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### AFI nominates WA in record proportions

Western Australia's reputation in producing groundbreaking drama has been recognised with a total of 11 nominations for Western Australian projects in the 2007 Australian Film Institute (AFI) Awards.

ScreenWest Chief Executive Ian Booth said that 2007 was a fantastic year for the Western Australian screen industry, with the AFI nominations confirming what audiences and critics around the world had already realised.

"It's terrific that WA projects are critically making their mark through this recognition by the AFI, after their success on national and international screens," Mr Booth said.

The indigenous drama series, [The Circuit](#), produced by Media World Pictures, has been nominated for five AFI awards:

- 'Best Telefeature or Mini Series',
- 'Best Lead Actress in Television Drama' for Tammy Clarkson
- 'Best Guest or Supporting Actor in Television Drama' for David Ngoombujarra.
- 'Best Direction in Television'
- 'Best Screenplay in Television'

The documentary series, [Air Australia](#), produced by Vue DC has been nominated for the 'Visual Effects Award'; all four of the VFX artists nominated for the award are residents of WA.

For two of these VFX artists - Reiggy Skwarko and Delon Govender - the nomination is particularly exciting, given that they commenced employment on the series through ScreenWest's [Professional Attachment scheme](#), which led to their employment for the entire project.

Cementing Western Australia's reputation for quality children's drama, two WA projects vie for the 'Best Children's Drama Award'; [Lockie Leonard](#) (Essential Viewing) and *The Sleepover Club (series 2)* (Southern Star Entertainment).

*Lockie Leonard* actor Corey McKernan is nominated for the 'Young Actor Award', competing with feature film actors from *Romulus*, *My Father* and *The Home Song Stories*. In total, *Lockie Leonard* picked up four AFI nominations.



*Lockie Leonard* was also recently nominated for a British Academy of Film and Television Award's (BAFTA) International Award, competing with international hits like *Sponge Bob Square Pants*.

*The Circuit*, *Lockie Leonard*, *Air Australia* and *The Sleepover Club (series 2)* are all proudly supported by ScreenWest and Lotterywest.

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