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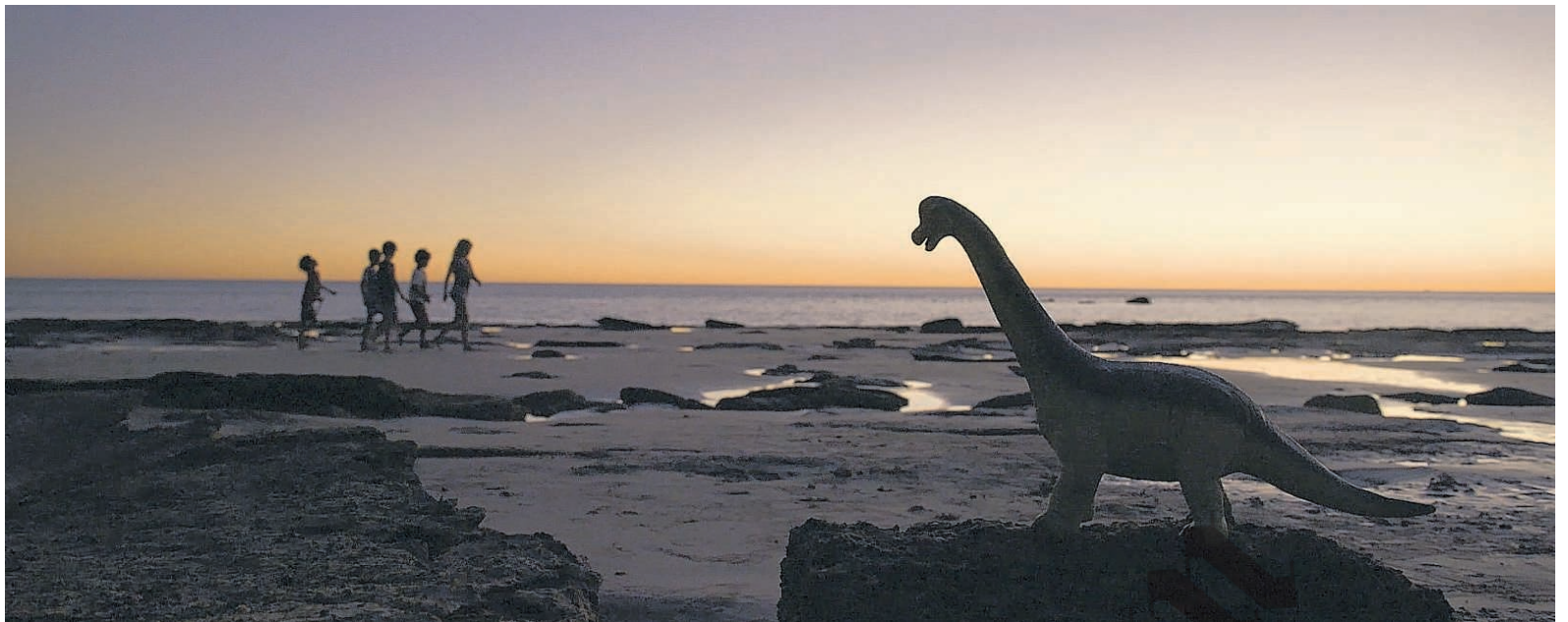
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A sauropod makes a guest appearance on Cable Beach at dusk. Picture: Paul Bell

Film explores prehistoric roots

Carly Laden

Broome's prehistoric past has been given a new spin in a new short film showing at Sun Pictures and Twin Cinemas during October and November.

The Dinosaur Coast, created by Feral Films' Paul Bell, stars locals Molly Bell, Alby Bell, Dwayne Wiggan Cox, Errol Cox, Oscar Pickering and Michelle Teoh.

The four-minute film was voted best science short film in the 2018 Mud and Saltwater Short Film Fest, held in August during the

Shinju Matsuri Festival.

It begins with lead actress Molly Bell, who is on an expedition to find dinosaur tracks on Cable Beach, with a group of kids who are all mad about dinosaurs.

"They've got dinosaur toys, they've got dinosaur books, they've got dinosaur movies, they've got dinosaur bags and they even have dinosaur jocks," she said.

In their quest, Molly and her friends walk in the footsteps of prehistoric sauropods in the only

place in Australia they can be seen.

They also hunt down a theropod trackway and encounter Michelle Teoh, a volunteer from the Dinosaur Coast Management Group, who teaches the children about the theropods.

The 130-million-year-old tracks showcased in the film are found in the Broome Sandstone within the intertidal zone of the Broome coast.

Research conducted by palaeologist Dr Steve Salisbury, from the University of

Queensland in 2017 has shown the Broome dinosaur tracks are the most diverse and numerous in Australia, if not globally.

Since 2011, thousands of tracks made by more than 20 species of dinosaurs, including six named after local people, have been identified.

DCMG chairman Micklo Corpus said he hoped the film would inspire the Broome community to protect the national heritage-listed tracks so future generations could also enjoy them.

YOUR STARS

 **Aries**
(March 21 - April 20)

Should a loved one be pressuring you, don't oblige out of guilt. If you need thinking space, spread your wings and fly somewhere quiet.

 **Taurus**
(April 21 - May 20)

The planets push for more honesty at home. If relationships feel strained, talk problems through. attempt to sort out family feuds. Painful remnants of childhood demand resolution.

 **Gemini**
(May 21 - June 21)

Friction can become your friend with a little bit of self-analysis. Take stock of your life.

 **Cancer**
(June 22 - July 22)

If your love life has fallen short of exhilarating, this week you search for new ways to have fun.

 **Leo**
(July 23 - August 23)

It could be difficult to differentiate

Tanya Obreza

between truth and fiction. If asked to referee family feuds, step away.

 **Virgo**
(August 24 - September 22)

The cosmos introduces unwelcome rivals so you could opt for some serious solo hours. There's much to sort through and contemplate.

 **Libra**
(September 23 - October 23)

You're probably still confused, not quite certain whether what happened in recent weeks was a pleasant dream, a nightmare or just fate. This week forces you to explore new dimensions of your talents.

 **Scorpio**
(October 24 - November 22)

You need closure. Increased happiness spills over into love and friendship.

 **Sagittarius**
(November 23 - December 21)

Don't stand back and let life pass you by. This week there can be no excuses for not getting out into the world and making things happen.

 **Capricorn**
(December 22 - January 20)

You have a reputation for conquering your competition with words.

Wry, double-edged humour is your style but not everyone will get the joke.

 **Aquarius**
(January 21 - February 18)

Normally, you have no problem telling others when they have overstepped the mark. Someone's trying to step into your territory. Calmly reclaim your dominion.

 **Pisces**
(February 19 - March 20)

A look at recent expenditure will probably unveil debt. Clearing the bills is more easily said than done. Love-wise, the week could bring an almost idyllic companion.

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