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## Seven Network receives seven Kennedy Award nominations

The Seven Network has secured seven nominations across five categories in this year's NRMA Kennedy Awards for Excellence in NSW Journalism.

Seven News team including crime reporter Robert Ovardia, investigative producer Paula Doneman, artist Tony Fox and editor Duncan Farr were nominated in the Outstanding Investigative Reporting category for their investigation into the Australian Defence Force's so-called "Jedi Council" sex ring.

Robert and Paula combined their networks of Defence and Police contacts to reveal in a succession of stories all the main players, their ranks, details of the scandal and cover-up.

The investigation also earned the Seven News team a nomination for the Harry Potter Award for Outstanding Television News Reporting.

Sunday Night chief investigations reporter Ross Coulthart and Steve Pennells' investigation into the death of Lisa Harnum and convicted killer Simon Gittany was recognised with two nominations for Outstanding Television Current Affairs Reporting and Outstanding Investigative Reporting.

Sunday Night constructed a replica apartment from which Gittany was found guilty of throwing his then fiancée Lisa Harnum off the balcony to her death, and called upon experts to investigate both the Prosecution and Defence versions of events.

Seven News state political reporter Lee Jeloscek was nominated in the Outstanding Political Reporting category for an entire body of work, while Seven News senior cameraman Paul Walker was nominated for the Gary Ticehurst Award for Outstanding News Camera Coverage for a series of reports on Syria's civil war and humanitarian crisis.

The Seven Network is a proud sponsor of the NRMA Kennedy Awards, which honours the memories of six industry legends including journalist Les Kennedy.

Winners will be announced at a black tie event at Royal Randwick Ballroom on Friday August 8, 2014.

### **SEVEN NETWORK NOMINATIONS:**

#### **OUTSTANDING TELEVISION CURRENT AFFAIRS REPORTING**

Ross Coulthart and Steve Pennells – Sunday Night, Channel Seven  
Adele Ferguson, Deb Masters and Mario Christodoulou – Four Corners, ABC  
Caro Meldrum-Hanna, Deb Masters and Mary Fallon – Four Corners, ABC

**OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING**

Ross Coulthart – Sunday Night, Channel Seven  
Adele Ferguson – Four Corners, Channel Seven  
Seven News Team – Seven News

**HARRY POTTER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING TELEVISION NEWS REPORTING**

Robert Ovardia, Paula Doneman, Tony Fox and Duncan Farr – Seven News  
Antoinette Lattouf – TEN News  
Gabrielle Boyle – Nine News

**OUTSTANDING POLITICAL REPORTING**

Lee Jeloscek – Seven News  
Brigid Glanville – ABC News  
Andrew Clennell – The Daily Telegraph

**GARY TICEHURST AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING NEWS CAMERA COVERAGE**

Paul Walker – Seven News  
Ilankovan Frank – Nine News  
Paul Walker/Paul Bousfield – Seven News/Nine News

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