

Our West's wild set



Keep it Reel film producer and director Mark Aquilina with the film company team, Elena Aquilina and Alex Scott.
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DEAD set on revenge against the dirty, drug-riddled underworld, vigilante cop Bronson is at the centre of an ambitious action-thriller flick created by a Bellfield film company.

Independent film production company Keep It Reel is now filming its first feature-length movie, *Addiction*, already winning awards.

Many of the flick's action-packed scenes of gangster shootouts, stunts and explosions have been filmed on the streets and industrial areas of Heidelberg West.

Movie buffs can get a free sneak peak of *Addiction* at the short film festival Screen Machine on Friday, 7.30pm at Hoyts, Melbourne Central. Festival-goers will see the short concept film – or trailer – for *Addiction*, which won second prize at the 2007 Adelaide Short Film Festival and the Best of the Rest Award at the 2007 Dereel Independent Film Festival.

"It is a femme fatale film that incorporates a bloody opera of violence and revenge," director Mark Aquilina said. "The climax will be a massive shootout between the vigilantes and an army of gangsters where the battleground is a gridlocked traffic jam in the city streets of Melbourne."

The plot follows frustrated, street-smart cop Bronson, who is infected by a deadly drug and does not have long to live. Despite this, Bronson decides to wage her own war on the city's underworld.

"Her knowledge and skills as a cop, together with the intelligence and protection she receives from her father – the police captain – means she quickly has a devastating impact on the drug world," Aquilina said.

He said the small-budget film was inspired by 1970s American anti-hero crime films and female characters such as Sarah Connor in *Terminator 2* and Bride in *Kill Bill*.

It's likely to be at least two years before the full-length film is completed. Keep It Reel was established in Bellfield in 2000.

For more information on *Addiction* or to get involved in the film as an actor, extra or crew, go to www.keepitreelfilms.com.



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