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Stars of LAST RIDE come to Port Augusta!

LAST RIDE, the debut feature film by Glendyn Ivin, will have a special free screening at Cinema Augusta, Port Augusta on Saturday 28 February presented by ETSA Utilities in association with the 2009 BigPond® Adelaide Film Festival (BAFF) and Country Arts SA. Stars of the film, **Hugo Weaving** and bright new acting talent, **Tom Russell**, will be in attendance, along with Glendyn Ivin and producers Antonia Barnard and Nicholas Cole.

LAST RIDE was filmed over a fast and furious six weeks in the spectacular Port Augusta region, with many people from the local area involved in the making of the film. The film will have its world premiere at the 2009 BigPond Adelaide Film Festival on Friday 27 February.

The Port Augusta screening will be introduced by Glendyn Ivin, and will be followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers and cast.

Glendyn Ivin won the Palme D'Or at Cannes with his short film, *Cracker Bag* and the dramatically taut *LAST RIDE* reveals him as one of the foremost young directors in Australian cinema.

Poetically spare and emotionally tense, *LAST RIDE* stars Hugo Weaving as an ex-con on the run with his ten year old son, Chook (Tom Russell), after committing a violent crime.

As the pair journey into the desert and an unknown future, their troubled relationship and the need to survive sees them battling the elements and each other. Chook eventually takes control and the choice he is forced to make has a devastating effect on both their lives.

As touching as it is uncompromising, *LAST RIDE* is an unforgettable love story between a parent and child.

ETSA Utilities CEO Lew Owens said the company was proud to support the 2009 BigPond Adelaide Film Festival and in particular helping take new movies to regional SA.

'Our support for the screening of LAST RIDE *in Port Augusta once again demonstrates our long-running connection with the town.'*

LAST RIDE is one of 11 new Australian films funded by the Adelaide Film Festival Investment Fund which looks for projects with bold and innovative story telling, a striking use of screen language and a strong creative team.

The 2009 BigPond Adelaide Film Festival is an 11 day celebration of the moving image in all its manifestations, and will screen 143 films from 49 countries, including 23 world premieres and 62 Australian premieres, and present a range of special events, exhibitions and forums in addition to its In Cinema screening program.

The Port Augusta screening of *LAST RIDE* is proudly supported by ETSA Utilities.

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