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Boreham wins Emerging Filmmaker Award at Melbourne's Queerest Film Festival

Transient by filmmaker Craig Boreham was announced as the winner of the City of Melbourne Emerging Filmmaker Award for Best Australian Queer Short Film last night, the closing night of the 15th Melbourne Queer Film Festival.

The award carries a substantial cash prize of \$2,000, demonstrating the commitment of principal sponsor the City of Melbourne, to this hugely popular festival. The judging came down to the wire with a strong selection of films indicating a big future for Australian film.

The judging panel was made up of Melbourne film identities including Amadeo Marquez-Perez, a festival director, and independent filmmaker with a strong interest in documentaries and short films, Clare Stewart, Cinema programs Manager at the Australian Centre for The Moving Image, Liston Williams from the Queer Eye For The Straight Eye (Australia), Kris Darmody, President of the Midsumma Festival Board and Entertainment Lawyer with the Australian Children's Television Foundation, and Deputy Mayor Gary Singer (City of Melbourne).

'Transient is a lyrical, imaginative piece which gets to the heart of the sadness of a failed relationship. Craig brilliantly takes advantage of cinema's ability to tell stories with minimum words', commented Festival Director Lisa Daniel.

A special commendation went to the documentary Moustache by Vicki Sugars.

'This was a very beautiful film which used a variety of techniques to convey its story, congratulations to the director, I sincerely hope she goes onto produce more wonderful stories', said Liston Williams.

The 2004 Melbourne Queer Film Festival closed last night with a screening of Straight Jacket followed by a sold out closing night party. More than 100 films had screened over ten days to an audience of over 17,000. Organisers celebrated the festival's success then went home for a bit of a snooze.

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