

# Around & About

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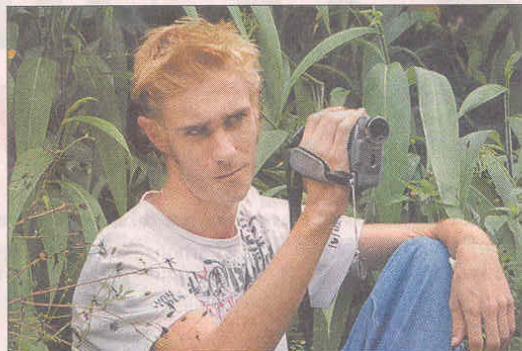
## National Youth Week 3F – Funky Film Festival

In conjunction with National Youth Week, the 3F Funky Film Festival organised by the Youth Enterprise Service (YES), was held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April and by all accounts of the near full house at the Regent Cinema, the night was a huge success! Hospitality students from the Links to Learning program at YES served delicious finger food, coffees and slice in the foyer before and after the films. Showcasing short films from the 14 finalists, a variety of topics pertinent to our local youth were explored and exposed – amongst them were practicing safe sex, alcohol and drugs, country town boredom, surfing and border fruit patrols! The quality of the short films created by the entrants was outstanding with some original soundtracks, quality editing and evocative messages that allowed the audience to step into the hearts and minds of our talented Tweed youth. The Youth Enterprise Service and Tweed Training and Enterprise Company (TTEC) would like to thank the local business community for sponsorship of the event and with the prize donations. The competition winners were as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** (donated by Solution Surf) - Robert Johnson with Don't Be A Fool, Wrap Your Tool (a very funny film, conveying the safe sex message with a new local superhero "Condom Man" running around the streets of Murwillumbah handing out condoms to unsuspecting locals!).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** (donated by the Buzz Bar) - Mitchell Renwood - Mitch, Nic and Drew (a short documentary on the issues of being homosexual in a small regional town)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** Dale Cumner (donated by Games Up) – You Can Only Go So Far With Fruit (a very amusing, short film about smuggling fruit across the border) An Encouragement Award (donated by TTEC) went to Tom McPherson for Judgement Day (a message about not judging a person by the image they may present). During the presentation ceremony, Simon Du Bois from Byron Bay Links To Learning made a special mention of the upcoming film festival in Byron Shire and encouraged the talented young filmmakers to get their entries in as there were opportunities to win paid work in the film industry. The Youth Enterprise Service current Links to Learning program includes filmmaking as a course subject and judging by the passion and talent expressed at the Film Festival, the next generation could be on their way to the Oscars! TTEC's Youth Enterprise Service is a not-for-profit organisation that relies on government funding to deliver programs for local youth needing personal support and career guidance. YES is appreciative of the support and encouragement shown by the local community. The 3F Film Festival was such a success that it is likely to become an annual event - so stay tuned young budding filmmakers!



**IN FOCUS ...** film-maker Dew Egan gears up for the Funky Film Festival at Murwillumbah. Picture: FIONA HARDING

## YES man says it's a serious message

IT wasn't Schoolies Week and it wasn't Surfers Paradise, but that didn't stop Condom Man from making sure Murwillumbah residents had adequate protection last week.

The unlikely superhero made his way through the streets of the sleepy township spruiking 'safe sex' and giving away free condoms to anyone with a smile on their face.

Condom Man, aka Tweed Heads resident Robert Johnson, was having his exploits recorded for a short film he is making as part of a filmmaking course at Murwillumbah's Youth Enterprise Services (YES) in con-

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junction with the Tweed Training and Enterprise Company.

Robert, who was aiming to break into the film industry, said he hoped the humorous side of the issue would help send a serious message.

"It's a sex education film basically; trying to get young people to wear condoms," he said.

"The idea is to get it distributed to schools and kids might actually take note because it comes across as a joke but still has a serious message."

He said they were generally well received with smiles and laughs but

there was the odd person who wasn't comfortable with the joke.

YES students have made 11 other films, ranging from serious documentaries to comedies.

The films will be showcased from 6-8pm on April 6 at the Regent Cinema in Murwillumbah.

A gold coin donation is requested for the purchase of tickets which are available at the YES Shop, 1/5 Queen Street, at the Regent Cinema, or by phoning (02) 6672 8001 to reserve seats.

Any young people interested in entering a film in the festival should also contact YES, which is offering a other film and photography courses.



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**Thurs 6th APRIL 6-8pm REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH**

Come to the premier night for the screening of the  
**2006 TWEED YOUTH 3F**

Via short film, young people's ideas and perceptions on life and living are artistically explored and showcased in the Funky Film Festival. We encourage all members of the Tweed community to attend this event and support our young people.

A gold coin donation is requested for the purchase of tickets which are available at the Youth Enterprise Service, Shop 1/5 Queen Street, Murwillumbah or Regent Cinema, Murwillumbah or phone 02 6672 8001 to reserve seats. Complimentary supper supplied!

**GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!!!**

Prizes donated by: Solution Surf (1st Prize Male or Female Gift Pack) Buzz Bar (2nd Prize \$75 gift card), Games Up (3rd Prize \$50 Gift Voucher)

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Are YOU under 25 years of age and would like to enter a short film (1-10mins) into the **Funky Film Festival**? Tear off this section and **BRING YOUR FILM** (by the 30th MARCH) into the Youth Enterprise Service, Shop 1/5 Queen St, Murwillumbah or POST to YES, PO Box 75, Murwillumbah NSW 2484. Phone 02 6672 8001 for more details

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