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Screen Australia announces funding for five features including *Wog Boy 2: Kings of Mykonos* and *Tomorrow When the War Began*

Tuesday 16 June 2009: Screen Australia has announced support for five feature films generating \$38.9 million worth of production.

Projects receiving production investment include **Stuart Beattie's** directorial debut *Tomorrow When the War Began* and **Nick Giannopoulos' return** to the screen in *Wog Boy 2: Kings of Mykonos*. Writer/director **Bill Bennett** has also been supported for *Uninhabited*.

Tomorrow When the War Began is based on the best-selling book by author John Marsden and follows the journey of Ellie and her friends who band together when their country is invaded and their families are taken. Renowned screenwriter Stuart Beattie, whose credits include *Australia* and *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*, will write and direct. The film will be produced by **Andrew Mason** for Ambience Entertainment.

Director **Peter Andrikidis** has teamed up with writer **Chris Anastassiades**, writer/producer Nick Giannopoulos and producer **Emile Sherman** to make *Wog Boy 2: Kings of Mykonos*. Nick Giannopoulos will again play Steve 'The Wog Boy' Karamitsis. The film follows Steve's adventures when he inherits a beach on the resort island of Mykonos from an uncle he's never met.

Writer/director Bill Bennett will tell the story of a young couple whose island paradise becomes a nightmare in *Uninhabited*, starring **Geraldine Hakewill** and **Henry James**. Bennett shares the producing credit with **Silvana Milat** and **Paul Quin**.

Completion loans were also recently approved for two new Australian films, **Khoa Do's** *Missing Water* and **Jonathan auf der Heide's** *Van Diemen's Land*. Both films had their premieres at the Sydney Film Festival earlier this month.

Features

TOMORROW WHEN THE WAR BEGAN

Ambience Entertainment/Omnilab Media

Producer Andrew Mason
Executive Producers Christopher Mapp, Matthew Street and David Whealy
Writer/Director Stuart Beattie
Sales and Distribution Paramount
Synopsis When their country is invaded and families taken, eight unlikely high school teenagers band together to fight.

WOG BOY 2: KINGS OF MYKONOS

See-Saw Films Pty Ltd and G.O. Films Pty Ltd

Producers Emile Sherman and Nick Giannopoulos
Executive Producers Iain Canning and Andrew Penney
Co-Producer Sally Ayre Smith
Writers Chris Anastassiades and Nick Giannopoulos
Director Peter Andrikidis
Cast Nick Giannopoulos, Vince Colosimo
Sales and Distribution Arclight Films International and Transmission/Paramount
Synopsis Steve 'The Wog Boy' Karamitsis inherits a beach on the resort island of Mykonos from an uncle he's never met.

UNINHABITED

Uninhabited Films Pty Ltd

Producers Bill Bennett, Silvana Milat, Paul Quin
Writer/Director Bill Bennett
Sales and Distribution SC Films International Limited and Polyphony Entertainment Pty Ltd
Synopsis A young couple goes to a remote and deserted coral island for a holiday. But their paradise becomes a nightmare when they discover that the island is not uninhabited after all.

MISSING WATER

Imaginefly Pty Ltd

Producer/Writer/Director Khoa Do
Synopsis *Missing Water* tells the story of four refugees fleeing Vietnam in 1980, but in a most unusual way. The present melds with the past as a quiet factory worker recalls the time she took to the sea in a creaky riverboat in search of a better life. But what she experienced on that journey haunts her still...

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND

Noise and Light Pty Ltd

Producer Maggie Miles
Writers Jonathan auf der Heide, Oscar Redding
Director Jonathan auf der Heide
Sales and Distribution Bavaria Film International and Madman
Synopsis Based on the true story of Alexander Pearce, Australia's most notorious convict, whose confessions were so confronting and horrific they were not at first believed.