

# Winners of the annual Local Media Excellence Awards

The local media industry's star shone brightly last Friday at the annual Local Media Excellence Awards for 2015 held at Leriba Hotel and Spa in Centurion.

These awards have been presented under the auspices of the Forum of Community Journalists (FCJ) for over two decades.

At the annual Local Media Excellence Awards (previously known as the Sanlam/MDDA Local Media awards) local and community newspapers from all over the country and across all media houses compete against each other to award the best of the best in South Africa.

In the judges' report they state the following: "In general, the judges were impressed with the work submitted by the finalists. The local media is clearly in the forefront of informing (and entertaining) the communities they serve. In fact, print media is far from dying when one looks at the local media newspapers. On the contrary, it is alive and kicking."

## WRITING / SKRYFWERK

### Journalist of the Year / Joernalis van die Jaar

#### Finalists/Finaliste

Jana Boshoff (Middelburg Observer)

Tiyese Jeranji (People's Post)

Daleen Naudé (Middelburg Observer)

Kaylan Palm (Plainsman)

Gerhard Rheeder (Middelburg Observer)

Ettiennne van Rensburg (Vaalweekblad)

Janine van der Riet (Hermanus Times)

Andries van Zyl (Zoutpansberger)

Karen Watkins (Constantiaberg Bulletin)

Nadine Willemse (Eikestadnuus)

#### Top5

Jana Boshoff (Middelburg Observer)

Daleen Naudé (Middelburg Observer)

Gerhard Rheeder (Middelburg Observer)

Kaylan Palm (Plainsman)

Janine van der Riet (Hermanus Times)

#### **Winners/wenners**

3. Gerhard Rheeder (Middelburg Observer)

2. Daleen Naudé (Middelburg Observer)

1. Jana Boshoff (Middelburg Observer)

## **Best investigative reporting/Beste ondersoekende joernalistiek**

#### **Finalists/Finaliste**

Jana Boshoff (Middelburg Observer)

Cathly Dlodo (Bloemfontein Courant)

Refilwe Gaeswe (Bloemfontein Courant)

Daleen Naudé (Middelburg Observer)

Nicolene Smalman (Laevelder)

#### **Winners/wenners**

3. Cathly Dlodo (Bloemfontein Courant)

Refilwe Gaeswe (Bloemfontein Courant)

2. Nicolene Smalman (Laevelder)

1. Jana Boshoff (Middelburg Observer)

## **Hard news/Harde nuus**

#### **Finalists/finaliste**

Jana Boshoff (Middelburg Observer)

Helene Eloff (Laevelder)

Zita Goldswain (Witbank News)

Jamey Gordon (District Mail)

Mbongiseni Maseko (City Vision)

Thobile Mlangeni (Mpumalanga News)

Tshifhiwa Mukwevho (Limpopo Mirror)

Daleen Naudé (Middelburg Observer)

Nicolene Smalman (Laevelder)

Samantha Traill (Witbank News)

Isabel Venter (Zoutpansberger)

### **Winners/wenners**

3. Jana Boshoff (Middelburg Observer)

2. Daleen Naudé (Middelburg Observer)

1. Helene Eloff (Laevelder)

## **Human interest/Menslike nuus**

### **Finalists/finaliste**

Jana Boshoff (Middelburg Observer)

Carl Collison (Cape Towner)

Stefan de Villiers (Laevelder)

Yolande du Preez (Sentinel News)

Zita Goldswain (Witbank News)

Norman McFarlane (Bolander)

Daleen Naudé (Middelburg Observer)

Erika Nel (Die Hoëvelder)

Samantha Lee (People's Post)

Gerhard Rheeder (Middelburg Observer)

Marianka Saayman (Potch Herald)

Janine van der Riet (Hermanus Times)

Ettiennne van Rensburg (Vaalweekblad)

Andries van Zyl (Zoutpansberger)

Karen Watkins (Constantiaberg Bulletin)

### **Winners/wenners**

3. Erika Nel (Die Hoëvelder)

2. Gerhard Rheeder (Middelburg Observer)

1. Jana Boshoff (Middelburg Observer)

## **Editorial comment/Redaksionele kommentaar**

### **Finaliste/finaliste**

Lise Beyers (Paarl Post)

Carolyn Frost (Bolander)

Bongani Hlatshwayo (Mpumalanga News)

Danie Keet (Eikstestadnuus)

Hennie Stander (Potch Herald)

Lerato Serero (Sedibeng Ster)

Tobie van den Bergh (Middelburg Observer)

### **Winners/wenners**

3. Danie Keet (Eikstestadnuus)

2. Hennie Stander (Potch Herald)

1. Tobie van den Bergh (Middelburg Observer)

## **Columns/Rubrieke**

### **Finalists/finaliste**

Lise Beyers (Paarl Post)

Jana Boshoff (Middelburg Observer)

Daleen Fouche (Hermanus Times)

Zita Goldswain (Witbank News)

Lynda Greyling (Maluti)

Albé Grobbelaar (Bloemfontein Courant)

Stan Kruger (Witbank News)

Norman McFarlane (Bolander)

Tobie van den Bergh (Middelburg Observer)

Murray Williams (Bolander)

Gerald Young (Highvelder)

### **Winners/Wenners**

2. Lise Beyers (Paarl Post)

1. Tobie van den Bergh (Middelburg Observer)

## **Headlines/Opskrifte**

### **Finalists/Finaliste**

Johan Gresse (Middelburg Observer)

Mark Kinnear (Lowvelder)

Mathilda Myburgh (Roodepoort Rekord)

Schalk le Rouc (Sasolburg Bulletin)

Samantha Traill (Witbank News)

### **Winners/wenners**

3. Schalk le Rouc (Sasolburg Bulletin)

2. Mark Kinnear (Lowvelder)

1. Johan Gresse (Middelburg Observer)

## **Sport**

### **Finalists/Finaliste**

Johan Gresse (Middelburg Observer)

Lynda Greyling (Maluti)

Carli Koch (Lowvelder)

Mbekezeli Mbuli (Mpumalanga News)

Hugo Redelinghuys (George Herald)

Stehan Schoeman (Tygerburger)

Ettienne van Rensburg (Vaalweekblad)

Andries van Zyl (Zoutpansberger)

Isabel Venter (Zoutpansberger)

Raymond Willemse (Eikestadnuus)

### **Winners/Wenners**

3. Ettienne van Rensburg (Vaalweekblad)

2. Johan Gresse (Middelburg Observer)

1. Hugo Redelinghuys (George Herald)

## **BEST FONT PAGES / BESTE VOORBLAAIE**

### **Independent commercial/Onafhanklik**

2. Limpopo Mirror

1. Zoutpansberger

### **Corporate Free/Korporatiewe Gratis**

3. Nelspruit Post

2. People's Post (False Bay)

1. Tygerburger (Tableview)

### **Corporate paid/Korporatiewe betaalde**

3. Eikestadnuus

2. District Mail

1. Middelburg Oberserver

# **BEST NEWSPAPERS / BESTE KOERANTE**

## **Independent commercial/Onafhanklik**

1. Zoutpansberger

## **Corporate free/Korporatiewe gratis**

3. Roodepoort Rekord

2. People's Post (Woodstock)

1. Bolander

## **Corporate paid/Korporatiewe betaalde**

3. Middelburg Observer

2. Weslander

1. Lowvelder

# **PHOTOGRAPHY / FOTOGRAFIE**

## **Best Portfolio /Beste portefeulje**

3. Ettienne van Rensburg (Vaalweekblad)

2. Trevor Aingworth (Witbank News)

1. Zita Goldswain (Witbank News)

## **Hard news / Harde nuus**

Finaliste

10. Lazarus Dithagiso (Vaalweekblad)

9. Claudine Senekal (Ladysmith Herald)

8. Isabel Venter (Zoutpansberger)

7. Jannie du Plessis (Vaalweekblad)

6. Carina Roux (Tygerburger)

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4. Elmon Tshikhudo (Limpopo Mirror)
3. RC Myburgh (Polokwane Observer)
2. Trevor Aingworth (Witbank News)
1. Isabel Venter (Zoutpansberger)

## **Feature / Geleentheid**

10. Zita Goldswain (Witbank News)
9. Carina Roux (Tygerburger)
8. Ettienne van Rensburg (Vaalweekblad)
7. Lazarus Dithagiso (Vaalweekblad)
6. Jannie du Plessis (Vaalweekblad)
5. Marizka Coetzer (Krugersdorp Nuus)
4. Carina Roux (Tygerburger)
3. Tersia Marais (Mosselbaai Advertiser)
2. Isabel Venter (Zoutpansberger)
1. Zita Goldswain (Witbank News)

## **Best portrait / Beste portrette**

5. Hugo Redelinghuys (George Herald)
4. Isabel Venter (Zoutpansberger)
3. Elsje Vermeulen (Vaalweekblad)
2. Marianke Saayman (Potch Herald)
1. Claudine Senekal (Ladysmith Herald)

## **Sport**

10. Zita Goldswain (Witbank News)
9. Isabel Venter (Zoutpansberger)
8. Trevor Aingworth (Witbank News)
7. Stehan Schoeman (Tygerburger)



6. Hugo Redelinghuys (George Herald)
5. Dustin Wetdewich (Potch Herald)
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