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## **Short film making breaks the age barrier**

Summer Hill video maker and senior Chris Saville has won the NSW Seniors Week Best Seniors Talent award at the third *Young at Heart Short Film Award*.

Mr Saville, 61, was presented with his award yesterday at Dendy Opera Quay in Sydney by Minister for Ageing Paul Lynch.

The passionate video maker directed his documentary *Dragon Abreast Sydney* about a group of women who have been affected by breast cancer and compete in dragon boat racing.

His entry was one of seven finalists shown at a special screening at Dendy Opera Quays concluding this year's *Young at Heart Film Festival* which celebrates the artistic contribution of seniors to Australian short films.

"It was a real surprise," Mr Saville, a member of Sydney Videomakers Club, said of his award.

"I've been making little films since I was about 14 and now that I'm retired it's something I'm able to devote more time to," he said.

The award, which included a \$1000 cash prize, was judged by a panel which included NSW Seniors Week ambassador Ita Buttrose and actor Don Reid.

Mr Lynch said film making was an excellent forum for seniors to tell the stories close to their heart.

"I congratulate Chris Saville and all the seniors who participated in the short film competition for sharing their talent and enthusiasm," he said.

Member for Canterbury Linda Burney added her congratulations to Mr Saville.

"His portrayal of a remarkable group of women will inspire everyone who sees this film," she said.

The Movie Network Channels Award for the Best Film as voted by the audience went to the film *Stolen Honour* directed by Leon Chrysostomou

Finalists of the third *Young at Heart Film Awards*:

FENG (WIND) – director: Aaron Wilson  
STOLEN HONOUR – director: Leon Chrysostomou  
LOVE AND MUSIC – director: Therese Sweeney  
COOL WHITE – director: John Alsop  
NANA – director: Warwick Thornton  
DRAGONS ABREAST SYDNEY – director: Chris Saville  
SUNDAY TIMES – director: Peter Crombie  
[Wildcard entry from the Young at Heart Filmmakers Lab]

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