

# Submissions closed

AFTER receiving more than 500 entries from 49 countries, the Heart of Gold International Film Festival has closed submissions for the 2011 film selections.

Now the real work begins for festival director Malcolm Blaylock as it is from this collection that a world-class line up of comedies, dramas, animations and documentaries must be created and programmed.

With nearly 200 films scheduled – along with special events, forums and industry workshops – the Heart of Gold selection process is quite an undertaking.

When the festival opens on March 17, audiences will be treated to a program showcasing the work of filmmakers from our own backyard, and from across the globe.

To ensure the growth of Heart of Gold's program, Malcolm spent extensive time in 2010 travelling to global film hot spots and festivals in 2010 while meeting with a wide spectrum of filmmakers.

In particular, his attendance at the highly regarded Interfilm Berlin (Germany) and Clermont Ferrand (France) film festivals gave Malcolm insight into the best in the world of short film.

Additionally, Malcolm reviewed hundreds of submissions that arrived through the festival's online portal.

Receiving films 'without a box' has enabled independent filmmakers to submit films that otherwise might not get a viewing and gives the Heart of Gold a chance to screen original work.

The program will be launched at

## More than 500 film entries received



**WORLD CLASS:** A screenshot from the 2010 film *Oh My God, Dear God*, which is Polish.

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6pm on Thursday, February 17 at the Gympie Civic Centre.

Heart of Gold invites everyone to attend the celebration, grab a program and book tickets for any session throughout the festival.

## Extra funding for film festival

**THIS year's Heart of Gold International Film Festival has received extra funding support from the Queensland Government, through Events Queensland, following the recent devastating floods. Festival general manager Brett Houghton said the contribution would ensure the festival went ahead despite the**

**challenging times.**

Mr Houghton said festival-goers could expect higher quality in terms of uplifting and inspiring films, and would enjoy a superior projection and sound experience above and beyond that of previous years thanks to the generosity of various in-kind sponsorships.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Arrested

ON Saturday, Gympie police arrested two juveniles who allegedly broke into Southside businesses between December 4 and February 5.

One of the Gympie boys, 14, was charged in relation to six break and enters and the other, also aged 14, was charged with five break and enter offences.

### Drug bust

AN Amamoor man was charged with allegedly producing dangerous drugs, allegedly possessing dangerous drugs and utensils and allegedly possessing things used in connection with the commission of a crime after police searched a Harrys Creek Road home on Saturday. Imbil police, Gympie CIB and CPIU officers executed a warrant and found 98 cannabis plants growing in the ground and a further 130 plants growing hydroponically at the house.

Also recovered was more than 3kg of dried cannabis. The man, 50, is due to appear in Gympie Magistrates Court on February 21.

### Council injuries

COUNCIL employees had four near-miss accidents last month – three damaged property, and one incident required medical treatment.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY

# Positive Energy Update



## Thank you South East Queensland



ENERGEX thanks South East Queenslanders for your patience during the massive process of restoring power to more than a quarter of a million homes, businesses and properties affected by the January floods.

### Power restoration update

In parts of the South East the electricity network was extensively damaged and will need to be rebuilt. ENERGEX and interstate field, technical and support staff worked around the clock to restore power.

To our customers who were without power for extended periods, your patience is greatly appreciated, as is the support you have shown our crews moving through your towns and suburbs.



### Meet Jason, part of the ENERGEX meter reading team.

You'll see ENERGEX Meter Readers like Jason in your area every three months, but sometimes dogs and other access problems like locked gates can prevent us from entering a property and gaining an accurate reading.

That's why you're advised well in advance of your next scheduled reading period, so you can provide clear and safe access for our Meter Readers. Check your electricity bill for details of your next meter read, or contact your electricity retailer. For useful tips on providing access to your property, visit [energex.com.au/customer\\_service](http://energex.com.au/customer_service)



### TAKE IT EASY BETWEEN 4PM AND 8PM

Many people don't realise it, but we all contribute to electricity peak demand every day. This usually occurs between 4pm and 8pm, when people get home for the day and simultaneously use high-energy appliances, such as air-conditioners, pool pumps, cooktops and ovens.

Millions are spent on extra electricity infrastructure to cater for these peak times on a few days per year, usually when we experience extreme temperatures.

There are many ways you can reduce energy use and save money during peak times.

- Try using the BBQ instead of the cooktop.
- Turn your air-conditioner to 24 degrees.

For more tips visit [energex.com.au](http://energex.com.au) and together we can create a more sustainable future.

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