Dr David Curl – winner, Bob Plasto Screen Award

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One of the Territory’s most successful filmmakers has been honoured for his outstanding contribution to the Northern Territory screen industry.

Doctor David Curl, documentary maker and keen advocate for the local industry has been awarded the 2015 Bob Plasto Screen Award.

“This award recognises Dr Curl’s excellence in natural history filmmaking; his committed advocacy for the industry over many years; and his passionate championing of storytelling through the medium of film and the significance of the Northern Territory as a base for that filmmaking,” Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins said.

“He is well known locally, nationally and internationally and is a great example of a Territorian who strives for and achieves excellence through his chosen medium.

“I congratulate Dr Curl on this, another significant achievement.”

The Bob Plasto Screen Award is valued at $10,000 and is named in hour of the late Bob Plasto who made some 75 documentaries in his distinguished career, of which 20 were about the Territory.

Dr Curl was nominated for the award by Andrew Hyde of Exposure Productions who praises him as one of the Northern Territory’s most successful, creative, committed and outspoken filmmakers.

Noting the success of Dr Curl’s feature documentaries, The Call of Kakadu and Silhouettes in the Desert, Mr Hyde said: “By any standard, these documentaries place David at the forefront of the industry, both from sales achieved and awards received. In my opinion, no-one has given more time, sacrificed more or displayed more commitment to the development of progressive policy aimed at developing the screen industry locally.”

Congratulating Dr Curl, Meredith Garlick Acting Director Screen Territory said he was a great choice for the award.

“This is an honour richly deserved. David’s work has brought the natural wonders of the Northern Territory to a large international audience, and is testament to his commitment to the screen industry in the Territory,” she said.
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