

Oscar for Heart of Gold film

THE Heart of Gold International Film Festival will screen the Australian premiere of God of Love which has won Best Short Action film at the 83rd Academy Awards.

Directed by New York-based Luke Matheny, God of Love is a comedy about a lounge-singing darts champion who receives a package of love-inducing darts.

It doesn't end there for this exceptionally strong lineup of films set to screen in Gympie this year.

The Gruffalo, which is part of the Heart of Gold family program, received an Oscar nomination for Best Short Film Animation. Based on a best selling children's book and featuring Helen Bonham Carter, The Gruffalo is about a mouse who takes a stroll through a deep, dark wood.

"From a program of more than 200 short films, 34 are world premieres and 85 will be Australian premieres at this year's festival and it is very exciting that among these premieres, we have an Oscar winner," HoG artistic director Malcolm Blaylock said.



COMING SOON: Oscar winner God of Love is screening at this month's Heart of Gold International Film Festival. Contribution

Tube stock ready

WITH high rainfall and optimum growing conditions, now is the ideal time to visit the Gympie and District Landcare Nursery to seek out those indigenous plants particularly suited to the Gympie area.

"All our seed is sourced from remnant and revegetated plant communities and propagated by Landcare Nursery volunteers" Nursery Manager Tony James said.

"We currently have some well known and some unusual tube stock for revegetation sites and for the larger home garden, as well as some koala food trees and nectar producing species, which are quick growing and may also be suitable for screening or for wet areas. There are also a number of bird attracting seedlings with edible fruit for fruit doves and fig birds and seed capsules for black cockatoos" Tony said.

While some commercially available plants produce a beautiful display at certain times of the year, they do not particularly encourage diversity among wildlife.

Indigenous plants provide food, shelter and nest sites to a wide variety of native animals and birds.

Tony is encouraging the public to visit the Landcare Nursery at the corner of Groves Rd and Old Maryborough Rd Wednesdays to Friday from 9am-3pm and during the peak growing season, on Saturdays from 9am-midday.



IDEAL CONDITIONS: Tony James with a selection of *Sambucus australasica* (native elderberry) ready to be planted out and (inset) *Gmelina leichardtii* (white beech) seed gathered by Des and Beryl Davidson of Brooloo will be germinated and potted up by volunteers. Contribution

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- ♣ *Acacia dispartima*: Hickory wattle – suitable for a large range of soils;
- ♣ *Eucalyptus crebra*: Narrow leaved Ironbark – koala food tree, useful in honey production;
- ♣ *Eucalyptus tereticornis*: Forest red gum – koala food tree, fast growing, shelter belt and shade, honey production;
- ♣ *Eucalyptus maculata*: Spotted gum – koala food, fast growing;
- ♣ *Casuarina cumminghamiana*: river she-oak – stabilises river banks, soil erosion;
- ♣ *Melaleuca viminalis* weeping bottlebrush – bird attracting, honey production;
- ♣ *Melaleuca salicina*: white bottlebrush – honey, bird attracting;
- ♣ *Melaleuca quinquenervia*: broad leaved paper bark

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