

Hills Shire

Aussie women centre stage in new series

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Driven out of the need for greater diversity on screen comes a new Australian web series about four women trying to navigate their early thirties.

While attending acting school, Carlingford's Tricia-Lyn Morosin noticed a lack of roles available for someone like her – an Australian woman in her thirties of Lebanese and American heritage – and decided to do something about it.

"I thought, the best way to challenge the lack of diversity on our screens was to create a show that showcased real, wonderfully flawed Aussie women of different shapes, ethnicities and sexual orientations," she said.

The resulting script was the authentically Australian, female-driven web series *Thirty*, a comedy/drama centred around four friends in Sydney.

Morosin plays Dalia in the show, a woman who has "fallen off the grid" after having a baby and moving to the suburbs, joined by her three childhood friends who are all trying to navigate their early thirties.

The cast also includes Madeline Beukers, Sarah de Possesse, Prudence Holloway and Hills resident Alison McGirr – with Morosin's son and dad also making an appearance.

Director Leah Pellinkhof said the characters offer a "refreshingly realistic representation of what it's really like to be in your 30s".

"The characters are feeling society's pressure to have a highly successful career and family," she said.



Writer/actor Tricia-Lyn Morosin, of Carlingford. Picture: Kara Riley

de Possesse described the show as "funny, insightful and refreshingly candid".

"You can't help but be drawn into the characters' struggles, flaws and friendships," she said.

The filming took place all over Sydney, with the majority in Carlingford, and premiered in May.

Morosin said the feedback from audiences so far had been "everything I wanted it to be".

"A lot of the responses have been like, 'This is so real', particularly from mums," she said.

Thirty has also been nominated for the Best Australian Drama at this year's Melbourne WebFest.

"It's been a great ride," Morosin said.

What: *Thirty*, a drama/comedy about four friends in Sydney who are in their early thirties and trying to get their lives together.

Who: Written and produced by Carlingford's Tricia-Lyn Morosin

Watch: The first season has been released and can be watched on YouTube

Details: thirtytheseries.com