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REAL FILM FESTIVAL – NEWCASTLE

Dear Annette,

I'm delighted to provide you with this letter of support for the Newcastle Real Film Festival.

Whilst previously I've enjoyed the RFF as a visitor, I'm also well aware of the important role the festival plays in the cultural calendar of our city. Since attending my first RFF in 2012 as an ABC Radio broadcaster, it's been a privilege to watch the festival grow each year – adding not just more screenings, but also workshops and competitions.

It's a great compliment to you that you've successfully seen year-on-year growth in audiences and workshop participants. I also note that the introduction of 'weekend escape' packages in 2015 has seen an uptake in these packages which provide an economic boost to the local hospitality industry.

The Real Film Festival's support of secondary and tertiary students in the short film competition adds a terrific complement to the festival and I believe will be increasingly important once the University of Newcastle's School of Creative Industries moves into the CBD.

I strongly encourage individuals and organisations to throw their support behind the Real Film Festival as it continues to bloom in the new Newcastle.

Kind regards,



Carol Duncan
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