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## Mackellar Awards worthy finalists

Judges have selected the 18 finalists for the NSW Farmers' Association 2010 Mackellar Media Awards, and say the entries this year covered a massive range of agricultural and rural issues.

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.

Three finalists have been chosen in each of the six categories, with the winners to be announced during an award ceremony at Sydney Olympic Park on Monday 19 July 2010, as part of the Association's Annual Conference.

The judging panel included three independent industry representatives and NSW Farmers' Association President Charles Armstrong. Issues represented included farmers property rights, mining and land use conflict and drought assistance.

The Mackellar Media Awards are proudly sponsored by WFI. The finalists in no particular order are:

Category	Name	Organisation
<b>City Print</b>	Soraiya Gharakhani	Campbelltown Macarthur Advertiser
	Asa Wahlquist	The Australian
	Shannon Tonkin	Hawkesbury Gazette
<b>City Broadcast</b>	Nick Grimm & Greg Miskelly	ABC TV 7:30 Report
	Pip Courtney	ABC TV Landline
	Peta-Jane Madam	SBS World News Australia
<b>Country Print</b>	Kate Gaffney	The Inverell Times
	Natasha Sherwood	The Border Mail
	Lucy Knight	The Land
<b>Country TV Broadcast</b>	Catalina Florez	Prime Television
	Melinda Hayter	Prime Television
	Kate Ramien	NBN Television
<b>Country Radio Broadcast</b>	Keva Gocher	ABC Local Radio, South – East
	Allyson Horn	ABC Local Radio
	Brad Markham	ABC Local Radio
<b>Photography</b>	Kylie Pitt	Hawkesbury Gazette
	Michael Petey	The Land
	Keva Gocher	ABC Online

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