



Celebrating the launch of the 'Swell Mamas - In the moment' documentary were, from left, coordinator Geraldine Archibald, Swell Mama Lisa Ylverton, coordinator Lucy Cousens, left, Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Neil Rankin, Swell Mamas Chelsea Bell and Sarah Bell, Drift Media's Mick Green, Bass Coast Community Health Service's Letitia Condron and Surfing Victoria CEO Max Wells.

Swell opening for surfing mums

OVER 150 guests attended the red carpet event of the premiere 'Swell Mamas - In the Moment', on Friday evening at the Inverloch RACV Resort.

The story of six big Wednesdays and 12 brave women, is a 30-minute documentary that shares the journey of a surfing-for-mums program delivered on the cusp of winter at Inverloch Main Beach by Bass Coast Community Health Service, Swell Mamas and Surfing Victoria.

Sponsored by the RACV Resort and guest hosted by ABC Radio 774 Broadcaster, Libbi Gorr, herself an author of children's books and commentator on women's issues, the event was a hit.

"You could feel the excitement and energy in the room as everyone waited for the film to begin," said Miranda Geyle, who worked on the project.

The project, the film and its launch brought together a myriad of sponsors and funders from the community, government and business sectors.

Ms Gorr was clearly impressed with this and asked the women how they set about pulling the project together.

"You are obviously women who don't take no for an answer!" she said, asking them to explain the journey of the project.

"Libbi loved the film and she loved the project," said project coordinator, Letitia Condron from Bass Coast Community Health Service.

Bass Coast Shire Councillor Jordan Crugnale welcomed guests to the event and spoke highly of the project.

She explained how council supported the Swell Mamas program and acknowledged Regional Arts Victoria for funding the making of the film.

Film maker, Mick Green, from Drift Media, worked with the project coordinators to make the film.

Mr Green trained the women in interviewing and filming techniques and then did the final edit.

Mr Green and the project coordinators were very happy with the guest's response to the film.

"The support in the room was amazing," said Swell Mamas coordinator Geraldine Archibald.

"There were tears, lots of laughter and cheers from the audience in support of the triumphs, the challenges faced and the stories told by and of these very brave women," added coordinator Lucy Cousens.

Nine of the film's stars attended the evening and were interviewed by Ms Gorr following the film.

The interviews were well applauded and guests said they were inspired by the stories of these women.

For more information on the film or the next screening, contact Swell Mamas on 0427 401 530 or email events@swellmamas.org.

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