy Foundation board members, senior News Corp Journalist and Kennedy Award winning Natalie O'Brien, veteran TV presenter Susie Elelman and former Law Society Journal associate editor Kate Allman.

Kennedy Awards co-founder and events director Adam Walters is leaving the Kennedy Foundation following his recent appointment as Brisbane Bureau Chief for Sky News Australia.

“Adam has been a driving force in establishing the awards as an enduring legacy to Les Kennedy and all the other industry legends we honour every year with individual awards named after them,” Ms Magnus said.

This 2022 Kennedys will be staged on Friday August 12 at the Australian Turf Club’s Royal Randwick Grand Ballroom.

Entries for judging open on May 1, and close at 6pm on July 1.