



PLEASE JOIN ME!

JOIN IAN THORPE AND THE THOUSANDS OF AUSTRALIANS WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN INSPIRED AT THE INAUGURAL AUSCIVICS FILM FESTIVALS. NOW SCREENING AT YOUR LOCAL INDEPENDENT CINEMA. FEATURING THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, IAN THORPE, GEORGE GREGAN, STEVE WAUGH, GEORGIE PARKER, TOM KENEALLY, MICHAEL CATON, LEE KERNAGHAN AND MANY OTHERS. THIS MAY BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT ON YOUR SCHOOL'S 2011 CALENDAR. BOOK NOW. CHECK THE DETAILS AT WWW.AUSCIVICS.ORG.AU.



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To every Mayor, Principal, Teacher, Student, Community Leader, Parent & Professional ...

In August 2010 Her Excellency the Governor-General Ms Quentin Bryce AC issued a written commission to all Australians to respond to a national imperative in our communities. She then handed the baton to the AusCivics team to carry that commission to every corner of Australia.

Your school is invited to participate in the beginning of the fulfillment of that most important commission.

What was the spark for this Governor-General inspired initiative?

Fact: over 50% of Australia's youth don't know, or don't care, that Australia is a democracy.

Fact: more than 1.4 million Australians who are eligible to vote (mostly young Australians) remain unenrolled.

Fact: in the 2010 federal election there were a record 729,000 informal (invalid) votes cast.

These figures are illustrative of a growing trend to disengagement from civic knowledge, awareness and involvement. Part of the answer for educators will be found in AusCivics Film Festivals. The 2011 festival season marks the beginning of a ten year project to educate and to inspire a reversal of the present trend. Thousands of students, teachers and civic leaders have already attended festival screenings with universal acclaim.

AusCivics Film Festivals use the power of the big screen to help make sure our young people enjoy new and significant opportunities to discover the Australian Constitution and the democratic systems and values that established and maintain our safe, privileged Australian way of life. The film festi-

thousands of students & teachers say it's the best thing they've seen

vals program is supplemented by the AusCivics website www.auscivics.org.au, where teachers and students can find online curriculum resources which discuss civics-related themes using contemporary films and other media. All AusCivics material is consistent with published curriculum guidelines. The curriculum guideline references for all states and territories are listed at the end of each of the online segments.

Australia's independent cinema community has rallied to provide a national roster of venues and a low student price of \$8.50, with accompanying teachers free. Event proceeds provide support for the ten year AusCivics project including future festivals and free online education resources.

Key information:

VENUES: Hundreds of ICAA (Independent Cinemas Association of Australia) screens available, venues are listed at the AusCivics & ICAA websites.

COST: \$8.50 per student, accompanying teachers and supervising adults free.

MINIMUM GROUP SIZE: By arrangement with cinemas; coordination with other schools, if necessary, to make minimum sessions 50+ is preferred.

WHEN: Midweek, school days (in minimum size groups) throughout terms 3 and 4.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE TO BOOK YOUR SCHOOL GROUP: Visit auscivics.org.au | email info@auscivics.org.au | or call 1800 009 855.

Join the Governor-General, George Gregan, Georgie Parker, Michael Caton, Ian Thorpe, Tom Keneally, Lee Kernaghan and many other well known and less-known Australians in a 2-hour feature presentation. Emerging Aussie movie sensation Luke Arnold stars in the multi award winning feature film *Broken Hill* (PG), exclusive to AusCivics.

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