



The 2020 Graham Perkin Australian Journalist of the Year Finalists

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The 2020 Graham Perkin Australian Journalist of the Year finalists are presented alphabetically by surname below. Please note that some work submitted with entries – including print materials – may not be included.

Lorena Allam, *The Guardian*, for agenda-setting coverage of Indigenous affairs

["Australia's anguish: the Indigenous kids trapped behind bars"](#), *The Guardian*, 18 January 2020
["Coronavirus: how remote Indigenous communities are fighting to keep coronavirus out"](#), *The Guardian*, 20 March 2020
["Time to embrace history of country': Bruce Pascoe and the first dancing grass harvest in 200 years"](#), *The Guardian*, 13 May 2020
["Family of David Dungay, who died in custody, express solidarity with family of George Floyd"](#), *The Guardian*, 1 June 2020

["BHP to destroy at least 40 Aboriginal sites, up to 15,000 years old, to expand Pilbara mine"](#), *The Guardian*, 11 June 2020
["Heritage of all Australians': Rio Tinto and BHP in damage control after call for mining halt"](#), *The Guardian*, 13 June 2020
["Freeing the Aboriginal flag: how a 'uniting symbol' ended up in the hands of the few"](#), *The Guardian*, 22 August 2020

Jacqueline Maley and Kate McClymont, *SMH*, *The Age*, for a series of works on former High Court judge Dyson Heydon

"Judged: disgust in legal circles", *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 24 June 2020
"Judges 'knew of Heydon claims'", *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 25 June 2020

"Fresh claims against former judge Heydon", *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 27 June 2020
"Women lawyers fight for reforms", *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 6 July 2020

Nick McKenzie, *The Age*, *SMH*, *Sixty Minutes*, for investigative reporting on crime and corruption

"Crown's crime scandal", *60 Minutes*, February 2020
["The Faceless man"](#), *60 Minutes*, June 2020
["One last mission"](#), *Good Weekend*, 27 June 2020

"The Final Battle", *60 Minutes*, November 2020
"Police officers and family violence", *60 Minutes*, December 2020

Mark Willacy, *ABC*, for the 'Killing Field' investigation

["Killing Field"](#), *ABC Four Corners*, 16 March 2020

["Witnesses say Australian soldier killed another unarmed man in Afghanistan"](#), *ABC*, 27 May 2020