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## Indigo showing off home-grown stars

Indigo Shire will be showing off its home-grown talent at the inaugural 'Seven hours - seven minutes' film festival to be held in August.

The festival is a continuation of a series of film workshops held during the recent school holidays at the Beechworth Youth Centre for members of the community, particularly those aged between 11 and 25.

Indigo Shire Council Youth Development Officer Annette Walton said that the 25 young people who attended the workshops learned a range of skills. "Over 100 short films were made during the workshops. The young people who attended learned about stop frame animation, clay-mation, camera use, documentary and mockumentary film making, as well as editing, story boarding and scripting. These workshops gave young people the opportunity to explore the art of film making, and create their own films allowing them to share their skills and passions," Ms Walton said.

The workshops were run by renowned film maker Amadeo Marquez-Perez, Co-Chair of the Asian Australian Film Festival, Artistic Director of the Bayside Film Festival and Managing Director of the 15/15 Film Festival.

'Seven hours - seven minutes' is a partnership between Indigo and Alpine Shires, and on Saturday 6 August this year, people from around the Shire who have registered will have seven hours to make a short film of up to 7 minutes in length that includes a quote and object that they will be told on the day. All types of film or animation, documentary, comedy, drama are welcome and all members of the community are encouraged to get involved.

"We would love to see a diverse range of films and ideas. The short films created for the festival will be shown at a special Gala Screening to be held on Friday 23 September, and at a range of community events such as the Summer Shorts program. It is an exciting opportunity for people who took part in the film making workshops to take the skills they have learnt and make a film for to be screened as part of our festival," Ms Walton said.

This project has been funded by the Youth Bushfire Recovery Gift, an initiative of the Victorian State Government.

Registration forms or more information can be found at Council's website [www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au) or by contacting Annette Walton 02 6028 1133 or [awalton@indigoshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:awalton@indigoshire.vic.gov.au).

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### Caption:

- Renowned film maker Amadeo Marquez-Perez with Arli Waddell and Indigo Shire Council Bushfire Youth Development Officer Annie Middleton.
- Houston Bodenhamer, Sam Matthews and Maia Waddell learning the art of film making.
- Binuka Witharana and Grace Griffiths with workshop leader Amadeo Marquez-Perez
- Tom, Ben and Josh Hugall filming during the workshops.