

## It's time to take a beat, sit back and relax.



We take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and very happy festive season and new year.

We would especially like to thank all our sponsors, both old and new. We simply couldn't do what we do, nor implement our future plans to celebrate and support the nation's media industry without them, they are family.

We saw some fresh faces take the lead in the organisation, with Foundation chair Carl Dumbrell and new Board members Kate Allman, Susie Elelman and Natalie O'Brien, who joined existing members, Julieanne

Horsman and Taylor Auerbach. We also welcomed communications consultant David Margan. We bid farewell to Rocco Fazzari, Adam Walters, Simon Bouda and Siobhan Clisby, who stepped down after many years serving the Kennedys. We thank them for their outstanding contribution. We also said a sad final goodbye to long-time General Manager Steve (Rocky) Warnock and one of the Foundation's founding fathers Peter Kogoy. They will be missed.

In many ways, for many people, 2022 has been a tumultuous year, but for its part, the Kennedy Foundation has emerged bigger and better with a great future ahead of us.





## THE KENNEDY'S REACHED NEW HEIGHTS

This year's Kennedy Awards Gala was one of our best, with a packed ballroom, a record number of entries and a record number of judges assessing an As well we are examining all our award eligibility criteria to make sure they adequately reflect the fundamental ethical frameworks of a profession at its best. Moving forward, we have adopted the MEAA Code of Ethics, and all entries in the Kennedy Awards will be expected to adhere to that code.



## THE KENNEDY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AND OTHER NEW INITIATIVES

In the belief that our future will be built by our youth, we are also in the throes of establishing a new scholarship that will support a young aspiring journalist wishing to enter the industry.

This new initiative will become part of the Foundation's expanded direction in supporting journalism students and new emerging journalists.

We will also be including a new student category in the annual Kennedy Awards.

The Kennedy Board is committed to investing in the next generation of tomorrow's journalist leaders.

We will announce the full details early in the new year.





## THE SMC RETURNED

The Sydney Media Club (SMC) returned to our media event landscape and ended the year with a very enjoyable and edifying Q&A event led by Joe Hildebrand and Sharri Markson.

We will be organising more events in 2023, involving special guests, debates, the controversial and the essential to building the SMC as a 'must do' event.

On behalf of the Kennedy Foundation Board and all of us at the Kennedys, we wish you a safe and happy festive season and look forward to working with you all in 2023.

On a personal note, it has been an enormous honour to work for the Kennedys, and I can't wait to bring you so much more next year.

> cheers Anna

Anna Magnus General Manager

Kennedy Awards dates for 2023

Entry Opens on May 1

Entry Closes on July 1

Finalists Announced on July 27

Kennedy Awards Gala on August 18

We sincerely thank our sponsors and supporters who have helped grow the Kennedy Foundation in 2022.



























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