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New Funding for Screen Projects Announced

The Northern Territory Film Office has announced applications are now open for the 2006/2007 Screen Grants Program.

Northern Territory Film Office director Penelope McDonald says Screen Grants are available to assist film makers to develop Territory stories for the screen.

“When these films are shown they promote the Territory around Australia and the world,” Ms McDonald said.

“This is the third year that the Northern Territory Government has been offering support to the screen industry through the Screen Grants Program.”

Ms McDonald said to date grants have supported a number of exciting projects across the Territory.

“Funding in the last round went to several documentary projects, including David Curl’s *Shadows of Uluru* which is nearing completion,” she said.

“Another project supported is the two part series *Aboriginal Rules*, from Warlpiri Media, which has been commissioned by ABC Television and builds on the success of the *Bush Mechanics Series*.

“Territorians love seeing their stories on the screen, and turn up in droves to watch films made in the Territory.”

Ms McDonald said the Screen Grants Program was vital to help support the development of NT film, television and digital media programs.

Applications are considered by a Screen Grants Advisory Panel, with selection based on merit through a process of peer assessment.

The deadline for applications is November 16.

Guidelines and application forms for 2006-2007 Screen Grants are available from the website www.filmoffice.nt.gov.au or by phoning the Northern Territory Film Office on 08 8951 1162 or emailing film.office@nt.gov.au.

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