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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR FILM AWARD

FILMMAKERS who have contributed to the growth and development of Queensland's film industry will have the chance to be recognised for their efforts with the release today of nominations for the Kinetone Award.

The Kinetone Award is presented annually as part of the Warner Roadshow Studios Queensland New Filmmakers Awards – this year a part of the Brisbane International Film Festival (BIFF) – to a person or company who has actively encouraged the development of new filmmakers.

“We have so many talented young people in Queensland wanting to break into the film industry. Yet, catching that break can be very difficult without a bit of help and guidance from a more experienced player,” said Anne Demy-Geroe, Executive Director of BIFF.

“This award recognises those more experienced film professionals. Those people who selflessly give of their time and expertise to assist upcoming filmmakers and ensure our State's film industry remains vibrant.

“Given this award is about fostering new film talent, it is appropriate that this award is presented at the annual Queensland New Filmmakers Awards night.”

Ms Demy-Geroe said previous winners read like a who's who of the State's film industry.

“Last year the award went to John Cox's Creature Workshop, with other winners over the years including Professor Bruce Molloy from Bond University and Michael Lake from Warner Roadshow Studios,” she said.

“In fact, since the award's inception in 1998, winners have been drawn from every part of the film industry, from training and production, to acting and animation.”

The award takes its name from the Kinetone company, which was one of Australia's first film production companies. From 1917 through to the late 1970s, Kinetone was operated by the Burne family, who not only captured Queensland on film but encouraged and developed many talented filmmakers.

Nomination forms for the Kinetone Award are available at www.pftc.com.au/qnfa

Nominations close on Friday 8 June with the recipient announced at the Warner Roadshow Studios Queensland New Filmmakers Awards on Saturday 11 August.

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