



**DESERT
PEA
MEDIA**



Position Description - 2024

Film Maker

BACKGROUND:

Desert Pea Media (DPM) is a charity established in 2002, that works with Indigenous communities and young people in regional and remote areas of Australia. Our collaborative projects utilise contemporary media (film, music, and digital media) to facilitate important social and cultural dialogue and tell authentic, community-led stories.

For two decades, DPM have collaborated with young people, Elders, knowledge holders, community members and local service providers around Australia to create an inter-generational conversation about positive social change, identity, and wellbeing. We co-create relevant, impactful, and inspiring media with community - direct from these important yarns.

DPM has won 6 National Indigenous Music Awards (Community Clip of the Year category) and has over 5 million views on its YouTube channel.

THE ROLE:

The DPM Film Maker is a collaborative creative role responsible for all technical film production/ post-production requirements for DPM Projects in regional and remote Indigenous communities. The role involves a high level of collaboration and often Co-Directing role with the DPM Creative Director on music videos, short films & documentaries, and online content. The role requires creative innovation, technical excellence, passion, and flexibility – often working with participants who have never made films or performed before.

This role requires significant community engagement (often with young people) in the scripting and shooting of the media, creative flexibility, cultural awareness, and applicants must have the capacity for travel to regional/remote Indigenous communities for 1- 4-week projects.

***This role will be contracted on a project-by-project basis.**

DPM's approach to community media productions is what we call "In Service to the Yarn". This means we work closely with the participants and the community and are required to tell their story in a safe, supported, authentic and positive way. This often requires lateral thinking, flexibility with working hours and filming locations, and an "all-terrain" attitude. Our projects can be challenging but are always rewarding.

KEY DUTIES:

- Responsible for all film production elements of DPM Community Projects including shooting, editing, post-production of music videos, short films, documentaries, online content etc (often graphics and effects, colour grading etc) (NB: These roles are collaborative, and often split between multiple contractors).
- Collaboratively produce, direct, shoot, edit and finalise music and film productions with DPM Creative Team and Indigenous community members.
- Operate & maintain your own relevant film equipment and execute film shoots
- Process data and recordings, manage filing systems, backup, and storage
- Live event filming and production

- Location sound recording
- Oversee the post-production process on all projects, including managing any required engineers/contractors, within indicated deadlines
- Upload and register content with film festivals etc.

REQUIRED SKILLS / EXPERIENCE:

- Filming with young people and community participants
- Filming in outdoor and remote locations
- Scripting and directing experience
- Experience with editing short films and music videos
- Experience working with Indigenous communities
- Working-with-Children clearance in NSW (and potentially other states/Territories). **This can be applied for as needed.*

PREFERRED SKILLS / EXPERIENCE:

- Photography and media documentation
- Literacy in social media management
- Colour grading/ graphics/ special effects/ animation experience
- Other film industry skills/ networks and proficiencies
- **Additional skills such as song writing, singing/vocal coaching, youth work and mentoring also favourable.

To register your interest – please fill out the form at: <https://www.desertpeamedia.com/eoi-filmmaker>

Also check out DPM's community projects and media outputs on our various channels:

- >> www.desertpeamedia.com
- >> www.youtube.com/@DesertPeaMedia
- >> www.instagram.com/desertpeamedia
- >> www.facebook.com/desertpeamedia