

Films with a clean, green edge



Lights, camera, action: *The Tree* will be the first film shown at this year's Mission Beach Film Festival on Friday night.

MISSION Beach's film festival starts on Friday with a focus on sustainable living in the Far North and around the world.

The second annual Mission Beach Film Festival runs from Friday until Sunday at the Mission Beach Resort at Wongaling Beach, featuring a star-studded line-up of films from around the world, including several Australian premieres.

Friday night will have all the glitz and glamour of an international festival event, with Hollywood actress, filmmaker and environmental activist Daryl Hannah at the festival's launch before the opening screening of French-Australian film, *The Tree*.

Set in rural Queensland, *The Tree* was one of the standout films of this year's Cannes Film Festival, where it was selected for the prestigious official competition as well as being the festival's official closing night film.

Other films being shown during the festival include the Academy

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Award-nominated thriller *The Most Dangerous Man In America* and gripping French drama *Farewell*, which will be introduced by former Opposition leader Malcolm Turnbull.

Festival producer Dee Cameron also expects this year's Kid's Cinema to be popular with youngsters, with a great selection of Japanese animated films.

"We are very excited about the films we have for the Kid's Cinema," he said.

"The opportunity for the kids to dress up as a super hero may also be a hit."

The festival will also incorporate a series of forums, a photography exhibition and a series of "Sustainable Shorts" films.

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» The Mission Beach Film Festival runs from Friday until Sunday at the Mission Beach Resort at Wongaling Beach. A full program and tickets are available at www.missionbeachfilmfestival.com.au