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## **Mission Beach Film Festival 2010 Program includes Cannes winner and Academy Award nominee**

The 2010 Mission Beach Film Festival has scored a coup with a Special Gala Preview of the feature film 'The Tree'.

Curator of the Mission Beach Film Festival and award winning film producer Sue Clothier says 'Set in rural Queensland, 'The Tree' will screen nationally from 30<sup>th</sup> September and we are thrilled that the distributors have given our audience the opportunity to see this sneak preview before the Australian Premiere'

An Australian/French production, 'The Tree' received a 10 minute standing ovation at this year's Cannes Film Festival where it was selected for Official Competition as well as being the closing night film. The film suits our 'sustainability' theme very well and will get the festival off to a great start," Ms Clothier said. 'The Tree' will screen on Friday evening September 17.

In another coup for the festival, the recently announced Academy Award nominee, 'The Most Dangerous Man in America', will screen on the closing night of the festival. Based on a true story that dominated the daily news for weeks on end, this multi-award winning documentary shows how the man who helped to plan the Vietnam War risked all to unmask the lies behind the war.

Individual courage and the belief in a better world are also celebrated in the foreign feature film 'Farewell'. Based on an incredible true story about high level espionage that helped to usher in the end the Cold War, this political drama-cum-thriller will be introduced by the Honourable Malcolm Turnbull MP.

On a more intimate level, 'This Way of Life', a documentary, follows the Karena family including their 6 kids and 50 horses and their fight to live with integrity and respect for the environment against a backdrop of family conflict and hardship.

The 2010 Mission Beach Film Festival program features a rich and diverse slate of features, documentaries and children's anime productions complemented by a series of Q&A panels and expert speakers to enhance discussion and debate about sustainability.

Festival Producer Dee Cameron expects the Kids Cinema to be popular among families throughout the Far North. "We are very excited about the films we have in the 'Kids Cinema' and have had early feedback that the children will enjoy the Japanese animations we will screen. The opportunity for them to dress up as a super hero may also be a hit," Dee Cameron said.



“We also have Rangers Dan and Jackie and they’ll provide hands-on wildlife demonstrations at the Kids Cinema on Saturday afternoon,” she said.

In Cinema 2 David Hannan, Emmy Award winning filmmaker of ‘Coral Sea Dreaming – Awaken’ will participate on a Q&A panel following the screening of his award winning underwater doco.

Another highlight will be local tropical fruit grower Peter Salleras talking about sustainable farming following the screening of ‘The Real Dirt On Farmer John’.

The Mission Beach Film Festival will be held on September 17 to 19. All cinemas and activities will be held on one site within the gardens of the Mission Beach Resort at Wongaling Beach.

The full program of 18 films, all Q&A panels and expert speakers, Sustainable Short Film Screenings and the Mission Beach Film Festival Stills Exhibition is available at the festival website [www.missionbeachfilmfestival.com.au](http://www.missionbeachfilmfestival.com.au).

**Mission Beach Film Festival tickets can be purchased from:**

Australian Rainforest Foundation Shop, 1b/51 The Esplanade, Cairns

Mission Beach Visitor Information Centre, Porter Promenade, Mission Beach 4068 7099

Mission Beach Resort (Reception) Wongaling Beach Road, Wongaling Beach

Ibu & Bean, Mission Beach Village Green

Mission Beach Information Station, Mission Beach Resort Shopping Centre, Wongaling Beach

Good Vibrations, 39 Butler Street, Tully

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