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Feature film to put Bunbury on world stage

The City of Bunbury can now reveal that a feature film starring British comedian and acting royalty John Cleese is being filmed in the heart of the city and the Bunbury Geographe region.

The Naked Wanderer began filming in Bunbury earlier this week and also stars Packed to the Rafters star Angus McLaren and young up-and-coming Australian actress Natasha Liu Bordizzo who has smashed box-office records in China for her role in Detective Chinatown 2.

A romantic comedy, the film tells the story of a heartbroken man – played by McLaren – who decides to walk 4000km up the coast of Western Australia naked for charity to win back the heart of his ex-girlfriend (Bordizzo).

It is written by Callan Durlik and will be directed and produced by Alan Lindsay from Vue Group with Simon Egan (co-producer, The Kings Speech) and Michael Ryan (What's Eating Gilbert Grape, The English Patient) on board as executive producers.

Filming has taken place in various Bunbury locations – including the City's administration building – as well as Dardanup and Australind.

City staff have been on hand to help the film crew with all their logistical needs including organising parking and various permits.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said it was an exciting time for Bunbury and this film would showcase to the world just how special this region was.

"It's an honour having been chosen as one of the main locations for this film and now the rest of the world can see Bunbury for the paradise it truly is," Mayor Brennan said.

"The film will have enormous economic benefits for Bunbury and the Bunbury Geographe region – from accommodation for the 50-odd crew who are currently in town to the potential tourism boost to the region once the film is released to a world-wide audience."



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Filming is currently taking place along Ocean Drive and the crew will be in town for a total of 11 days before heading to other iconic South West locations.

Having secured an Australia/New Zealand distribution agreement through Umbrella Entertainment, and gaining the support of GFM Films as the international sales agent, there is confidence in sharing this comedic journey with a number of global territories through a cinematic release.

The Naked Wanderer is planning to hit Australian cinemas in early 2019.

For more information on the film visit www.thenakedwanderer.com.au or www.facebook.com/tnwau

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