

Queensland Events says Go to Green Festival...and Grow!

The Mission Beach Film Festival is the thrilled recipient of a \$25,000 grant from the Queensland State Government for the 2010 festival to be mounted from September 17th to 19th.

The Mission Beach Film Festival is benefiting from funding under the Queensland Events Regional Development Program (QERDP).

The QERDP is an investment program designed to extend the flow of economic and social benefits of events to regional Queensland.

A state-wide initiative, the program is committed to enhancing existing events in regional Queensland, as well as assisting in the establishment of new events.

Since the QERDP began in 2001, more than \$15.3 million has been invested in 705 regional events, an indicator of the important role these events play in their communities and wider Queensland

The Mission Beach Film Festival received vital funding from QERDP in 2009 which enabled the festival to present 9 feature length films, a stills photography exhibition and a short film competition all curated and created around sustainability. The reception to the festival in its first year was beyond organizers expectations and has provided the basis for a bigger and better festival in 2010.

Screenings Under the Stars will continue in 2010 along with a comprehensive film program, children's program, Stills Exhibition and People's Choice Awards, the Sustainable Short Film Competition and a Sustainable Speakers Series.

Organisers have recently locked in significant media and local business sponsorships and volunteers are once again on board in full support of an event which celebrates the unique natural environment of Mission Beach and how we can better understand our environment to ensure a sustainable future.

Entry forms for the Stills Exhibition and People's Choice Awards and the Sustainable Short Film Competition are available now on:

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