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REGIONAL NSW TO HOST TRAVELLING FILM FESTIVAL

Lismore, Murwillumbah, Orange, Young, and Warrawong are the newest destinations for Sydney Film Festival's *Travelling Film Festival*, a major cultural offering that is bringing Australian and international features, short films, and documentaries from across the globe directly to our regions.

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said the Travelling Film Festival would provide a cultural and economic boost to our regions, bringing audiences back to their local theatres following a year of uncertainty.

“Local cinemas are the beating heart of our regional communities, and after a tough year where many of us missed our friends, community and culture, people are keen to come back together to enjoy a night out experiencing storytelling at its best” Mr Harwin said.”

“The NSW Government is proud to support the Travelling Film Festival as they provide local communities with the opportunity to experience film in a festival environment that encourages debate, community involvement and interaction.”

Sydney Film Festival CEO Leigh Small said “Sydney Film Festival is committed to supporting local cinemas rebuild audience engagement in the wake of the impact of 2020 on the arts and entertainment sectors. Expanding the reach of the Travelling Film Festival through NSW will provide opportunities for regional audiences to reconnect with world class cinema in their own city, while also supporting the Australian film industry ecosystem.”

The Travelling Film Festival is Australia’s longest running travelling film festival, showcasing Australian and international features across regional Australia. For further details, visit www.sff.org.au/TFF

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