



## Powerful NITV documentary *Kindred* to premiere during Reconciliation Week

### A journey of family, friendship and home

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A deeply personal, feature length documentary, *Kindred*, will premiere on **National Indigenous Television (NITV)** and [SBS On Demand](#) on **Sunday 2 June at 8.30pm** during National Reconciliation Week.

Written and directed by **Adrian Russell Wills** (*Redfern Now*, *Wentworth*, *RFDS*) and **Gillian Moody** (*Family Rules*, *Black Divaz*), the 90-minute film is a journey into the emotional landscape of family, love and loss experienced by two close friends, both Aboriginal, who were adopted by white families and have connected back with their bloodline families.

Twenty-five years after making their first film together, Moody and Russell Wills turned to each other to navigate the emotional rollercoaster of coming to grips with their childhood adoptions. This is the story of *Kindred* – two best friends who tell their stories of supporting each other while reconnecting their bloodlines.

The documentary consists of archival footage, dramatic recreations and candid interviews with family members and the documentary subjects themselves. Shot in numerous locations across Australia, *Kindred* weaves together two personal narratives while exploring themes of family, identity, culture, belonging, racism, trauma and more.

**Marissa McDowell, a proud Wiradyuri woman and Head of Commissions at NITV**, said:

"We're thrilled to share this incredible documentary from Adrian and Gillian, which shares a story that many Indigenous peoples can relate to. We hope that the powerful messages shared in *Kindred* connect with all Australian audiences, particularly during National Reconciliation Week, a time of reflection and learning."

**Writers and Directors, Adrian Russell Wills and Gillian Moody**, said: "We invite you into our story of friendship and the bond that brought us together, being adopted. *Kindred* explores what it feels like living in two worlds, one black and one white. It looks at the importance of discovering your place in the world and realising that home and love can truly be found in

the people and places your heart connects to. *Kindred* comes from our hearts and the generous hearts of many in our family. We hope you enjoy it."

**Angela Bates, Head of First Nations at Screen Australia said:** "*Kindred* filmmakers, Gillian Moody and Adrian Wills have crafted a moving documentary that invites audiences to embark on their deeply personal journey of discovering their place in the world. Through their lens, we witness the strength of friendship, unconditional love, the power of cultural connection, and identity. We're incredibly proud that we were able to support Gillian and Adrian to tell their story – the way they wanted to, and for Australian audiences to gain a deeper understanding of First Nations experiences."

**Head of Screen NSW, Kyas Hepworth, said:** "This is such a relevant, personal, and deeply moving documentary that examines self-identity, family connection, love and loss, and is a story that many First Nations people around the country know too well. Documentaries like this are important to examine and reflect on our nation's history, and Screen NSW was privileged to support this film."

*Kindred* is a **Kalori Productions** production for **NITV**. Principal production investment from **Screen Australia's First Nations Department** in association with **Screen NSW**. Financed with support from **NITV**. Produced by Gillian Moody and Tom Zubrycki.

**Watch *Kindred* on Sunday 2 June at 8.30pm on NITV. It will be available to stream for free on [SBS On Demand](#), with captions available in English and subtitles in Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese. The documentary will also be available with audio description for blind and low vision audiences.**

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