

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD & BUSINESS OF THE YEAR FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

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The 2017 Screen Producers Australia Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to illustrious television producer Pam Barnes.

With a television career spanning nearly 50 years, Pam is as much of a television icon behind the scenes as the on-air talent she has produced. Having worked on some of Australia's greatest shows and produced numerous titans of the small screen - including Daryl Somers, Graham Kennedy, Bert Newton, and Don Lane - Pam's TV credits include *In Melbourne Tonight*, *The Don Lane Show*, *Sale of the Century*, *Hey Hey It's Saturday*, *The X Factor*, *Bert's Family Feud*, *Dusty*, and *Australia's Got Talent*.

Currently Executive Producer of FremantleMedia Australia's *Family Feud* on Network Ten, Pam has earned a reputation for championing the careers and encouraging growth of young employees within the industry. Along with her love, passion and care for the television industry and the people within it, Pam has a wealth of knowledge, with a clear aim to make a difference through the powers of television.

"Pam's illustrious career in television has seen her involved in some of Australia's most beloved programs. Screen Producers Australia is honoured to name Pam as the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient to recognise her outstanding contribution to the Australian television industry", said CEO Matt Deaner.

The **Media Super Production Business of the Year** is awarded to a production business that has produced an outstanding project or body of work, which has contributed to the advancement of the screen industry. The 2016 recipient was production company CJZ, recognising their consistently original and entertaining productions for audiences, both locally and internationally.

2017 finalists are:

Ambience Entertainment

Matchbox Pictures

Playmaker Media

Screentime

Sticky Pictures

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).

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About SCREEN FOREVER

Uniting the pillars of entertainment, media and technology, SCREEN FOREVER is one of the largest congregations of screen industry professionals in the Southern Hemisphere. It is attended by the leading Australian and international industry practitioners involved in all aspects of producing, creating, writing, directing, distributing and financing screen content across film, television, games, interactive and online.

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.