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NT Documentary to Broadcast on the Small Screen

The home-grown Territory documentary *Nothing Rhymes with Ngapartji* will have its television premiere on ABC1 next Monday, 24 January 2011.

The Northern Territory Film Office (NTFO) Screen Grants Funding Program supported the documentary with a \$20,000 Production / Post Production Grant in 2009.

NTFO Director Penelope McDonald said *Nothing Rhymes with Ngapartji*, directed by Alice Springs based filmmaker Suzy Bates and co-produced by Alex Kelly, follows acclaimed Pitjantjatjara actor Trevor Jamieson as he takes his hit show *Ngapartji Ngapartji* back to country.

“Watching him on this difficult journey to face his toughest audience yet shows Trevor’s remarkable resilience, as he tries to bridge two worlds, two languages and two cultures.

“*Nothing Rhymes with Ngapartji* premiered to a full house at the Centralian Senior Secondary College Theatre in April last year.

“It has often been said that truth is stranger than fiction – everyone loves a good true story and the Northern Territory screen industry is increasingly making home grown documentary stories for broadcast on television.”

Ms McDonald said the documentary series *Yarning Up* has helped to raise the profile of the Northern Territory film industry on a national and international level.

“The third series of *Yarning Up* is currently in development and will be filming in remote communities this year,” Ms McDonald said.

“The screen media industry is a key creative industry and contributes to the Territory’s economy as well as to the community.

“*Nothing Rhymes with Ngapartji* injected \$102,000 into the Territory economy and provided employment opportunities for nine Territorians.

“The NTFO continues to invest in home-grown film productions, attract filmmakers to the Territory, and foster the talent of local artists and production teams through ongoing grant funding programs.”

Nothing Rhymes with Ngapartji was also funded through *triple j tv docs 4*, a joint initiative of ABC and Screen Australia.

For more information about the NTFO visit www.nt.gov.au/filmoffice.

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