**ABC applauds production partners for SPA Award wins**

The ABC congratulates its content makers and production partners on their success at the Screen Producers Australia Awards, where ABC programs won six categories.

Landmark drama ***Mystery Road***(Bunya Productions) won Telemovie or Mini Series Production of the Year, while ***Rosehaven***(Guesswork Production) won best Comedy Series and ***F\*!#ing Adelaide***(Closer Productions) won best Online Series. *Mystery Road* and *Rosehaven* are among the programs returning to the ABC in 2019.

***Anh’s Brush with Fame***(Screentime) won its second SPA Award in two years, this time for best Documentary Series, while the perennially popular ***Gruen***won best Light Entertainment Series. ***Grace Beside Me***(Magpie Pictures), a co-commission between ABC ME and NITV, won Children’s Series of the Year.

Michael Carrington, ABC Acting Director of Entertainment & Specialist, said: “Congratulations to our production partners for their commitment to remarkable Australian stories. As Australia’s leading broadcaster in supporting home-grown stories, collaboration is key to the ABC’s support of our production industry.”

The total budgets for content produced for first release on the ABC ($144 million) was higher than the combined total for broadcasters Seven, Nine and Ten ($142 million) in 2017-18, according to [Screen Australia’s Drama Report](https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/sa/media-centre/news/2018/10-30-drama-report-2017-18-home-grown-expenditure).

**18th Screen Producers Australia Awards winners for ABC TV titles**

**\*\*Children’s Series Production of the Year**

*Grace Beside Me,* Magpie Pictures

**\*\*Comedy Series Production of the Year**

*Rosehaven,* Guesswork Television

**\*\*Light Entertainment Series Production of the Year**

*Gruen,* CJZ

**\*\*Telemovie or Mini Series Production of the Year**

*Mystery Road: The Series,* Bunya Productions

**\*\*Online Series Production of the Year**

*F\*!#ing Adelaide,* Closer Productions

**\*\*Documentary or Documentary Series Production of the Year**

*Anh’s Brush with Fame,* Screentime

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