SAVING ANDREW MALLARD NOMINATED FOR A WALKLEY AWARD

Artemis International's documentary Saving Andrew Mallard has been nominated for the 51st annual Walkley Awards for excellence in journalism in the category of Television Current Affairs, Feature, Documentary or Special.

The documentary, which follows the 12 year campaign by the family and supporters of convicted murderer Andrew Mallard who fight for his release was screened on ABC earlier this year.
Andrew has recently been acquitted of the murder of Mosman Park jeweller Pamela Lawrence.

Saving Andrew Mallard is Produced by Brian Beaton and Celia Tait, and Co-produced and Directed by Michael Muntz. Celia Tait and Michael Muntz are writers.

The documentary follows 70 year old Grace Mallard, who refuses to believe her son Andrew is guilty of murder. 12 years ago Andrew was put away for life for the murder of Pamela Lawrence. Over the course of a decade, Grace and her devastated family doggedly fought on to set him free.

Along the way they recruited investigative journalist Colleen Egan, charismatic MP John Quigley and top QC Malcolm McCusker to help them. All are convinced that Andrew never got a fair trial. Together they took it to the High Court - Andrew's final chance for the justice system to take another look.

Celia Tait from Artemis International said the Walkley nomination was fantastic news, "we found out that Andrew had finally been cleared and received news of the Walkley nomination on the same day. It is a very good feeling."

Words of praise for Saving Andrew Mallard:

"This documentary never becomes bogged down in legalese and is a compelling tale of one families devotion to their son" Sun Herald

"It's an emotional journey, with his mother Grace and sister Jacqui enduring a roller coaster ride of despair and hope, unflinchingly captured on camera" The Sydney Morning Herald

Winners of the Walkley Awards will be announced on November 30 and the delayed awards presentation will be screened on SBS at 10pm.

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