



Nominations Now Open for the The Australasian Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 2011 Media Award

The Australasian Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ASTSS) presents an annual Media Award that acknowledges and promotes sensitive accurate reporting about victims and survivors of trauma and traumatic events.

The ASTSS Media Award is open to journalists, photographers and broadcasters who show responsible and credible coverage of crime, family violence, natural disasters, accidents, war and genocide. The Award acknowledges both the journalistic work and the reporters who have brought the story to fruition.

About ASTSS

ASTSS provides a forum for extending the understanding and prevention of major stress of trauma within the Australasian region. It aims to advance knowledge about the nature and consequences of highly stressful events. ASTSS is an affiliate member of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS).

Eligibility and Criteria

Applications are called from individual journalists, photographers and broadcasters based anywhere in Australia. The coverage can report national or international events occurring between January 1st 2010 up to and including December 31st 2010.

The work will be expected to take into account critical aspects such as:

- Portrayal of the traumatic incident with sensitivity, accuracy and insight
- Be clear and engaging with a strong theme or focus
- Sensitivity to individuals, families and communities
- The broader impact of traumatic events on individuals and communities
- Avoidance of sensationalism
- Ethical journalistic practice

All entries must include:

- Completed application forms (available at www.astss.org.au)
- Five full-page copies of the tear sheets of the story or five copies of ten-minute highlights of the broadcast on CD/DVD format or five copies of 3 different photographs. In addition to the highlight package broadcast, the full interview/program may be submitted.
- One page cover letter summarising how the story or series was done, the history of coverage, including how journalist, photographers or broadcasters came by the topic and how many interviews were conducted.

Judging Panel

The Award is decided by a panel consisting of senior journalists and representatives of the ASTSS Management Committee.

Along with the ASTSS Media Award trophy the winning entry will receive \$1,000.

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2009/2010 Special Media Award

- 774 ABC Radio

Black Saturday Bushfires

2009 Media Award

- Jane Cowan ABC News

Black Saturday Bushfires and their Aftermath.

2008 Media Award

- Mark Forbes The Age

Garuda Airline Disaster

2007 Media Award

- Patrick Emmett ABC Stateline S.A. -
Childhood Sexual Assault.

2006 Media Award

- Ian Henscke ABC Stateline

Anniversary of Port Arthur Massacre.

2003 Media Award

- Peter Mares Independent Journalist
Asylum Seekers "Borderline".

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