



## Adopt a name and win

THE Queensland Police Service has two new mascots for the Adopt-a-Cop program and needs help to name them.

A police horse and dog were selected for the program as these animals are actively involved in policing duties and are affectionately identified by children.

The mascots have been designed to engage preschool and primary school aged children when talking about topics of law and order with students.

The competition is open to children 13 years or younger and the two winners will receive \$100, with an ad-

ditional \$100 awarded to the school with the most entrants.

Entries close Friday, March 25 and the winner will be announced before the end of Term One, 2011.

To enter, either download the entry form available at the Queensland Police Service website or submit the following details:

Name of entrant, age, year level, school name, suggested police dog name and suggested police horse name. Post to Adopt-a-Cop Mascot Competition, CSCPB, GPO Box 1440, Brisbane Qld 4001. Fax: 07 3234 2100, or email [adoptacop@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:adoptacop@police.qld.gov.au).



**ADDED DIMENSION:** Keith and Mavis Johnson were two one of the many Gympie people who enjoyed the experience of billeting filmmakers during last year's Heart of Gold Film Festival. *contributed*

# Hearts of Gold wanted

## Billets open home to help festival

IMAGINE being able to tell your friends you housed and fed Steven Spielberg when he was an amateur film director.

There is a very strong possibility of that happening to a Gympie family and each year billeting grows with the popularity of the Heart of Gold Film Festival.

Budding filmmakers from all over the world will be heading to Gympie in March and need a place to stay during the short film festival.

The HoG team is looking to place them with great people who are enthusiastic about making this festival a successful event for Gympie.

HoG general manager Brett Houghton said the home-stay program not only helped festival organisers keep costs within the budget, it also was of great benefit to locals and their guests.

Keith and Mavis Johnson were two of the many Gympie people who enjoyed the experience of billeting last year.

"We enjoyed looking after the

young couple. They were a filmmaker and producer from America," Mavis said.

Volunteer home-stay co-ordinator Janine Newton has called on Gympie households to showcase their Queensland spirit by putting up a filmmaker or a visiting HoG supporter for four or five nights during the festival.

She said at the very least they would require a bed, however visitors in the past had greatly appreciated being fed in the morning before they headed to the festival.

There was also no expectation that guests would need to be chauffeured by their hosts, as transport arrangements would be made by the HoG team.

HoG general manager Brett Houghton said the fact people came to Gympie from all over the world for the festival and got looked after had set the festival apart from others held around the globe.

"We want visitors to go away saying 'wow!' and thinking this is a beautiful part of the world."

## Cooroy to Curra is miles away

THE Federal Labor Government has again refused to nominate a start date for the construction of Section A of the Cooroy to Curra upgrade of the Bruce Hwy, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Shadow Transport Minister Warren Truss said.

In answering a specific written Question on Notice in the House of Representatives last week, Federal Transport Minister Anthony Albanese refused to commit to a start date for the project.

The Section A project connects the end of the four-lane highway at Cooroy to Section B, which is currently under construction.

"The Minister's persistent refusal to nominate a start date tends to confirm local concerns that the government may defer construction of Section A until 2015 or later," Mr Truss said.

"If it does so, it will push out construction of the remaining Sections C and D for a decade or more.

"The Cooroy to Curra section of the Bruce Hwy has been declared as one of the deadliest highways in Queensland by the RACQ, with more than 50 fatalities and 300 people admitted to hospital since 2000.

"Multi-million dollar painted median strips, flashing signs and lower speed limits will do little to improve the productive capacity of this section of the national highway."

Mr Truss said the upgrade of the highway not only impacted on motorists but also residents, farmers and businesses.

"Since the government has made an allocation of \$200 million for planning and land acquisitions, it must immediately announce a timetable and work plan so that local residents and the community can be informed when they are likely to see some action."

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