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RE: Newcastle Real Film Festival

I am a strong supporter of the Newcastle Real Film Festival, as it enriches our community both in Newcastle and the wider Hunter.

The Real Film Festival has built itself up over the past six years with the hard work, determination and commitment of organisers and volunteers. One of the goals of the Real Film Festival is to significantly boost the local economy throughout the Festival through accommodation and entertainment sales, whilst attracting some of the industry's most elite and celebrated professionals to showcase potential shoot locations for major films.

With the introduction of two short film competitions to inspire local businesses, residents and environmentalists, I feel that this Festival provides members of our community with the opportunity to showcase the people and places this city has to offer through the medium of film.

Last year's Newcastle Real Film Festival was conducted from the 27th - 29th October and was a huge success. The Festival positions Newcastle and the Hunter as a strong film and arts community and an innovator of fresh and exciting products.

It is certainly obvious that Newcastle is embracing the film festival scene, however the Real Film Festival still requires funding assistance at this point in time. Grant funding would enable the Festival to be a thriving success in 2018 and continue as an annual event for Newcastle.

I strongly support this application for the 2018 Newcastle Real Film Festival.

Yours sincerely

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