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NEW FESTIVAL DIRECTOR TO BE APPOINTED AT GOLD COAST FILM FESTIVAL

One of the Gold Coast's key cultural events is recruiting for a new Festival Director, following the resignation of CEO/Festival Director Lucy Fisher.

The Board of Gold Coast Film Fantastic Ltd which oversees the Gold Coast Film Festival and a year round calendar of screen events, are now looking to build on the work undertaken by Ms Fisher in her five year tenure in turning the Gold Coast Film Festival into one of Australia's most vibrant and successful film festivals.

Chair of the Gold Coast Film Fantastic Board, Sue-Anne Chapman said the board expressed admiration for the job Lucy has done in over five years as head of the Festival.

"Lucy is an astute professional, outcome driven strategist and exceptional networker, and whilst we are very disappointed to lose her as the head of the Festival, we are extremely grateful for her work," Ms Chapman said.

"Lucy's determination to redefine the Festival into the strong brand it is today means she leaves us in a very solid position despite having had to cancel the 2020 Festival due to COVID19."

The Festival is supported by funding bodies including Screen Queensland, City of Gold Coast and Tourism Events Queensland, as well as invaluable support by a range of corporate sponsors and home venue, HOTA – Home of the Arts.

Ms Fisher has overseen creative initiatives for the festival which included creating Australia's first movie locations tour and first floating cinema. She secured Gold Coast producer and actress Margot Robbie as the festival patron and secured over \$20,000 in prizes for emerging filmmakers annually.

"Lucy's exceptional achievements include the tripling of sponsorship revenue, doubling government funding and more than tripling ticket sales during her tenure and leaves a legacy we are very proud of."

"Lucy leaves us having completed a comprehensive plan for a hybrid 2021 Festival program. The Board wishes Lucy the very best as she embarks on her next chapter," said Ms Chapman.

Applications for Festival Director are now open and more detail about the role can be found on the festival's website www.gcfilmfestival.com. Applications close 9am Wednesday 21 October, 2020.

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