

SCREEN PRODUCERS AUSTRALIA AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

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Screen Producers Australia today announced the finalists in the 17th Screen Producers Australia Awards. The Awards are the primary litmus test of industry excellence and the only awards voted by production businesses working in the industry. They celebrate great Australian screen productions; honour the skill, accomplishment, and imagination of its Production Businesses; and aim to increase awareness of the role producers play in creating Australian screen stories.

The Awards recognise excellence in 13 categories of film, television and interactive productions.

"The Awards acknowledge the creation of outstanding screen content across all our genres as well as the contribution of our Production Businesses and the people behind them," said SPA CEO, Matthew Deaner. "I congratulate all the finalists whose work has promoted and strengthened the Australian screen industry. We look forward to celebrating our industry's collective achievements in November."

Following a record number of entries and extremely competitive categories, the full list of finalists in the Production Awards are:

SERIES

Animated Series Production

Fanshaw & Crudnut, Blue Rocket
Prisoner Zero, Planet 55 Studios
The Wild Adventures of Blinky Bill, Flying Bark Productions
Winston Steinburger & Sir Dudley Ding Dong, Sticky Pictures

Children's Series Production

My Year 12 Life, Princess Pictures
Nowhere Boys: Two Moons Rising, Matchbox Pictures
Oh Yuck!, Flying Bark Productions
Random and Whacky Series 1, Ambience Entertainment
Trip for Biscuits, Robot Panther
You're Skitting Me Series 3, CJZ

Comedy Series Production

Get Krack!n, Katering Productions
Mad As Hell Series 7, ITV Studios Australia
No Activity Series 2, Jungle
Please Like Me Series 4, Guesswork Television
Rosehaven Series 1, Guesswork Television
The Family Law Series 2, Matchbox Pictures

Drama Series Production

Cleverman Season 2, Goalpost
Doctor Doctor Season 1, Essential Media
Glitch Season 2, Matchbox Pictures
Janet King - Playing Advantage, Screentime
The Wrong Girl Series 1, Playmaker
Wentworth Series 5, FremantleMedia Australia

Light Entertainment Series Production

Anh's Brush With Fame Series 2, Screentime
Bondi Rescue Season 12, CJZ
Family Feud, FremantleMedia Australia
Grand Designs Australia, FremantleMedia Australia
Gruen Series 8, CJZ
The Weekly with Charlie Pickering Series 3, Guesswork

Online Series Production

Bruce, Guilty
Doodles, Ludo Studios
Little Acorns, PocketTV
Starting From Now, Common Language Films
The Other Guy, Aquarius Films
This is Desmondo Ray!, Sense & Centsability

Reality Series Production

Great Australian Bake Off, FremantleMedia Australia
I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here Australia, ITV Studios Australia
Real Housewives of Sydney, Matchbox Pictures
The Voice Australia Season 6, ITV Studios Australia
The XFactor Australia, FremantleMedia Australia

Telemovie or Mini Series Production

HOGES, FremantleMedia Australia
House of Bond, CJZ
Hyde & Seek, Matchbox Pictures
Seven Types of Ambiguity, Matchbox Pictures
Top of the Lake: China Girl, See-Saw Films

DOCUMENTARY

Series Documentary Production

Chef's Table: France, Michael Hilliard
Court Justice: Sydney, CJZ
Occupation: Native, Brindle Films
Tales By Light, Untitled Film Works
The Queen & Zak Grieve, In Films
The Surgery Ship, Media Stockade

Single Documentary Production

PACmen, Scribble Films
Spookers, Madman Production Company
The Go-Betweens: Right Here, Essential Media and Entertainment
The Opposition, Media Stockade
The Song Keepers, Brindle Films
Westwind: Djalu's Legacy, Madman Production Company & Jonnie & Kate Films

INTERACTIVE

Interactive Production

Atlas Obscura VR, Start VR
Dream Channel VR, Cobbstar Productions
Inside Manus, Hoodlum, Chemical Media & Cutting Edge

FEATURE FILM

Feature Film Production

Ali's Wedding, Matchbox Pictures
Australia Day, Hoodlum
Dance Academy: The Movie, Werner Film Productions
Don't Tell, Tojohage Productions
Hounds Of Love, Factor 30 Films
Jasper Jones, Bunya Productions and Porchlight Films
LION, See-Saw Films
The Butterfly Tree, Midwinter Films

SHORT FILM

Short Film Production

Brown Lips, Noble Savage Pictures
Deep Storage, Happening Films
In a Cane Field, Cosmia Films
Lake Terror, Brewcasa Creative
Mrs McCutcheon, Buffalo Media

Members will be able to place their votes between 12th September and 29th September. An announcement regarding the Individual and Business Awards will be made in the coming months.

The Award recipients will be revealed at the prestigious Screen Producers Australia Awards taking place at the **Forum Theatre**, Melbourne on Thursday 16 November 2017 during the 32nd **SCREEN FOREVER** conference (14-16 November 2017).

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About Screen Producers Australia:

Screen Producers Australia was formed by the screen industry to represent large and small enterprises across a diverse production slate of feature film, television and interactive content. Our members employ hundreds of producers, thousands of related practitioners and drive more than \$1.7 billion worth of annual production activity from the independent sector. On behalf of these businesses we are focused on delivering a healthy commercial environment through ongoing engagement with elements of the labour force, including directors, writers, actors and crew, as well as with broadcasters, distributors and government in all its various forms. This coordinated dialogue ensures that our industry is successful, employment levels are strong and the community's expectations of access to high quality Australian content have been met.