

Six early-career female documentary directors secure Doco180 funding

Wednesday 14 June 2017: Screen Australia and News Digital Networks Australia's With Her In Mind Network (whimn.com.au) have today announced the six projects selected to receive funding through the [Doco180 initiative](#). Each director will make a social media-friendly documentary designed to make the viewer 'do a 180' on a topic relevant to Australian women, in 180 seconds.

Of the six teams selected - three are based in Victoria, and the remaining three are from Queensland, Western Australia and New South Wales.

- In *Black Beauty* Santilla Chingaipe, most recently seen as the presenter of *Date My Race* on SBS, will make her directorial debut exploring how Australian women of colour are coping with a lack of diverse beauty representations in mainstream media.
- The strong bonds of female friendship between director Dominique Pratt and lung transplant survivor Shannon will feature in *Coming Up For Air* - an intimate look at life with a terminal illness and what it really means to have someone else's organs inside you.
- Jasmine Richwol will borrow from her own life in *IVF vs. The One*, about empowering single women who are in their mid-to-late 30s and want to have a baby by asking them: should they be looking for a man, or a scientist?
- *Mission Impossible* will follow a day in the life of health journalist Shannon Harvey who will attempt the elusive and all too familiar challenge of the modern-day woman: trying to 'do it all' - at work, at home, as a mother and as a woman.
- Kelly Hucker will direct *My Body Says* - a celebration of the female form told through the intimate reveal of comedienne Loani Arman's body, inspiring women to redefine their body image and rethink their bodies as a map of their lives.
- Sari Braithwaite will use a coffee cart to stage a provocative social experiment in *The Pay Gappuccino*, charging men a 16% tax on coffee for the day to put gender salary discrepancies front and centre.

"There are so many topics and issues that are important to women today and we're very proud to be able to offer these incredible female storytellers the chance to share them with Australia," said Melissa Overman, Executive Editor of whimn.com.au. "We were blown away by the insightful and compelling pitches Doco180 received and it just reaffirms our commitment to quality video content so much so that we're hoping to work with more than just the shortlist of applicants. We can't wait to see the final docs!"

Each team will receive \$6,000 to make their project and will be supported by a Screen Australia Investment Development Manager.

"We were energised by how liberally and creatively these women have interpreted the medium of documentary to tackle compelling subjects that will resonate with Australian women from all walks of life," said Liz Stevens, Senior Manager of Documentary at Screen Australia. "It has been a pleasure to partner with whimn.com.au for this initiative and we look forward to seeing the conversations sparked by these bite-sized documentaries."

The Doco180 series will be rolled out on whimn.com.au and its social channels from October 2017.

DOCO180 PROJECTS (in alphabetical order)

BLACK BEAUTY

Producer TBC

Director / Writer Santilla Chingaipe

Synopsis A female artist shares her story about learning to embrace her dark skin tone when the stereotypical Australian woman doesn't look like her.

COMING UP FOR AIR

Producers Christian Horgan, Dominique Pratt

Director Dominique Pratt

Synopsis Shannon (aka Foxy) and Dom met through the most unusual of circumstances - Shannon had just one year to live, and Dom had a camera. What really happens in life after transplant?

IVF VS THE ONE

Producer / Director Jasmine Richwol

Synopsis Have a baby in your prime or risk waiting for the one? *IVF vs. The One* will ask single women in their mid to late 30's to consider: should they stop looking for a man, and have a baby on their own?

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

Producer Julian Harvey

Director Shannon Harvey

Synopsis Follow health journalist Shannon Harvey as she flies through her day attempting to be the perfect mum, the corporate fighter, the wellness warrior and the domestic goddess all in one.

MY BODY SAYS

Producer / Creator Loani Arman

Director Kelly Hucker

Synopsis A body-conscious woman undresses down to her underwear to share the stories and experiences that are documented in the scars, marking and folds of her body.

THE PAY GAPPUCCINO

Producer Britt Arthur

Director Sari Braithwaite

Synopsis Turning small change into big change - one coffee at a time.