

**YOUNG AUSTRALIAN JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD
FINALISTS ANNOUNCED for 2008**

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The future of Australian journalism is in good hands if the range and quality of entries for the inaugural **Young Australian Journalist of the Year Awards** is any indication.

The Walkley Foundation is delighted to announce the finalists for the awards, which recognise the best work from Australian journalists aged 26 and under.

Around 150 journalists submitted entries for these awards of which 15 nominees, across print, radio, television, photography and online media, have been shortlisted for judging by members of the Walkley Advisory Board.

Judges said the creativity, skill and originality brought by the finalists' to their entries was highly impressive. The diversity and professionalism of the entries as a whole was an indication that the future of the profession continues to be bright, the judging panels agreed.

The winner will embark on an all-expenses paid trip of a lifetime, flying to the US and UK to visit major media organisations in London, New York and Washington, with A\$5,000 spending money.

Category winners will be announced at a cocktail event in July where the overall winner will be named the **Young Australian Journalist of the Year**.

The Young Australian Journalist of the Year Awards, July 17 at the Polo Lounge, Sydney .

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Young Australian Journalist of the Year Awards Finalists

PRINT NEWS FINALISTS

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Amy Remeikis, *The Sunshine Coast Daily*; 'Fatal Flaw'

David Hastie, *The Herald Sun*; 'Miami Bash Charge'

Ben Doherty, *The Age*; 'Australia's Grand Prix – The Truth On Crowds'

TELEVISION FINALISTS

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Hamish MacDonald, Al Jazeera, UBI TV, Australia; 'Pro-democracy Protests'

Sophie McNeill, *Dateline*; 'Palestine – Divided it Falls'

Michael Best, *7 News*; 'Ocean Rescue'

RADIO FINALISTS

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Iskhandar Razak, *The World Today*; 'Rubbish Money'

Michael Atkin, *Triple J*; 'Goat Death'

Conor Duffy, *ABC Radio PM*; 'Rudd Last Week'

ONLINE FINALISTS

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Mark Schliebs, news.com.au; 'The Hidden War on Australia'

Asher Moses, *The Sydney Morning Herald* online; 'PM's Staff Edited Wikipedia'

Jay Savage, ninemsn.com.au; 'The Arrest'

PHOTO FINALISTS

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Andrew Quilty, *AFR Magazine*; 'Untitled Utopia'

Sam Mooy, newspix; 'Solomon Tsunami'

James Brickwood, *Sydney Morning Herald*; 'Sydney Parkour-Sport'



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