



Floods, drought, mining, corrupt cops, deaths in custody, the list of finalists in this year's Queensland Media Awards contains a lot of old favourites, yet the work produced by Sunshine State journalists remains as fresh and powerful as ever.

The Media Entertainment & Arts Alliance received more than 320 entries this year and the winners will be announced at a gala dinner on September 13.

The judges said the standard of entries this year was "as strong as we've come to expect. Queensland continues to be the source of some of this country's most outstanding journalism.

"The range of subjects and the skill and flair of some of these finalists is extremely impressive."

Tickets for the Queensland Media Awards at Sebel & Citigate King George Square, 6.30pm, on Saturday September 13, are still available. For full details visit www.queenslandmediaawards.com.au

The awards follow the Alliance Future of Journalism conference at QUT Gardens Theatre, featuring an impressive array of some of Queensland's top journalists and media commentators. For further information see www.thefutureofjournalism.org.au Tickets for both are being offered as part of a special deal. For details call membership on 1300 65 65 13.

View the full list of this year's finalists here:

Best Comment, Analysis Opinion & Critique (All Media)

- *Dennis Atkins, *The Courier-Mail*, "Party Games"
- *Tanya Chilcott, *The Courier-Mail*, "Family Ties"
- *Tony Koch, *The Australian*, "Justice Fails"

Best Business or Property Reporting (All Media)

- *Patrick Lion, *The Courier-Mail*, "Tanks for Nothing"
- *Ian Townsend, *ABC Radio National 'Background Briefing'*, "Banking on Gas"
- *Liam Walsh, *The Courier-Mail*, "ABC's Tumble"

Social Justice/Indigenous Reporting (All Media)

- *Tony Koch, *The Australian*, "Desperate Hours of Island Rape Victim"
- *Mark Willacy, *ABC TV 'The 7.30 Report'*, "The Pelican Brief"

*John Van Tiggelen & Brian Cassey, *Good Weekend Magazine*, "Another Country – After Sorry"

*Tahnee Watson, *The North West Star*, "Intervention Hits Home"

Excellence in Rural Journalism (All Media)

Finalists will not be announced in this category – winner will be announced on the night

Most Outstanding Journalism Student – Regional (All Media)

*Kerry Brown, *The University of the Sunshine Coast*, "Portfolio"

*Tom Haynes, *The University of the Sunshine Coast*, "Body of Work"

*Kylie Stephenson, *The University of the Sunshine Coast*, "Collection"

Most Outstanding Journalism Student – Metropolitan (All Media)

*Marissa Calligeros, *The University of Queensland*, "Portfolio"

*Belinda Hogan, *Queensland University of Technology*, "Too Clever By Half"

*Kelly Hussey-Smith, *Griffith University*, "Body of Work"

Best Online Content (All Media)

*Jodie Munro-O'Brien, *The Courier-Mail*, "Iraq & Various stories"

*Donald Johannessen, *Carbon Media*, "Black Tracks NY"

*Matt Wordsworth, *ABC Online*, "All Points Queensland"

*Winsome Denyer, *ABC Radio North Queensland*, "NQ Stories of Survival"

Best Cartoon, Illustration or Graphic (All Media)

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Best Broadcast Report – Regional & Community Media

*Stacey Katter, *ABC Radio North West Queensland*, "Is Mount Isa Mine Poisoning Our Children?"

*Carly Waters, *Nine News Gold Coast*, "Bull Shark Tagging"

*Ashley McDermid, *Nine News Gold Coast*, "Footpath Tragedies"

Young Journalist of the Year (All Media)

*Winsome Denyer, *ABC Radio North Queensland*, "Winsome's Interviews"

*Patrick Lion, *The Courier-Mail*, "Bligh's Road Warriors"

*Meg Palmer, *Network Ten*, "Body of Work"

Best Broadcast Interview (All Media)

*John Taylor, *ABC TV 'Stateline'*, "Body of Work"

*Stacey Katter, *ABC Radio North West Queensland*, "Is Mount Isa Mine Poisoning Our Children?"

*Pip Courtney, *ABC TV 'Landline'*, "Election Debate"

Best Television News Report

- *Michael Best, *Seven Network*, "Ocean Rescue"
- *Michael Best, *Seven Network*, "Queensland Floods"
- *Leisa Roles, *Network Ten*, "Mt Isa Health"

Best TV Current Affairs, Documentary or Feature (including Camera Work)

- *Ten News Team, *Network Ten*, "Flooding Rains"
- *Mark Willacy, *ABC TV 'The 7.30 Report'*, "Toxic Town"
- *Pip Courtney & Peter Lewis, *ABC TV 'Landline'*, "Drought Farmers"

Best Television News Camera Work

- *Michael Lloyd, *Seven Network*, "City Night Chaplains"
- *Mark Michalek, *Seven Network*, "Ocean Rescue"
- *Luke Miers, *Seven Network*, "Emerald Floods"

Best Radio Current Affairs or Feature

- *Heather Stewart, *ABC Radio National 'Law Report'*, "Coronial Inquests"
- *Stefan Armbruster, *SBS Radio*, "Stolen Wages"

Best Radio News Report

Finalists will not be announced in this category

Best Radio Production Work

- *Ian Townsend, *ABC Radio Briefing*, "Lost Planes, Lost Men"
- *Antony Funnell, *ABC Radio National 'Media Report'*, "The Media Outlook in Indonesia"

Best Sports Report (All Media)

- *Sean Parnell, *The Australian*, "A Level Playing Field"
- *Fiona Purdon, *The Sunday Mail*, "Athletes Living the Olympic Nightmare"
- *Andrew Hamilton, *The Courier-Mail*, "Gabba or Bust"

Best Three Headlines

- *Geoff Shearer, *The Courier-Mail*, "Tar Very Much"
- *Renard Peters, *The Courier-Mail*, "Sports Toppers"
- *Samuel Hussey-Smith, *UNiverse Magazine*, "Various"

Best Print News Report (Print/Online)

- *Steven Wardill, *The Courier-Mail*, "The Ryan Saunders Story"
- *Tony Koch & Padraic Murphy, *The Australian*, "No Jail for Rape of Girl, 10"
- *Michael McKenna, *The Australian*, "Mt Isa's Lead Weight"

Best Print News Report – Regional & Community Media (Print/Online)

- *Tahnee Watson, *The North West Star*, “Dajarra Water”
- *Margaret Slocombe, *Wynnum Herald*, “Schools Today, Gone Tomorrow”
- *Carolyn Tucker, *The Sunshine Coast Daily*, “The Irwin Empire”

Best Feature Article (Print/Online)

- *Trent Dalton, *The Courier-Mail*, “City of Broken Dreams”
- *Michael McKenna, *The Australian*, “Safe at Last”
- *John Van Tiggelen, *Good Weekend Magazine*, “Another Country”

Best Feature Article or Opinion Piece – Regional & Community (Print/Online)

- *Rae Wilson, *The Sunshine Coast Daily*, “Dirty Cops”
- *Amy Remeikis, *The Sunshine Coast Daily*, “Out in the Cold”
- *Anna Caldwell, *The Queensland Times*, “Lives on the Line”

Best News Photograph (Print/Online)

- *Brian Cassey, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, “Aurukun Truants”
- *Rob Maccoll, *The Courier-Mail*, “Just Hangin’ Around”
- *David Martinelli, *The Courier-Mail*, “Ballooning Grief”

Best News Photograph – Regional & Community Media (Print/Online)

- *Fiona Harding, *The Gold Coast Bulletin*, “Last Post Prayers”
- *Kevin Farmer, *Toowoomba Chronicle*, “Duke”
- *Bryan Lynch, *The Townsville Bulletin*, “Heartbreak”

Best Photographic Essay (Print/Online)

- *Rob Maccoll, *The Courier-Mail & The Sunday Mail*, “Mackay Floods”
- *David Kelly, *The Courier-Mail*, “When Doves Cry”
- *Brian Cassey, *The Courier-Mail & Good Weekend Magazine*, “Who’s Sorry Now?”

Most Outstanding Contribution to Journalism

Finalists will not be announced in this category

Queensland Journalist of the Year

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