

Deborah Mailman AM appointed to Screen Australia Board

In an [announcement today](#), the Morrison Government has appointed Ms Deborah Mailman AM as a member of the Screen Australia Board for a term of three years.

Mr Michael Hawkins, Ms Claudia Karvan and Mr Richard King have also been reappointed to the Board for three years.

The multi award winning Deborah Mailman AM is one of Australia's most highly respected actors on stage and screen. Her feature credits include *Radiance*, *Rabbit Proof Fence* and the internationally acclaimed *The Sapphires*. On television Deborah has created some of Australia's most enduring characters including her award winning portrayals in *Mystery Road*, *Redfern Now*, *Mabo* and *The Secret Life Of Us* as well as voicing Big Cuz in the award winning animation *Little J and Big Cuz*. In 2017 Deborah received the Order of Australia Medal for Services to the Arts and as a role model for Indigenous performers. She is currently a Trustee of the Sydney Opera House.

"2018 was such a wonderful milestone for Australia's Indigenous screen creators as we celebrated 25 years of being in control of our stories, and without doubt Screen Australia has been a constant collaborator, partner and of course investor," said **Mailman**. "It is essential all Australians see themselves on screen and we are able to hear our stories told in our voice, from our unique perspective. I am excited to be joining the Screen Australia Board at this time when the industry is energised and the demand for our work both locally and abroad is growing."

Deborah Mailman becomes the second Indigenous Australian to serve on Screen Australia's Board. Producer, director and writer Rachel Perkins was part of Screen Australia's founding board in 2008.

Screen Australia's now eight member [Board](#), includes five women.