

# Lights, camera, action



FILM FEATURE: The highly-anticipated Postcard (La Carte) French film.

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THE 2011 Heart of Gold International Film Festival program is complete.

After receiving hundreds of entries, festival director Malcolm Blaylock has created a magical collection of comedies, dramas, animations and documentaries destined to entertain and inspire.

With nearly 200 of the world's

best short films scheduled – along with special events, forums and industry workshops – organisers say the 2011 Heart of Gold program is bigger and better than ever.

With the program now confirmed, it is time to celebrate. It will be launched between 6pm–8pm tomorrow at the Gympie Civic Centre.

Come along to the free celebration, grab a program, pick up a poster and book tickets for any session throughout the festival. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet with friends and plan your 2011 Heart of Gold festival movie itinerary.

Everyone who attends will also be treated to a sneak peek at one of the most loved films in this year's

program. Audiences around the world have raving about The Postcard (La Carte) – a delightful French animation that tells the story of a young man living in a coloured postcard who falls in love with a young woman living in a black and white postcard.

He is ready to do anything to join her and stay with her.



ON TRACK: Barry and Bev Higgins ready to head out on the Mary Valley Heritage Rail's Valentine's Day run on the Valley Rattler.

David Crossley



LOVIN' IT: Friends of Gympie Regional Libraries members Julie Cooper, Vivian Schwieters, Robyn Jellicoe, library assistant Karen Salloway and Rae Webb get ready to celebrate Library Lovers Day.

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## Blind date

LOVE was certainly in abundance at Gympie Regional Libraries on February 14.

While Friends of the Library were distributing chocolates in the Gympie Library foyer to one and all, library staff were busily inviting borrowers to take a "blind date" with a book.

More than 150 people took the staff up on this offer and borrowed one of these books that they would have to wait until they got home to find out what they had dated.

Libraries manager Leonie Day Wilson said February 14, known generally as Valentine's Day, was celebrated at Gympie Library as

Library Lovers' Day – a special day where one could readily acknowledge the enduring relationship between readers and their libraries and celebrate the contribution made by 1700 Australian public libraries to the recreational and informational needs of their community members.

More than half of the Australian population are registered library users and have been recorded as borrowing some 174 million items every year. Despite the damp conditions outside, Gympie Library Lovers warmly embraced this special event.



OH BABY: Meet little Oliver Shannon McGourty who came into the world at Gympie Hospital on December 18 weighing a healthy 3640 grams (8lb 02oz). Proud parents are Emily Cavanagh and Morgan McGourty, of Gympie, and big brother is Jaxon Cavanagh. Doting grandparents are Josh and Karen Cavanagh-Whalley and Cliff and Jan McGourty.

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### TODAY

#### Kinder Beat

FREE Kinder Beat demonstration class, fun early childhood music course 9.30am to 10am for two- to three-year-olds; 10.30am to 11am for three- to five-year-olds. Zion Lutheran Hall, 8 O'Connell Street. Inquiries teacher Di Cross on 5482 7675.

#### Wolvi Hall Zumba

WOLVI and District War Memorial Hall holds Zumba classes every Wednesday at the hall from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Ladies, children and even gents are welcome to come along to this funky exercise dance craze. Cost \$12. Qualified instructors come out from Gympie each week. Inquiries Louise 0418 141 242.

#### 50s and over

MEETS for fun and friendship on Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Centre from 11am to 3pm. Cards, indoor bowls, Scrabble and much more. Enquiries Olive 5482 3146.

#### U3A Wednesday classes

9am-noon: Advanced French. Contact Helen Rawlins 5483 3505.

9-11am: Book Club (2nd Wednesday). Contact Jill Jones 5482 4518.

12.50-2.30pm: Italian. Contact Maureen Botterill 5483 7059.

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAYS, 1pm, Room 2, Community Place, Lawrence Street, Gympie. Contact 5484 9247. And 7pm, Community Church, 87 Pine Street, Gympie. Contact 0419 788 064.

#### Safe and confident living

UNITING Church Community Hall, Elizabeth Street, Imbil 9.30-11.30am. Cost \$3, today's activity is games. Provides an environment in which older people have information, resources and support to: participate fully in community life; have health, housing and financial needs met; have support from family, friends and community service providers; live with caution, but without the fear of crime. Men and women welcome. Fun is the main focus. Inquiries 5443 7281.

### TOMORROW

#### AP&SL

SOCIAL afternoon at Senior citizens Centre on February 17 at 12.30pm. Music, raffles, afternoon tea. Enquiries Kevin 5482 3041.

#### U3A Thursday classes

9-11am: Spanish. Contact Maureen Botterill 5483 7059.

9-11am: Book Ends (2nd Thursday). Contact Jill Jones 5482 4518.

10am-noon: My Kind of Poetry (last Thursday of the month). Contact Joyce Lilley 5482 1796.

1-3pm: Cards. Contact Marion Aves 5482 6896.

2-4pm: Music for Pleasure. (1st Thursday). Contact Margaret Wilson 5482 1606.

#### Wolvi Hall yoga classes

WOLVI and District War Memorial Hall holds yoga classes every Thursday from 6.30pm to 8pm. Accredited instructor, cost \$12. Inquiries Mandy 5405 9305.

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

THURSDAYS, 8pm, Room 2 Community Place, Lawrence Street, Gympie. Contact 5481 1479. And 6pm Tin Can Bay Library (next to RSL, Tin Can Bay Road). Contact 5488 0326 or 5486 2073.

#### Older Women's Network

ANGLICAN Hall, Lady Mary Terrace, 9.15am. Mix and mingle while celebrating St. Valentine's Day. Inquiries Cathy 5482 4603.