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Theatre Network Australia (TNA) is delighted to announce Rani Pramesti as our new Program Producer, joining us in delivering the Victorian Independent Producers Initiative (VIPI).

The Victorian Independent Producers Initiative (VIPI) is a multifaceted program of activities designed to strengthen the careers of local independent performing arts producers and up-skill the artists and companies who work with producers. Delivered on behalf of the Victorian Government, the program will have a focus on developing the skills of producers who identify as First Peoples, culturally and linguistically diverse, and/or with disability as well as those living in regional Victoria.

Rani shares TNA's passion for building the capacity and strengthening the community of independent performing arts: *"In my experience, the independent arts are where the most experimentation and diversity of stories can be explored and honoured. However, this can only happen when there is a strong scaffolding to support independent artists' contribution, including support from producers. I am excited that the VIPI initiative will play a crucial role in supporting independent producers and therefore, independent artists' ability to thrive."*

On top of her independent arts practice, Rani brings experience from previous producing roles at Footscray Community Arts Centre and City of Maribyrnong's Phoenix Youth Hub, and as a dedicated advocate for the arts.

Rani continues: *"I bring an inter-sectional and inter-generational lens to collaboration. I believe deeply that decolonisation needs to form the foundation on which diversity and accessibility are built. One cannot be realised without the other and collaboration needs to happen across generations. I look forward to supporting the sustainability of emerging and established independent producers in this way."*

TNA executive director Nicole Beyer says: "We are thrilled that Rani will be joining us from mid-September to get the VIPI project underway. Rani's commitment to diversity and decolonisation, and her experience as an artist and as a producer in various contexts will be tremendous assets to the work that we do at TNA."

For more information on the Victorian Independent Producers Initiative (VIPI) - <https://www.tna.org.au/what-we-do/sector-development/vipi/>

ABOUT THEATRE NETWORK AUSTRALIA

Theatre Network Australia (TNA) is the leading industry development organisation for the small to medium and independent performing arts. A national organisation, with a dedicated Victorian program, TNA strengthens artists and arts organisations, influences cultural policy, facilitates critical debate and networking, and advocates for a robust, interconnected and innovative sector.