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ABC congratulates 16th SPA Award winners and nominees

The ABC wishes to congratulate its production partners on their much-deserved wins and nominations at this year's Screen Producers Australia Awards. A staggering 21 ABC titles were nominated, with five programs winning their category at the ceremony last night in Melbourne.

Cleverman, ABC's critically acclaimed Indigenous drama series, won Best Drama Production, while the ever-popular ***Gruen*** took out the Light Entertainment Television Production. Best Documentary Series went to ***Afghanistan: Inside Australia's War***, Best Children's Series was won by action-adventure drama ***Tomorrow When the War Began***, and the Interactive or Game Production of the Year went to the ***Little Lunch*** app. The Cutting Edge Short Film of the Year Award went to comedy ***Ronny Chieng: International Student***.

Richard Finlayson, Director of Television, ABC TV says: "The ABC congratulates all the deserving nominees and winners of last night's Screen Producers Australia Awards. These awards recognise the outstanding creative skills in our industry and the value delivered to Australian viewers."

16th Screen Producers Australia Awards Winners and Nominations for ABC TV Titles

CHILDREN'S SERIES PRODUCTION

WINNER – TOMORROW, WHEN THE WAR BEGAN Ambience Entertainment

NOMINEES:

- **BUSHWHACKED! BUGS** Mint Pictures
- **READY FOR THIS** Werner Film Productions

COMEDY SERIES PRODUCTION

NOMINEES:

- **MAD AS HELL SERIES 6** ITV Studios Australia
- **PLEASE LIKE ME SEASON 3** Guesswork Television
- **SAMMY J AND RANDY IN RICKETTS LANE** Sticky Pictures

DRAMA SERIES PRODUCTION

WINNER - CLEVERMAN Goalpost Pictures

NOMINEES:

- **RAKE SEASON 4** Essential Media and Entertainment
- **THE DOCTOR BLAKE MURDER MYSTERIES SEASON 4** December Media

LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT SERIES PRODUCTION

WINNER - GRUEN CJZ

NOMINEES:

- **HACK LIVE: AUSTRALIAN'S ON SERIES** Essential Media and Entertainment
- **THE WEEKLY WITH CHARLIE PICKERING** Guesswork Television

TELEMOVIE OR MINI SERIES PRODUCTION**NOMINEE:**

- **BARRACUDA** Matchbox Pictures

SERIES DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION

WINNER - AFGHANISTAN: INSIDE AUSTRALIA'S WAR Essential Media and Entertainment

NOMINEES:

- **STREETS OF YOUR TOWN** Mint Pictures
- **KEEPING AUSTRALIA ALIVE** ITV Studios Australia
- **REVOLUTION SCHOOL** CJZ
- **HITTING HOME** InFilms

FEATURE FILM PRODUCTION**NOMINEE:**

- **NOWHERE BOYS: THE BOOK OF SHADOWS** Matchbox Pictures

INTERACTIVE PRODUCTION

WINNER - LITTLE LUNCH APP Australian Children's Television Foundation

MEDIA SUPER PRODUCTION BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

WINNER – CJZ

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