



Liam Wilkins of Brinkworth and Matthew Wauchope of Clare are part of the organising committee for the first Australian disability-led film festival.

Sit down, shut up and watch

Australia's first learning disability-led film festival, "Sit Down, Shut up and Watch, Film and New Media Festival", is now calling for entries.

It is being organised by a group of young people with learning disabilities, including Matthew Wauchope from Clare and Liam Wilkins of Brinkworth, under the auspices of "Tutti".

Inspiration to develop the festival came after a group from the Oska Bright Film Festival in the United Kingdom ran South Australian workshops on film production in 2011 for people with learning disability.

"We thought, if they can do it so can we," Matthew Wauchope said.

Both young men have a long standing interest in film making and have made their own videos, either acting, editing or directing, but as part of the judging panel of "Sit Down, Shut Up and Watch",

will not be entering any of their work in the festival. Eligible films must have people with a learning disability in the role of script writers, actors, camera people, sound people, directors, producers or other roles.

People without learning disabilities may have given support or help in the making the films entered but may not have had substantial involvement.

Successful films will be shown at the festival held in the Barossa Valley in November.

More information on the film festival, including entry forms, can be found on the Tutti website, www.tutti.org.au. Entries close on May 31.

Tutti is an inclusive multi-arts community with a focus on breaking down barriers, challenging preconceptions and creating opportunities for disabled visual and performing artists.

Clare is one of SA's Best Backyards

The stunning landscape and intimate atmosphere of the Clare Valley is highlighted in a new commercial released in cinemas last week and screened on television across the State from late April.

A lucky few had a sneak preview of the commercial, which is part of the SATC's Best Backyard intrastate marketing campaign, at the Clare Bowling Club in February.

Titled "Fall in love", it features the Riesling Trail, the Mintaro Maze, the Rising Sun Hotel in Auburn, the Black Sheep Restaurant in Burra and wineries Clos Clare and Skillogalee and is set to the song Caravans by local Adelaide band The Baker Suite.

"The commercial highlights how visitors can discover the region through sampling the region's produce, tasting fine wine, and staying in character-filled accommodation,"



A still shot from the advert of Paolo from The Black Sheep in Burra.

Tourism Minister Leon Bignell said. See it as of late April.

Baiting stations ready for the demand

Mouse baiting stations operated by 4Farmers are ready to supply economical mouse bait as demanded, says General Manager of the agriculture chemical supplier, Neil Mortimore.

Whilst there are no 4Farmers baiting stations in the Mid North region, two stations on the Eyre Peninsula are now operational, with further stations able to open at short notice.

"If growers want a station more local to them they just need to contact us," Neil Mortimore said.

"4Farmers have had a full registration for producing unsterilized mouse bait since 2012, just after operating under an emergency permit during the 2011 mouse plague."

"4Farmers have been prepared to produce bait in regional baiting stations that had appropriate manufacturing health department licenses whenever the demand required."

Mr Mortimore has claimed that Grain Producers SA chose to ignore 4Farmers in setting up their own regional baiting stations.

"I don't see how that is benefitting their members.

"Had they wanted to co-operate we might have had more baiting stations operating now and there is nothing to gain by introducing competition in this instance.

"Assertions by Michael Schaffer that GRDC, GPA, GPSA, or Mouse Working Group assistance required to date with regional mouse baiting is nonsense.

"So too is the fact we received an invitation to an industry meeting earlier in the year.

"GPA people, including Michael, was contacted by 4Farmers in February several weeks ago and they declined to take up our offer of cooperation," he said.