

Bay to feature in new film festival

Budding and experienced filmmakers passionate about promoting Roebuck Bay could have their work screened publicly as part of a home-grown film festival being launched this year.

Created by the Roebuck Bay Working Group, the Mud and Saltwater short film festival will feature as part of this year's Shinju Matsuri Festival.

Working group project manager Kandy Curran said the new initiative was a way to showcase the beauty of the bay on screen.

"With the beautiful coastal waters of Roebuck Bay recognised as a marine wonderland with a rich cultural and historical heritage, Broome's Roebuck Bay Working Group decided it was time for the stories aplenty to be told through short films," she said.

Filmmakers of all levels are invited to submit a short film that focuses on Roebuck Bay's natural or heritage values.

Categories for entrants are:



The beauty of Roebuck Bay will be in focus at the Mud and Saltwater short film festival. Picture: Kandy Curran

primary school, secondary school, professional filmmaker, recreational filmmaker, science and animation.

The short documentaries can be any length up to five minutes including credits, and will be judged prior to the event.

If shortlisted, the films will be screened to a large audience on the night.

Winning entrants from each category will receive a prize to encourage their filmmaking skills into the future.

To help interested participants

develop their skills, a free workshop focusing on film and editing will be held at Lotteries House from 6-8pm on June 15 with local filmmaker Shayne Thomson and audio technician Jaye Smoker.

Participants should bring along

their film, laptop and audio. Alex Smee at ABC Open is also offering basic video skills to make a 30 second film.

This workshop will be held next Wednesday. For more information email smee.alexandra@abc.net.au.

The inaugural premier of the Mud and Saltwater short film festival will be held on September 3 at Sun Pictures.

Ms Curran said the outdoor cinema would provide the ideal setting for the event.

"Constructed at the turn of the century by the Yamsaki family, Sun Pictures is the perfect venue for the premier, with the historic theatre imbued with stories about the old pearling town and of course, Roebuck Bay," she said.

The deadline for entries is July 31 and details are available on the Roebuck Bay Working Group website www.roebuckbay.org.au.

The event is funded by Rangelands NRM and Inspiring Australia.



Emerging young artist Samantha Allies with her boab nut carving. Picture: Fay Whittaker

Artist carves out a bright future

A former young Kimberley Art Prize winner is carving out a bright future for herself after having her work showcased in a prestigious exhibition.

Samantha Allies was one of 47 emerging artists selected from 20 Aboriginal art centres in WA — five of whom were from the Kimberley — to have their creations displayed as part of the Revealed: Emerging Aboriginal Artists from Western Australia exhibition at Gallery Central located in Perth's Central Institute of Technology.

Allies, who grew up in Imintji community on the Gibb River Road, lives in Derby where she works as a studio assistant at Mowanjum Aboriginal Art and Culture Centre.

The 20-year-old said it was an honour to be part of the WA exhibition, which she shared with fellow Mowanjum artist Kenneth Gibson.

The recognition is the latest achievement for Allies, who impressed judges at last year's Kimberley Art Prize with her boab nut carving.

Her intricate designs and attention to detail saw Allies take out the Browse FLNG emerging artist category and win \$5000.

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Samantha Allies

Allies used her emerging artist winnings to obtain her driver's licence and save for a car.

This year, she is aiming higher, towards winning the \$10,000 Kimberley Art Prize.

Allies said she hoped to keep growing professionally as an artist.

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The Revealed exhibition and marketplace was launched in 2008 as a State Government initiative to provide a place for cultural exchange and bring the wider community together to engage with Aboriginal culture and support the State's emerging talent.

This year's Kimberley Art Prize exhibition opens on Saturday, July 4, at the Derby Civic Centre.

Emerging and professional artists interested in entering the Kimberley Art Prize 2015 should visit www.sdwk.wa.gov.au for further details.

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