

2025 MEDIA AWARDS

AWARD	WINNER	ORGANISATION
Best Photography - Features	Chris Skelton	Stuff
Best Photography - News	Stephen Jaquiere	Otago Daily Times / Allied Press
Best Photography - Sport	Hannah Peters	Getty Images
Best Photo Story	Richard Robinson: <i>The End of the Everywhere Bird</i>	New Zealand Geographic / Kōwhai Media
Photographer of the Year	Iain McGregor	The Press / Stuff
Best Innovation in Digital Storytelling	<i>Whenua: Our land, our history</i>	NZ Herald / NZME
Best Shortform Video	Michael Craig: <i>Kaipara District Council votes to disestablish Māori ward</i>	NZ Herald / NZME
Best Current Affairs (short)	Indira Stewart: <i>Children of Prisoners</i>	TVNZ
Best Current Affairs (long) or Documentary	Lisa Taouma: <i>Myths & Maidens</i>	Coconet TV and RNZ
Best Original Podcast or Series	Jonathan Milne, Mike Wesley-Smith: <i>Powder Keg</i>	newsroom.co.nz
Video Journalist of the Year	Zoe Madden-Smith	Re: News / TVNZ
Digital News Provider of the Year	Stuff	
Best Columnist, Opinion or Critique	Joel MacManus	The Spinoff
Best Up and Coming Journalist	Bonnie Jansen	NZ Herald / NZME
Best Investigation	Steve Kilgallon: <i>The Darleen Tana Saga</i>	Stuff
Best Scoop	Steve Kilgallon: <i>The Darleen Tana Saga</i>	Stuff
Best Specialist Reporting	Sam Sherwood	Stuff
Best Coverage of a Major News Event	<i>Philip Polkinghorne murder trial</i>	NZ Herald / NZME
Best Editorial Campaign or Project	<i>Our Health is Priceless</i>	Otago Daily Times / Allied Press
Le Mana Pacific Award	Indira Stewart: <i>Children of Prisoners; Believers & Betrayers, Israel and the Pacific: A Surprisingly Close Friendship</i>	TVNZ
Te Tohu Kairangi Award	Te Aniwa Hurihanganui	1News / TVNZ
Cartoonist/Animator of the Year	Sharon Murdoch	Stuff
Sports Journalist of the Year	Dana Johannsen	RNZ
Business Journalist of the Year	Jonathan Milne	newsroom.co.nz
Gordon McLauchlan Journalism Award	Kim Knight	NZ Herald / NZME
Local Journalist of the Year	Matthew Littlewood	Otago Daily Times / Allied Press
News Journalist of the Year	Michael Morrah	NZ Herald / NZME
Political Journalist of the Year	Andrea Vance	The Post / Stuff
Editorial Leader of the Year	Keith Lynch	Stuff

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Best News, Current Affairs or Specialist Publication	New Zealand Geographic	Kōwhai Media
Best Newspaper Magazine	VIVA	NZME
Junior Feature Writer of the Year	Maddy Croad	The Press / Stuff
Feature Writer of the Year	Charlie Mitchell	The Press / Stuff
Reporter of the Year	Anusha Bradley	RNZ
Community Newspaper of the Year	Gulf News	Pendragon Press Ltd
Regional Newspaper of the Year	Hawke's Bay Today	NZME
Weekly Newspaper of the Year	Herald on Sunday	NZME
Metropolitan Newspaper of the Year	Otago Daily Times	Allied Press
Voyager Newspaper of the Year	Herald on Sunday	NZME

