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Career support for film and TV producers in Regional NSW

A career as a professional film or TV producer has just become easier for people living across regional NSW thanks to the expansion of Screenworks' annual Regional Producer Elevator Program.

Now in its third year, this program provides the opportunity for regional producers to develop professional skills, to get access to key industry contacts and to help overcome the unique obstacles faced by producers living regionally. This is the first time that the program has been made available to all of regional NSW.

Screenworks' Regional Producer Elevator Program has been successfully running in Northern NSW for two years with the generous support from Create NSW and Screen Producers Australia.

Each year, two regional producers are selected to participate in the program, which includes attendance at the Screen Forever Conference in Melbourne, where they are able to join in selected emerging producer sessions that take place at the conference. The participants are also allocated \$3,500 to invest in their own career development and receive support from Screenworks throughout the year.

"Since we introduced the program in 2016, we have been receiving many requests from filmmakers across NSW wanting an opportunity to participate in the program" explained Screenworks General Manager, Ken Crouch.

"Screenworks has been working incredibly hard to develop its capacity and are delighted to now be in a position to open this program to all of regional NSW."

"We know that this program achieves results – participants from the program have gone on to be selected for Screen Producers Australia's One To Watch Program and invited to pitch at the Australian International Documentary Conference. They have also had the opportunity to develop their own projects and receive advice and support from some of Australia's leading producers." said Mr Crouch.

Screenworks' Regional Producer Elevator Program is open to producers of all genres, including (but not limited to): TV drama producers, documentary producers and children's television producers.

It is best suited to early-career producers who can demonstrate initial success and are genuinely committed to building their skills as a professional producer in regional NSW.

Further details about the program and how to apply, go Screenworks' website www.screenworks.com.au. Screenworks will be explaining details about the Regional Producer Elevator Program in a Facebook Live event on September 19 at 6pm <http://www.facebook.com/ScreenworksAU/>.

This project is generously supported by Create NSW and Screen Producers Australia.



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About Screenworks

With its office in Northern NSW, Screenworks is the regional film, television and digital media office supporting the regional screen industry, its practitioners and promoting screen culture.

We are a not-for-profit, membership based association managed by a board of volunteer directors that provide industry, management and screen industry knowledge and experience.

Screenworks Purpose

Screenworks supports and provides leadership for the development of an innovative, vibrant and sustainable regional screen industry (film, television, online, games and apps) in regional Australia, with a particular focus on the Northern Rivers region of NSW.

We do this by providing professional development and networking opportunities and services for screen content creators and workers, which are delivered in the Northern Rivers and beyond.

We promote Northern Rivers-based screen projects, events and people and our unique regional cluster to the NSW, national and international industry via our communications and marketing strategies.

We also assist local and non-local productions in the Northern Rivers region through location and crew referral services, and stimulate screen culture by promoting screenings and discussion of local and Australian films for the broader community.

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