

Broome Happenings

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Shayne Thomson, Australian actor Steve Bastoni and Kandy Curran prepare for the 2017 Mud and Saltwater Short Film Festival at the Mangrove Hotel this Saturday.



Coastal tales on big screen

■ Staff reporters

Broome audiences are about to be showered in mud and saltwater as the biennial 2017 Mud and Saltwater Short Film Fest returns to the Kimberley tomorrow.

The film festival features footage from Roebuck Bay and the Kimberley coast, presented by the Roebuck Bay Working Group with support from Royalties for Regions, Inspiring Australia, Rangelands NRM through the

National Landcare Program and Cygnet Bay Pearls.

This year, Australian actor Steve Bastoni will be working in collaboration with festival co-directors Shayne Thomson and Kandy Curran to showcase acting and filmmaking workshops in Broome, partnered with major sponsor Cygnet Bay Pearls.

RBWG's Ms Curran said Bastoni would inspire new filmmakers to embrace their creativity and tell their coastal stories on film. "Steve has also helped us to see

the enormous potential for the Mud and Saltwater Film Fest to appeal to audiences from around the world, given the Kimberley's dramatic coastal scenery and fascinating stories about life in such a wild region," she said.

"We have opened up the Roebuck Bay short film categories this year to include comedy, drama, documentary, animation, science short and music video.

"To add to the drama, we have invited filmmakers to submit films on the Kimberley coast." Curran

said the quality of the short films received so far was impressive, with entries across all categories.

"I have no doubt the films will make locals proud to live in such a remarkable part of the world — visitors are in for a treat too, with comedy bringing out the quirkiness of life in a town famous for its troppo saltwater lifestyle," she said.

The festival films are being shown at The Mangrove Hotel from 5.30pm this Saturday.

Entry is free.



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