

# 2008 Annual Conference

## 30 Years As One Voice

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#### Mackellar finalists announced

Judges have selected the 12 finalists for the NSW Farmers' Association 2008 Mackellar Media Awards, and say the entries this year reflected the bigger picture for agriculture and rural communities.

Recognising journalistic excellence in the reporting of rural issues, the awards are named in honour of Dorothea Mackellar, author of 'My Country', who helped define our national identity and was a leading communicator of her age.

Association President Jock Laurie has congratulated the finalists and looks forward to the announcement during the NSW Farmers' Association's Annual Conference.

"Two finalists have been chosen in each of the six categories, with the winners to be announced at the Association's Annual Conference Gala dinner on Wednesday 30 July in Sydney," Mr Laurie said.

"The judging panel, including NSW State Parliamentary Press Gallery President Simon Benson and Charles Sturt University Senior Journalism Lecturer Harry Dillon, had a tough job this year with a large number of entries," he said.

"This year entries looked at a lot of the major issues that regional and rural communities have had to, and are continuing to, face, including carbon trading, climate change, equine influenza and river health," he said.

The Awards are sponsored by Wesfarmers Federation Insurance. The finalists (in no particular order) are:

Category	Name	Organisation
City media – Print	Asa Wahlquist	The Australian
	Claire Scobie	The Bulletin
City media – Broadcast	Sean Murphy	ABC TV Landline
	Chris Clarke	ABC TV Landline
Country media – Print	Kim Honan	ABC Online
	Julie Hartigan	Town and Country Leader
Country media – TV Broadcast	Reena Ganga	Prime News
	John Ryan	Win Television
Country media- Radio Broadcast	Emily Doak	ABC Radio
	Olivia Suzanski	2UE Radio
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