



MEDIA STATEMENT

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New documentary opportunity for Western Australian Indigenous filmmakers

Screenwest, in partnership with National Indigenous Television (NITV), have announced a new documentary initiative for emerging to mid-level Western Australian Indigenous filmmakers.

Ian Booth, Screenwest Chief Executive, said “Screenwest and NITV are looking for positive, inspirational Indigenous stories that are uniquely Western Australian. They seek stories that will push the barriers of factual entertainment.”

Up to three, 30-minute documentaries will be developed and produced, and are intended for broadcast on NITV in 2018.

Applications close: 5:00pm Monday, 19 June 2017. For further information visit the [Screenwest website](#).

Minister for Culture and the Arts, Hon David Templeman MLA welcomed the initiative.

“This documentary initiative provides an excellent opportunity for Western Australian Indigenous filmmakers to develop their skills while sharing their stories with a national audience, he said.

“It is wonderful to see Screenwest and NITV partnering to advance the careers of Western Australia’s talented Indigenous filmmakers.”

Tanya Orman, NITV Channel Manager said “NITV welcomes the opportunity to work with Screenwest and the next wave of West Australian Indigenous filmmaking talent through this very special documentary initiative.”

Upcoming productions made in Western Australia broadcasting on NITV with Screenwest support include *On Country Kitchen* and *A Team Of Champions*.

On Country Kitchen begins screening 7:30pm Wednesday, 24 May 2017. Starring Noongar comic and actor Derek Nannup with well-known chef and television personality Mark Olive, the highly entertaining food series was filmed in the South-West of Western Australia.

Produced by Marian Bartsch, Mago Films, *On Country Kitchen* was directed and co-written by proud Noongar filmmaker Karla Hart, and co-produced and co-written by Taryne Laffar who proudly descends from the Bardi and Jabbir-Jabbir peoples of the West Kimberley.

Currently filming for NITV and AFL Media is *A Team Of Champions*, which looks at the role of Noongar players in the AFL. The series is being led by Indigenous filmmakers with Karla Hart and Kelli Cross as writer/directors and Shakara Walley producing. Beyond West’s Harry Bardwell is series producer and Josh Gilbert co-producer, and Fortescue Metals Group and Woodside Energy are providing additional support.

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