Gary Higgins
Minister for Arts and Museums

Congratulations….and celebrations at Screen Producers Australia Awards

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The Territory screen industry is brimming with pride.

At the recent Screen Producers Australia Awards, local film makers Rachel Clements and Trisha Morton-Thomas of Brindle Films won *Breakthrough Business of the Year*, while Alex Kelly and Timothy Parish were awarded *Ones to Watch Kickstart*.

Meanwhile Tanith Glynn-Maloney has been selected to participate in the *Indigenous Producers Initiative* with Screen Australia. Tanith was also a finalist at the awards as a producer for short film *Nulla Nulla*.

“Our industry may be small but it is dynamic,” Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins said.

“Congratulations to Rachel, Trisha, Alex, Timothy and Tanith on these accolades.

“It is great to see so many people from the Northern Territory chosen for awards and programs, it is a mark of the Territory once again punching above its weight.”

The *Breakthrough Business of the Year* is awarded to a production business that has demonstrated a significant breakthrough in the screen industry in the past 12 months.

Brindle Films has produced great documentaries such as *Blown Away* and the TV series *8MMM Aboriginal Radio*, a ground breaking Indigenous comedy, the first of its kind.

The *Ones to Watch Kickstart* means SBS will commission and make a TV series Alex and Timothy have developed and will co-produce, called *How to Make Trouble and Influence People*.

*Ones to Watch* is a selective mentoring program that aims to guide and nurture the next wave of Australia’s talented producers.

The *Indigenous Producers Initiative* involves an intensive development plan that covers all aspects of producing and will be tailored to suit the needs and skills of Tanith.

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