



Yarra Ranges Film Society

NEWSLETTER JULY 2010

Greetings again to our members. We have just completed another successful Film Festival (our 27th!). We have a few comments below on the festival and the Short Film competition. We also have some good news regarding financial support for next year's festival, and information on our regular screening program.

2010 FILM FESTIVAL

The 2010 Film Festival has been completed with the bulk of feedback indicating a high level of satisfaction with the program. The committee appreciates very much the documented feedback received from many attendees. All comments will be carefully considered, and we are especially interested in your thoughts on how the festival can be improved. We recognise that the availability and quality of movies for people to view in their own homes is changing rapidly, and we want to make sure that we keep on meeting expectations with our festival. The committee would appreciate hearing any thoughts that you may have.

This year's **Show Us Your Shorts** program also an encouraging success. We received 34 entries from a range of institutions, and the judges report a high quality level. Comments from the entrants indicate that the competition is seen as a desirable thing to be involved in, and helps aspiring young film-makers further their skills.

We must thank and congratulate the two people who took the major responsibility in planning and running this year's SUYS competition – Ida Haanappel and Greg Nicholas. The response that their organizational and promotional efforts achieved is highly commendable.

SUPPORT FOR 2011 FESTIVAL

The Yarra Ranges Shire Council has made an early commitment to our 2011 Film Festival – it has made a grant of \$2500 to the Film Society to be used specifically to help with the attendance of special guests at the festival. The attendance of Matthew Saville (writer/director), Trevor Blainey (producer) and Bryony Marks (composer) associated with the film NOISE this year certainly added to the interest generated by this Australian film, so this contribution by the Council is greatly appreciated and will be put to very good use.

REGULAR SCREENING PROGRAM

The July screening is the 1970 Italian film **THE CONFORMIST** by Bernard Bertolucci

The August screening is the 2006 Iranian film **OFFSIDE** directed by Jafar Panahi. Note that the film programmed for our August screening was the 2009 Iranian drama **ABOUT ELLY**, but this film is unavailable at present as it is still doing the festival circuit. Hopefully we will be able to include it in next year's program.

Your **STARBOX RATING** for the movie **THE GOOD GERMAN** (June screening) was 2.5.