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### **The Swell is up at Gold Coast Film Festival**

The surf is cranking on the beaches of the Gold Coast, and with it comes some exciting news for surf and film fanatics alike. Jack McCoy, the internationally revered surfing cinematographer and director responsible for some of the most respected surf films ever made, is coming to the Gold Coast Film Festival in 2012.

Famous for films such as *Storm Riders*, *The Green Iguana* and *Blue Horizon*, McCoy will hold a conversational session discussing his career, his passion for the surf and cinema, and discuss what those who wish to follow in his footsteps can do to achieve their goals in the morning of Saturday, the 28th of April. Later in the evening he will screen the Australian premiere of the director's cut of his latest film, *A Deeper Shade of Blue*, and hold a Q&A for fans. The new cut contains 10 minutes of unseen footage comprising 2 scenes deleted from the original theatrical version of the film. McCoy will discuss the unseen sequences and talk about why they were removed from the original release.

*A Deeper Shade of Blue* is a film about surfing's deepest roots: in the subconscious; in ancient lore; in the craft of surfboard building; in man's perpetual quest for a joyful relationship with the natural world.

In eleven interwoven chapters, today's leading surfers are linked to those who came before, for a deeper appreciation of what it means to be a surfer and the soulful underlying power of modern surf culture.



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Festival director Casey Marshall Siemer says Jack's presence is the epitome of what the Gold Coast Film Festival is all about. "The Gold Coast is surf, sun and cinema. Jack McCoy has given the world Twenty Five outstanding surf films and we want to celebrate his vision and career in the one city that defines his love and passion above all others." Casey Marshall Siemer.

"It's a real honour to be invited to this year's GCOFF. Dick Hoole and I created our first surfing film *Tubular Swells* at his home in Mermaid Waters, so my film roots are very deep here on the Goldie. It will be a stoking night to share what took me 5 years to create with a lot of my friends and fans here." Jack McCoy.

The Gold Coast Film Festival presented by Australia Fair Shopping Centre, will be held April 19-29 at Birch Carroll and Coyle Cinemas at Australia Fair Shopping Centre in Southport. Gold Coast City Council's Film Gold Coast is the major Government sponsor of the event. The full program of films and events will be available to view at [www.gcfilmfestival.com](http://www.gcfilmfestival.com) in due course.

To register your interest in attending the Jack McCoy *In Conversation* seminar or the Australia Premiere of the Director's Cut of *A Deeper Shade of Blue* email [mail@gcfilmfestival.com](mailto:mail@gcfilmfestival.com) to be alerted to when session times are confirmed.

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