



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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9 October 2023 RED CARPET IS ROLLED OUT IN BURRA FOR "THE NEW BOY" SPECIAL SCREENING

The Regional Council of Goyder, in collaboration with the Burra Town Hall committee, is pleased to host a special screening of the film "The New Boy" this Friday 13th and Sunday 15th of October at the Burra Town Hall.

In 2022, the Burra community welcomed cast and crew to the town whilst they filmed The New Boy on a property in Booborowie. Written and directed by Warwick Thornton and produced by Kath Shelper (Scarlet Pictures), the New Boy stars Cate Blanchett, newcomer Aswan Reid alongside Deborah Mailman and Wayne Blair. Cate Blanchett also served as the film's co-producer with husband Andrew Upton, under her Dirty Film production company.

During the filming period, Burra became a temporary home for the cast and crew and for several weeks the Function Centre at the Paxton Square Cottages turned into the editing suite for the director and producers.

The film premiered at the 76th Cannes Film Festival on 19 May 2023 and was theatrically released in Australia on 6 July 2023 by Roadshow Films.

Producer Kath Shelper says "We are all so thrilled that our Burra homegrown film finally gets to screen in the beautiful town hall and that we can share it with all the local people and businesses that contributed to the making of the film. The film has screened around the world, and the one thing that everyone can agree on is that the scenery is spectacular. We loved working in the Burra area and thank you for making it such a joy for us all."

Mayor Bill Gebhardt who met with cast and crew on set in October last year believes that "...the New Boy film was a great opportunity to showcase the Goyder region worldwide and it had a significant positive impact on local businesses and community groups during the filming". As one of several movies filmed in the region over recent years, Mayor Gebhardt is looking forward to seeing residents, and visitors to Burra, come along and enjoy the special screening in the Burra Town Hall this week.

Tickets are on sale from the Burra and Goyder Visitor Information Centre for \$12 per ticket and also available at the door for \$15. All proceeds will go to the Burra Town Hall for the establishment of the Burra Film Festival in 2024.

Screening times- Friday 13th of October at 7.30pm and Sunday 15th of October at 2pm.



Photo: On the New Boy film set in October 2022 where the cast were presented with gifts from the Goyder region including items from the Iris and Wool collection from local business owner Emily Riggs.

Regional Council of Goyder's CEO David Stevenson, Cr Jane Hill and Barb Button (Community Development Manager) and Burra Fashion Designer Emily Riggs (Iris and Wool) with cast including Cate Blanchett, Aswan Reid, Deborah Mailman and Wayne Blair and Producer Kath Shelper.