



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Lights, Camera, Killalea!**

**A touch of Hollywood glitz and glamour has taken over Shellharbour, with the Australian premiere of *Rip Tide* set to take place at Shellharbour Greater Union this Sunday, 10 September at 2pm.**

Local Filmgoers will quickly recognise some familiar surroundings, with the famous surf breaks of Killalea making their film debut in *Rip Tide*.

Directed by Illawarra native Rhiannon Bannenberg and filmed over 18 days in November last year, *Rip Tide* tells the tale of American model Cora (Debby Ryan), who flees New York to live with her Aunt Margot (Genevieve Hegney) following a humiliating fashion faux pas. Though initially unsure of the back to basics beachside community she finds herself in, Cora soon discovers hidden talents, new friendships and even a potential romance with local surfer Tom (Andrew Creer).

Australian actress Naomi Sequeira (Disney's *Evermoor Chronicles*), who plays the role of Chicka, Cora's best friend in the film, called the shoot one of the best experiences of her acting career.

"It was incredible filming at The Farm, it's a truly special location and an absolutely beautiful beach," Naomi said.

"We shot all our surf scenes there and on our days off all the cast members would drive up there to practice our surfing.

"It was really rad to see both strong women and men in their element working together across the shoot. Everybody in both the cast and crew did such a fantastic job and we all had a lot of laughs together on and off the set.

"It was a project like I'd never done before, everyone worked as a team and I believe that's what makes this film really special."

While watching the film keep an eye out for Killalea Manager Nathan Cattell, who is also set to make his Hollywood debut in a small cameo.

"We loved having the opportunity to provide Rhiannon and producer Steve Jaggi with our park as a filming location, I always knew it was one of the best surf spots in NSW but *Rip Tide* is about to put it on the map," Nathan said.

"To see such a talented team of people in their element was truly something special, watching them work their magic both on and off set is a true highlight of my time at the park.

"I wish Rhiannon great success with what is sure to be an absolute hit and I'm looking forward to attending the premiere on Sunday."



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Killalea is part of the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust (NSWCHPT), which is committed to providing unforgettable holiday memories in iconic destinations across NSW. NSWCHPT manages the operations of South Coast Holiday Parks (SCHP), Inland Waters Holiday Parks (IWHP) and North Coast Holiday Parks (NCHP).

NSWCHPT CEO Steve Edmonds passed on his best wishes to the cast and crew of *Rip Tide* ahead of the premiere, saying he looked forward to catching the film on the big screen upon its national release.

“It is great to see one of our parks on the big screen and it just goes to prove what a spectacular location Killalea is,” Mr Edmonds said.

“Our goal is to showcase the sensational destinations in which our parks are located and it’s not every day we have the opportunity to do this through a feature film. I look forward to seeing fans of the film flock to Killalea for their next surfing adventure.

“Who knows, maybe we’ll even be hosting *Rip Tide* tours of the park in the very near future!”

*Rip Tide* hits cinemas nation wide on the 14<sup>th</sup> September. To book your next holiday at Killalea head to [www.southcoastparks.com.au](http://www.southcoastparks.com.au).

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#### **Photo attached**

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