

True commitment: Multi-awarded filmmaker Heather Kirkpatrick will be in Traralgon on Monday for a special screening of her latest feature film *Against Our Oath* that talks about the conflict between doctors adhering to their ethical obligations and Australia's border protection measures.

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THE MORE I LOOKED INTO IT, THE MORE IT became interesting."

As a solo filmmaker, the Hobart-based journalist took upon herself the job of researching, writing, directing and producing the 96-minute film which was titled *Against Our Oath*.

AS THINGS WERE FREELY PERMITTED TO film on Nauru and Manus Island, Ms Kirkpatrick instead accessed footage and stills taken on smuggled phones and cameras from the detention centres to provide the film's audience a glimpse of the situation there.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for concession.

You can book at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/council/events/against-our-oath or call Latrobe Performing Arts Centre at 5176 3333 for tickets.

Yinnar 'transformed' by solar lights

By MICHELLE SLATER

YINNAR families can now safely walk to and from the town's popular recreation reserve now solar-powered street lighting has been installed after a decade of planning.

Yinnar and District Community Association treasurer John Harris told *The Express* that the 24 light posts installed late last month had "transformed" the Jumbuck Road walkway.

The project was first slated more than 10 years ago when the Yinnar community looked into lighting to allow kids to walk safely to and from the recreation reserve.

"As we move into winter, we have a lot of juniors who have to start or finish practice in the dark, this is a 100 kilometre-an-hour road, it's not safe walking along the path after dark," Mr Harris said.

"It restricted (the) kids' ability to participate, and we now hope more people will walk to the grounds instead of driving."

The \$180,000 project was partly funded by the Latrobe Valley Authority and supported by the Latrobe Valley Community Power Hub and Latrobe City.

Mr Harris said initial quotes for reticulated lighting were cost prohibitive, but the plunging cost of solar and new funding sources made off-grid an attractive option.

He said solar lights could also be progressively installed as more funds became available, however the LVA funding meant the project could be finished in one go.



"Solar has now become much more popular and cheaper in the past 10 years, and it's more environmentally friendly, this reinforced the idea of solar," Mr Harris said.

"I saw it lit-up at quarter-to-10

at night, it was just beautiful, it definitely transformed it."

Latrobe City has a number of solar lights in residential developments in Traralgon and will continue to explore more solar lighting options.

Illuminated: Yinnar and District Community Association treasurer John Harris shows off brand-new solar lighting along Jumbuck Road.

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