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CBR SCREEN FUND - MADE IN CBR (COVID SUPPORT) ROUND 1 PROJECTS ANNOUNCED

Screen Canberra announces support for a fiction feature film, two documentary features and two television series, all produced by locals, that will share in \$86,000 of funding.

The slate includes Producer Shannon Wilson McClinton's (*Hearts and Bones*) feature film *6 Festivals*; Documentary filmmaker Robert Nugent's *Wombats in Space*, Wildbear Entertainment's *Big Bangs* and *How to Build a City*; and Screencraft's PNG women's health drama series, *It Takes a Village*.

MADE IN CBR is a Special Purpose Fund established in 2020 under the CBR Screen Fund to provide specific support to the ACT Screen professionals whose work and income have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In round 1 of the fund, a total amount of \$86,000 has been distributed amongst five successful applicants. CBR Screen Fund is an ACT Government initiative, managed by Screen Canberra.

Screen Canberra CEO Monica Penders said: "We are thrilled that we can offer support to professional Canberran filmmakers during these very challenging times. Despite this being a very difficult period for production, it is an opportunity for project development and we look forward to seeing the projects evolve".

CBR Screen Fund Manager Sophie Harper said: "Screen Canberra is delighted to support these five projects and the screen professionals making them. The quality and diversity of projects coming from Canberra's independent filmmakers and production companies is genuinely exciting to see and we are pleased to be able to provide support, particularly during this very tough year."

6 FESTIVALS – Fiction Feature Film

Shannon Wilson McClinton, Superlative Pictures

Hardship loan

A coming of age story about music-loving teens, Summer, Maxie and James, who make a pact to go to six music festivals in six months when James is diagnosed with brain cancer.

WOMBATS IN SPACE – Documentary Feature

Robert Nugent – Development loan

A film looking at places in Australia that are being used as extraterrestrial analogues, to further the research and exploration of Space.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE – Television Series Fiction

Screencraft – Development loan

When the wife of a rising PNG Rugby League star Rex dies in childbirth, his reality is shaken, and he fights to build a health clinic in his village.

BIG BANGS – Documentary Feature

Wildbear Entertainment – Development loan

Exploding stars, crashing meteorites, gigantic geomagnetic storms – all threats to Earth's existence and windows into how the cosmos works.

HOW TO BUILD A CITY – Television Series Documentary

Wildbear Entertainment – Production loan

As we race, inevitably, towards a more urbanised future there is much to learn from the present and the past; from the 'HOW, the NOW and the WOW' of building the greatest cities in the world.

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