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Locals scoop the pool in Nimbin Youth Film Comp.

The winners of the Nimbin Youth Film Comp 2011 were announced on the Saturday 29th October with Nimbin residents grabbing the top 3 prizes.

The winner of the competition, with his highly suspenseful film "Family Ties" was Sam Graves. Sam received a \$500 cheque plus a funky trophy in the design of a Film Clapperboard. Still in shock at his win, Sam said he is going to spend his winnings on a new tripod showing a real dedication to furthering his craft. Second was Matt Miller with his entry "Man vs Nimbin" a fantastically humorous parody of the Bear Grylls TV show "Man Vs Wild". Matt who played the Bear Grylls character in his production has a real talent for presenting to the camera. Third prize winner was Zebity Fogaty of Nimbin whose moving and evocative piece "Ghost" impressed the judges with a beautiful blending of images and music.

Other prize winners were Karinya Oldfield who won Best Production Values for 'In Search of Inamortata'; Mahto von Schillpe - Best documentary for 'Nymboida Adventure'; Darian Robinson received the Encouragement Award for "Ultimate Skateboarding"; and Tyrone Dunwoodie received Best Screen Presence for his production 'Train Station Hip-hop Dance'.

A special "Unsung Heroes Award" was created this year for an adult who supported and encouraged the young person in their movie making endeavours. It takes a lot of work to get a film to the big screen and without the support of an adult a lot of these films would not have made it. This year's award went to Judith Graves of Nimbin who featured in her son's winning film. This year's competition entrants were of a high standard with Judge Jeni Kendall stating she was "very impressed with the wealth of creativity and talent shown by local youth and the depth of the issues explored in the finalists films"

The Competition would not have been possible without the generous support of Nimbin Emporium, Nimbin Pizza and Trattoria, Nimbin Law and Nimbin Newsagent, all of whom donated great prizes for award winners. The Nimbin Youth Film Competition was organised by Youth Connections North Coast and funded by the Federal Government.

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