



Bruce Davie and Peter Fock are all smiles after their film *Meeting Place* won a number of awards at the *Lights! Canberra! Action!* film screening and awards ceremony last night. The film *Meeting Place* scooped the pool when it came to winning prizes. Forty film crews participated in the inaugural event, producing 30 films.
Picture: MELISSA ADAMS

Winner takes aim at Canberra cliches

By Marie Skelton

While Canberra was definitely the winner at the *Lights! Canberra! Action!* film screening and awards ceremony last night, the film *Meeting Place* scooped the pool when it came to winning prizes.

Producer Peter Fock and director Bruce Davie's film won awards for best film, best use of theme "places in the heart" and best script.

Meeting Place won the judges over with its creative concept of a montage of images with a monologue.

"Depending on which way you look at it, it is either a post-modern exploration of identity, or just a bit of fun," Fock said.

Davie said, "It tries to dispel as many cliches about Canberra as possible."

The other multiple winners were Radford College's David Eustace and Chris Patz for their film *A Few Degrees of Dale*.

The film was awarded the best student film, best director, best editing and best sound awards.

"It's really encouraging to see the entrants do such a wonderful job with their films," event coordinator Marisa Martin said.

"The young men who made *A Few Degrees of Dale* should feel particularly proud."

HERITAGE WEEK

Today:
10am-3pm: Duntroon Dairy Open Day, Mt Pleasant Nature Reserve, follow the signs from Morshed Drive.

10am and 2pm: Duntroon Dairy to Duntroon House walk.

10am-4pm: Duntroon House Open Day, Royal Military College, Duntroon.

10am-4pm: Lanyon Garden Festival, Lanyon Homestead, Tharwa Drive, Tharwa.

10.30am-12pm: Visit the Ginninderra Blacksmith's Shop, Barton Highway, follow signs on southbound carriageway of Barton Highway, near Gold Creek Village. Free. Phone 6230 0533 for bookings.

11am-3pm: Vintage Village Fair, Blundells' Cottage, Wendouree Drive, off Constitution Avenue.

The best actor award went to Robby Farquhar for his role in *Soliloquy*, while Dhruv Raniga won best cinematography for his film *Silent Tears*.

Forty film crews participated in the inaugural event, producing 30 films, with the best 12 being shown last night at the National Museum of Australia.

The films that were not in the top 12 will be screened today at 2pm.