



## FilmAustralia leaders in documentary

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# Making History

FILM AUSTRALIA IS ONE OF THE NATION'S LEADING PRODUCERS OF TELEVISION DOCUMENTARIES AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. OUR MISSION IS TO CREATE AN AUDIO-VISUAL RECORD OF AUSTRALIAN LIFE.

The Australian history initiative under the banner **Making History** aims to develop, commission and produce a range of distinctive high quality history programs.

Programs in the **Making History** scheme may be political, social, character-led or topographical histories spanning the broad chronology and geography of human experience across Australia.

They will be great programs that inspire, surprise and enthuse viewers with rich, exciting, and challenging stories, connecting Australians with their past.

### Requirements of Making History

Series and programs made under Making History will be structured to create a distinctive body of work for television broadcast rather than a number of disparate one-off documentaries.

Film Australia will develop the overall "editorial architecture" of the project and work closely with independent producers to achieve these ends.

All **Making History** projects in the scheme should be recognised as great factual television, attract and engage mass primetime audiences on national broadcasters and be developed and produced to the highest professional standards.

Producers working in the scheme should be fully aware of current production trends and editorial sensibilities both at home and abroad. They should seek to use craft and technique in new and arresting ways, whilst maintaining storytelling and great stories at the heart of each production.

Programs should also be designed so that a strong package of related elements can be added, including tie-in books, web content, and other ancillaries.

Programs made by the scheme will have a range of budgets ranging between approximately \$400,000 and \$650,000 per hour.

Broadcaster pre-sales, state agency and international co-production investment may also figure in the funding structure of individual projects, and will be negotiated by Film Australia.

### Commissioning Timetable

Film Australia has completed commissioning the first 10 episodes under Making History and programs will be delivered through 2007 and 2008.

*Film Australia is an Australian Government-owned company.*