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Lights, camera, action in regional Queensland

Suncorp Bank and the Queensland Touring Film Festival (QTFF) will roll out movie workshops across regional Queensland. The workshops will be set up in several communities and will give school children the opportunity to make their own short films.

Suncorp Bank's Regional Manager for North Queensland Brad Steele said the film festival was an opportunity for communities to engage through the powerful tool of film making.

"We're proud to be part of the Queensland Touring Film Festival, it's an opportunity for people to experience arts and movies and strengthen community links," said Mr Steele.

During the workshops, students are broken into small groups to create, shoot and edit their own short films. The QTFF provide them with the filming and editing equipment, but they're in charge of their own destiny.

Queensland Touring Film Festival Director Jed Cahill said film making should be available to as many people as possible.

"Experiencing the magic of film making is an experience everyone should try at least once in their lives. We also stage a silent movie night, where school bands play live, providing a soundtrack to the film," Mr Cahill said.

Suncorp Bank and the QTFF are committed to regional Queensland and will visit one of the State's most western communities.

"I'm delighted to say the festival will stop off in the community of Dajarra, almost 1000 kilometres west of Townsville.

"With branches throughout regional Queensland, Suncorp Bank is known for its community engagement and is committed to supporting initiatives that benefit regional Australia," Mr Steele said.

The Festival kicks off on the 27th of May in Ravenswood. It will also travel to Charters Towers 29th of May, Dajarra 2nd of June and Cloncurry 4th June.

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