

CREW Indigenous – ‘The Voice’

‘INTRODUCTION’

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture dominated the Australian landscape for thousands of years before white people came to the country. ‘THE CREW’ recognizes this indigenous heritage as a very important and integral part of the fabric and history of our nation.

We live in a time when the language, custom, culture and history, in many indigenous communities, are in danger of being lost. Co-incidentally we also live in the age of the information revolution with communications technology accessible as never before.

This fact provides a unique window of opportunity to document language, custom, culture and history and in doing so help right the effects of past wrongs.

‘THE VOICE’

‘THE VOICE’ program provides training in aspects of video production and communications technology to indigenous young people. The young indigenous participants are given the opportunity to explore their world and their own culture through the eyes of the camera, whilst providing them with a voice on national television through ‘THE CREW’ Program.

Seed funding has been provided by the Federal Government to establish a training program initially in four locations across the country. Participating groups of young people will take part in a workshop program that will guide them through the process of producing their own story for broadcast on ‘THE CREW’, SBS Television.

COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Participating groups will become part of a web based communications network providing access to on going training and support whilst enabling them to share successes, ideas, techniques, and troubleshoot issues that may arise.

‘THE VOICE’ will focus on the production of positive stories of both traditional and contemporary nature that document and dignify aspects of cultural identity, aspirations, language, and heritage. We will also focus on possible commercial opportunities and employment outcomes that may arise as a result of the training.

ROLE OUT

Depending on the outcomes of the ‘Seeding’ phase of the project, the training program and communications network will be rolled out across the country. If you would like to take part in this program please contact us.

As a nation we have so much to lose if our indigenous history is lost but we have so much to gain if we preserve and embrace it.

Find out more on ‘THE CREW’, Mondays 5.00 SBS Television or log on to our website: www.thecrew.net.au

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