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SCREEN PRODUCERS AUSTRALIA AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

31 August 2016: Screen Producers Australia today announced the finalists in the **16th 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 11 categories of film, television and interactive productions.

“The Awards acknowledge the creation of outstanding screen content across various mediums, the incredible contribution of our Production Businesses, and the people behind them,” said CEO of Screen Producers Australia, **Matthew Deaner**. “We look forward to celebrating with all the finalists and industry in November.”

The full list of finalists in the Production Awards is as follows:

SERIES

Children’s Series Production

Bushwhacked! Bugs, Mint Pictures
Exchange Student Zero, Created by Bogan, Produced by
Fragrant Gumtree
Mako - Island of Secrets Season 3, Jonathan M Shiff
Productions
Ready For This, Werner Film Productions
Tomorrow When the War Began, Ambience Entertainment

Comedy Series Production

Mad As Hell Series 6, ITV Studios Australia
No Activity, Jungle
Please Like Me Season 3, Guesswork Television
Sammy J and Randy in Ricketts Lane, Sticky Pictures
The Family Law, Matchbox Pictures

Drama Series Production

Cleverman, Goalpost Pictures
Love Child Series 3, Playmaker Media
Rake Season 4, Essential Media and Entertainment
The Doctor Blake Mysteries Season 4, December Media
Wanted, Matchbox Pictures and R & R Productions
Wentworth Series 4, FremantleMedia Australia

Light Entertainment Series Production

Bondi Rescue Season 11, Cordell Jigsaw Zapruder
Grand Designs Australia Season 6, FremantleMedia
Australia
Gruen, Cordell Jigsaw Zapruder
HackLive: Australians On Series, Essential Media and
Entertainment
The Weekly with Charlie Pickering, Guesswork Television

Reality Series Production

Dancing With The Stars Series 15, FremantleMedia
Australia
I’m A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here!, ITV Studios Australia
The Great Australian Bake Off, FremantleMedia Australia
The Real Housewives of Melbourne Series 3, Matchbox
Pictures
The X Factor Series 6, FremantleMedia Australia

Telemovie or Mini Series Production

Barracuda, Matchbox Pictures
Mary: Making of a Princess, FremantleMedia Australia
Secret City, Matchbox Pictures
The Kettering Incident, Porchlight Films and Sweet Potato
Films
Wolf Creek, Screentime

FEATURE FILM

Feature Film Production

A Month of Sundays, Madman
Nowhere Boys: The Book of Shadows, Matchbox Pictures
Spin Out, Stella Rose Productions in association with
Redman Entertainment
The Daughter, Jan Chapman Films and Wildflower Films
The Dressmaker, Film Art Media

DOCUMENTARY

Series Documentary Production

Afghanistan: Inside Australia's War, Essential Media and Entertainment

Hitting Home, In Films

Keeping Australia Alive, ITV Studios Australia

Revolution School, Cordell Jigsaw Zapruder

Streets of Your Town, Mint Pictures

Single Documentary Production

Call Me Dad, Media Stockade

Motorkite Dreaming, Intafusion Films

Remembering the Man, Waterbyrd Filmz

Strictly Jewish, Mint Pictures

The Goddam Election! With John Safran, Princess Pictures

SHORT FILM

Cutting Edge Short Film Production

Kill Your Dinner, Revlover

Oscar Wilde's *'The Nightingale and the Rose'*, Aquarius Films

Ronny Chieng: International Student, Sticky Pictures

The Future is Expensive, Goalpost Pictures

The Trophy Thief, Arterial Motives

INTERACTIVE

Interactive Production

Little Lunch App, Australian Children's Television Foundation

VR Noir: A Day Before the Night, Start VR

Screen Producers Australia have also today released a Finalists Reel showcasing all 53 productions across each of the 11 film, television and interactive categories, available via YouTube: <https://youtu.be/Mkun9YdW69A>.

Voting for the Production Awards is now open for Members who are eligible to vote. Voting Members will be contacted today with information on how to vote. An announcement will be made in the coming months regarding the Individual and Business Awards. The Award recipients will be revealed at the prestigious **Screen Producers Australia Awards** taking place at Crown Palladium, Melbourne on Thursday 17 November 2016 during the 31st SCREEN FOREVER conference (15-17 November 2016).

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ABOUT THE AWARDS

Celebrating its 16th year, the Screen Producers Australia Awards recognise the creation of outstanding screen content by the skilled and accomplished, the imaginative and passionate, the tireless and determined. The Screen Producers Australia Awards celebrate our talented Members and aim to increase awareness of the role producers play in creating Australian screen stories. The 16th Screen Producers Australia Awards will be held on Thursday 17 November 2016 at Crown Palladium, Melbourne during the SCREEN FOREVER conference.