

2009 Rural Press Club of Victoria Rural and Regional Journalism & Photography Awards

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| WINNER BEST REGIONAL NEWS STORY | Sponsored by Telstra | Roslyn Lanigan The Weekly Times "South side shuffle" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED BEST REGIONAL NEWS STORY | Sponsored by Telstra | Kim Stephens Shepparton News "Probe into death of mum" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED BEST REGIONAL NEWS STORY | Sponsored by Telstra | Tim Lee, Donald Whitehurst and Paul Freeman Landline ABC Television "After the firestorm" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED BEST REGIONAL NEWS STORY | Sponsored by Telstra | Aleks Devic Geelong Advertiser "Wife killer Robert Baxter's murder trial" |
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| WINNER BEST RURAL NEWS STORY | Sponsored by Dairy Australia | Marius Cuming Stock and Land "Crunch time for forestry MIS" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED BEST RURAL NEWS STORY | Sponsored by Dairy Australia | Karen Sweeney The Spectator "Cropping craze" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED BEST RURAL NEWS STORY | Sponsored by Dairy Australia | Leslie White The Weekly Times "Stall con job" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED BEST RURAL NEWS STORY | Sponsored by Dairy Australia | James Wakelin Channel 10 "Pipe stories" |

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| WINNER BEST FEATURE STORY OR SERIES – ALL MEDIA | Sponsored by CBH | Greg Best The Standard "Save our carnival " |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED BEST FEATURE STORY OR SERIES – ALL MEDIA | Sponsored by CBH | Tim Lee Landline ABC Television "Full stream ahead" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED BEST FEATURE STORY OR SERIES – ALL MEDIA | Sponsored by CBH | Darren Gray The Age "Black Saturday bushfire coverage" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED BEST FEATURE STORY OR SERIES – ALL MEDIA | Sponsored by CBH | Newsroom Team The Advertiser "Hellfire heartache" |
| WINNER BEST EDITING, SUB EDITING OR DESIGN | Sponsored by AWB | Mark Bogue The Weekly Times "Needle and Ted is sheer genius" "Wilting growers have glut feeling" "It's the grape white hope" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED BEST EDITING, SUB EDITING OR DESIGN | Sponsored by AWB | The Spectator "The last fall" "Up and over again" "Kelpie crazy- let it rain" |
| WINNER BEST AGRICULTURE STORY | Sponsored by Fonterra | John Conroy The Border Mail "The drover's lament" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED BEST AGRICULTURE STORY | Sponsored by Fonterra | Carlene Dowie The Australian Dairyfarmer "English couple find success with SA farm" |
| WINNER BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | Sponsored by Currie Communications | Peter Hyett The Advertiser "The heat is on" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | Sponsored by Currie Communications | Aaron Sawall Shepparton News "Dousing the remains" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | Sponsored by Currie Communications | Alex Ellinghausen & Brendan McCarthy The Advertiser "Will the real Paul Livingston please stand up" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | Sponsored by Currie Communications | John Russell The Border Mail "Pigs can fly" |
| WINNER BEST FEATURE /GENERAL INTEREST PHOTOGRAPH | Sponsored by Coretext | Alex Ellinghausen The Advertiser "The tireless digger" |

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| HIGHLY COMMENDED BEST FEATURE /GENERAL INTEREST PHOTOGRAPH | Sponsored by Coretext | John Russell The Border Mail "Lizard on tree" |
| WINNER BEST VIDEO VISION | Sponsored by Melbourne Markets | Julian Fisher WIN Television, Victoria "Bendigo burns" |
| WINNER BEST STORY BY A CADET | Sponsored by Victorian Farmers Federation | Jessica Craven Geelong Advertiser "The Hailey Begg story" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED - BEST STORY BY A CADET | Sponsored by Victorian Farmers Federation | Liz O'Brien Sunraysia Daily "Five swine flu cases" |
| WINNER JUDGES SPECIAL AWARD | Sponsored by National Australia Bank | Zoe Phillips The Weekly Times "Dogs" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED - JUDGES SPECIAL AWARD | Sponsored by National Australia Bank | Daniel Dulhunty The Border Mail "Enough" |
| HIGHLY COMMENDED JUDGES SPECIAL AWARD | Sponsored by National Australia Bank | John Conroy The Border Mail "Bright lights" |
| PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR | Sponsored by RACV | Alex Ellinghausen The Advertiser "The tireless digger" |
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