

FILM



*Boxing for Palm Island.* Photo: Hamish Cairns.

**Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival**

The Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival returns with more remarkable storytelling in its 11th year. The festival turns the spotlight on a new crop of Indigenous filmmakers from Australia, showcasing the great diversity of Indigenous culture and artists.

***Boxing for Palm Island***

*Director: Adrian Wills*

There is a new generation of warriors on Palm Island, a place with a dark history and less than stellar reputation. They are fighting back and taking the future into their own hands with the help and support of Uncle Ray – the man who has brought boxing back to Palm Island.

***Daniel's 21st***

*Writer/Director: Adrian Wills*

It's Daniel's 21st birthday and something has gone horribly wrong. As Daniel struggles into darkness, he returns home to his mother, who is frightened that he is in some sort of trouble that she can't bail him out of. There is a knock at the front door ...



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### ***Nin's Brother***

*Director: Mary Munro*

*Nin's Brother* is the story of a family's love as they journey from New South Wales to South Australia to unravel the fate of their brother and uncle, and to bring him home to a proper resting place with the graves of his family.

### ***Big Fella***

*Director: Michael Longbottom*

Meet Aboriginal Australia's biggest loser, struggling with the crippling effects of diabetes and obesity, a widespread experience in Indigenous communities.

This is one man's love for life, his battle to stay alive, and his fight against the demons of obesity and diabetes.

### ***Lani's Story***

*Director: Genevieve Grieves*

*Lani's Story* follows a woman's experience of two relationships – one she has to escape to survive, the other she cannot survive without. It is a moving and intimate portrait of a young Aboriginal woman's journey from victim to victor, from a broken and violent relationship to discovering the redemptive power of love.



*Nin's Brother.*

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### Dates & times:

**Sat 21 Aug: 7.30 pm**

*Daniel's 21st*

+ *Boxing For Palm Island*

+ Opening Night Drinks

**Sun 22 Aug: 5.30 pm**

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+ *Nin's Brother*

+ *Nundhirribala's Dream*

+ *Big Fella*

**Sun 22 Aug: 7 pm**

*Lani's Story*

**Location:** Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park,  
Kamerunga Rd, Smithfield

**Entry:** **FREE**

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Please see p 76 for shuttle bus timetable.



*Lani's Story.*