



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Indigenous Screen Industry Workshop**

The Northern Territory Film Office will this week host Creating Vision, the inaugural NT Indigenous Screen Industry Development Workshop near Alice Springs.

Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre is one of the key sponsors.

NTFO director Penelope McDonald said the May 17-19 workshop, to be held at Hamilton Downs Youth Camp 70km north of Alice Springs, could attract up to 100 participants from throughout the NT.

“I am really looking forward to the workshop as it will be the first time Indigenous Territorians working in the screen industry will get together with the Northern Territory Film Office and share their ideas,” Ms McDonald said.

“Many of the participants have been part of the screen industry and broadcasting for the past 20 years in their communities and other participants are younger people, who are newer to making video, DVDs and other audiovisual programs.

“Creating Vision will be an opportunity to get together, network across the NT and outline a vision for the future.

This is an opportunity to discuss pathways to achieve that future, and to work out how the Film Office can assist.”

Ms McDonald said filming and broadcast ideas would result in economic development through employment within the screen industry.

She said an Australian Government funding commitment of \$48 million to the National Indigenous Television Network during the next three years would provide a number of avenues participants might wish to pursue.

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