

The logo for Riverfestival Brisbane features a large, stylized blue wave graphic on the left side of a blue background. The text "Riverfestival" is written in a white, sans-serif font, with "BRISBANE" in a smaller, all-caps font below it. There are several colored circles (yellow, purple, green, red) scattered around the wave graphic.

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **CHERBOURG STUDENTS SHORTLISTED IN RIVERFESTIVAL FILM COMP**

Aspiring filmmakers from Cherbourg State School are creating waves with their film *The Secret Waterhole* which has just been selected as a finalist in Riverfestival's Liquid Lens Awards for short films about water.

As one of the worst droughts in Australian history continues the Liquid Lens Awards for short films about water encourage filmmakers to express their views on water with category winners sharing a slice of \$35,000 thanks to the Department of Natural Resources and Water.

The grade six students from Cherbourg State School dubbed 'The Angel Babes' were inspired by the dreamtime story *How the Echidna Got its Spikes*. The film features a sneaky echidna who survives remarkably well during a drought by hiding a secret water hole from the other animals. The students designed the film to encourage people to not only save water but to share it too.

*The Secret Waterhole* is a finalist in the Short Film Category, Award for the Best Short Film in the Open Category and also in the Brisbane International Animation Festival (BIAF) – Queensland Schools' Animation Competition Category.

Riverfestival has teamed with BIAF to launch the first Queensland Schools' Animation Competition to award animations by primary and secondary schools and students that respond to either the Liquid Lens Short Film theme "Untapped" or Community Service Announcement theme "Climate Change and Water."

The Liquid Lens Awards for short films about water ceremony will take place on Monday 3 September at the Brisbane Powerhouse during Brisbane's 10 day environmental and cultural celebration, Riverfestival.

Riverfestival Director Jonathan Parsons said entrants in this year's Liquid Lens Awards for short films about water thought outside the square.

"The entries received this year went beyond the traditional leaking taps and were extremely insightful," Mr Parsons said.

"The Liquid Lens Awards for short films about water continue to grow in stature and will go international for the first time this year when they are screened by the British Film Institute as part of the Thames Festival."



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Natural Resources and Water Minister Craig Wallace said the State Government was pleased to support the Liquid Lens Awards for another year.

"The current water crisis has made Australians look at how they use the precious resource and as a result we are changing the way we use water," Mr Wallace said.

"Our attitude to water has dramatically changed and this is reflected in this year's entries."

Free screenings of some of the films will be shown at Liquid Lens @ Lunch, held at Suncorp Piazza at 12pm from Monday 3 to Sunday 9 September 2007.

A Liquid Lens Theatre will be in operation at the Plaza Level of Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre between 9am and 5.30pm on Monday 3 to Wednesday 5 September and 9am and 12.30pm on Thursday 6 September.

Riverfestival runs from Friday 31 August to Sunday 9 September 2007. For more information log on to [www.riverfestival.com.au](http://www.riverfestival.com.au) or call the Riverfestival infoline on 07 3403 8066.

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