Alice Springs producer, Rachel Clements, has won the prestigious 2013 Bob Plasto Screen Award. Minister for Arts and Museums Matt Conlan presented Ms Clements with her Award and $10,000 cash prize at tonight’s opening of the Darwin International Film Festival.

“Rachel is a well-deserving recipient of the Bob Plasto Award and I congratulate her on her win,” Mr Conlan said.

“Based in Alice Springs, Rachel has made outstanding and significant contributions to the Territory screen industry over the past decade.

“Rachel’s dedication to telling Territory stories is second to none. Her work often receives high-acclaim and regularly reaches local, national and international audiences.”

Ms Clements moved to Alice Springs in 2004 to work as a Production Manager then Producer at CAAMA, and is now the Director of independent production company Brindle Films.

She has developed and produced many award-winning Indigenous and independent broadcast documentaries and TV series including 22 episodes of the CAAMA/Imparja Aboriginal language and culture maintenance series Nganampa Anwernekenhe, and three series – Pmarra Country, Yeyekerte and Grounded – for NITV.

In 2011, Ms Clements co-produced the independent documentary Ochre and Ink which has screened and won prizes in eight national and international festivals.

Most recently she has produced the documentary, Big Name No Blanket, which was a finalist in the FOXTEL Australian Documentary Prize. Through her company Brindle Films, she has a $3 million television comedy series 8MMM Aboriginal Radio, commissioned for production in 2014.

“These projects have all brought substantial investment into the Northern Territory, benefiting the economy, and have ensured the training and employment of many Territorians including Indigenous writers, directors, editors and actors,” Mr Conlan said.

“Her contribution to the Territory’s screen industry, particularly in Central Australia, has been enormous and I’m delighted Rachel has been recognised for her talent and efforts tonight.”

The Bob Plasto Award is named in honour of the late Bob Plasto who made 75 documentaries in his distinguished career. The Award honours the achievements of Territorians in the screen industry by recognising the outstanding contributions they have made to the value and recognition of the screen industry in the Territory.

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