

Young film makers shine on big screen

HAS anybody seen the Hollywood red carpet? It was stolen last week and brought to Wonthaggi for a special premiere screening event with the makers of the short film 'We Are Here'.

Bass Coast Specialist School students worked tirelessly with Drift Media's Mick Green to create an exceptional film which emphasises inclusion in Bass Coast.

The students wrote the script, acted, recorded and edited the short film, which won an award in the 'Focus on Ability' film competition for the most online votes.

The school also received a \$10,000 Rebel voucher for winning the international award.

Mick Green said the students worked together to create camera rigs to go on the wheelchairs, controlled by iPads, so all students could film.

Deputy Mayor Cr Brett Tessari and Cr Geoff Ellis attended the premiere event at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre on Tuesday afternoon.

Cr Tessari said it was an amazing film which connected with people in the shire.

"This film has certainly made its mark on our community," he said.

"It [the award] shows that the community is right behind you.

"We want you to keep going, keep taking up these opportunities to grow your abilities and teach us more about the world," he told students.

"You are talented, you are funny and you are all a very important part of our community."

He congratulated the staff and students on the



At a premiere screening event at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre on Tuesday afternoon; students, staff, parents and councillors celebrated the 'We Are Here' film created by Bass Coast Specialist School students. mm035017

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"It might just seem like a fun project, but this film is really something special."

Bass Coast Specialist School principal Edith Gray said the success of the short film was down to the amazing efforts of organisations and businesses in the shire.

"The group took up the task and I just love the

film. I just watch it and watch it... until everyone else is bored but I watch it again," she said.

"Finally, voting was completed by you, the people and the community in Bass Coast Shire and they spread the vote everywhere," she said, adding that people in Canada and the USA voted for the film.

The film has been shown in Sydney, Auckland, New York and on SBS.