

Gangster film will be shot at Kenmore

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THE rather formal surrounds at Kenmore Hospital will be transformed into the setting for a gangster film involving money laundering and tax evasion in coming months.

Described as a story of sex, drugs, slaves and murder, the low budget film, *The Hobby Farm*, will be filmed over three months from September at the historic Taralga Rd facility.

Crews will arrive on site in July to prepare.

Producer Brad Diebert said the film called for a location one and half hours from Sydney, and when plans to film the low budget movie at another district property fell through, Kenmore Hospital came to the fore.

Last May, Goulburn-based State and Regional Development manager Barry McDonald drove the crew around Goulburn looking for locations, and they eventually ended up at the Kenmore complex, which has more than 40 buildings.

"Kenmore Hospital is a gold mine for filmmakers because it not only has a big old building down the back behind the cricket field which is perfect, all the other buildings will become part of the sets we need. It's like a mini studio," Mr Diebert said.

The Hobby Farm tells the story of Julian, who is released from prison after five years of hard labour. The trouble was, "he didn't do it", and had taken the fall for someone else in the crime syndicate.

As a reward, he is given what's described as "the cushiest" job looking after the hobby farm, counting wads of cash from illegal gambling, drugs and other activities, as well as looking after sex slaves who have been kidnapped or who have been sold to repay debts.



• ON LOCATION: Film producer Brad Diebert on set directing his recent feature film, *The Dinner Party*. Mr Diebert will produce another film, *The Hobby Farm*, to be shot mainly at Kenmore Hospital in Goulburn.

No-one is missing them and no-one knows they're there, but Julian the former prisoner is faced with being the warden. Then there's the undercover police sitting outside.

"This is a story of roads taken, choices made, imprisonment, rehabilitation, retribution, a father's impact on his son. And a good old shoot 'em up to boot," Mr Diebert said.

He wrote the script with Paul Murphy and is aiming to release the 35mm print film in mid 2008, to anyone "who picks it up."

It will star Jessica Turner, of All Saints fame, well-known Australian actor Gerard Kennedy, Russell Gilbert and Travis

McMahon who recently starred in *Kokoda*.

The stunt coordinator is Grant Page, who performed in *Mad Max*.

Those worried that cars may be tearing through Kenmore Hospital as part of the action, will be relieved to know that filming will also take place at district property, Kelburn, 15km from Goulburn. The property will be used for driveway shots, before action cuts back to Kenmore.

Mr Diebert has plenty of film experience, having worked in the art department, mainly on props for the past 15 years. He has worked on the *Matrix* films, *Babe*, *Oscar* and *Lucinda*, *Moulin*

Rouge, *Star Wars* and much more.

His directing credits include short films *Victas Revenge*, *The Builder*, *The Best*, *Soldierboys*, and recently a TV Pilot, *The Bushrangers*.

All hands will be on deck come September when filming starts.

"The film is fully funded and will be made, but there is still room for more investors," Mr Diebert said.

"We're also looking for '70s cars and other props and if anyone is interested, it's open for anyone to help out on the set."

Mr Diebert can be contacted on 0419 694 324.

Child Support Service, Legal Aid NSW visit

THE Child Support Service, Legal Aid NSW, will be giving free, confidential legal advice on child support/maintenance and related family law matters in Goulburn on Wednesday June 27.

Matthew Greenaway, senior solicitor from the Child Support Service, Legal Aid NSW said his organisation was aware that people in the area and surrounding dis-

tricts had many pressing legal problems.

"For example, clients contact Legal Aid NSW because they are not receiving child support, they are going to the Family Court or have just become unemployed and cannot afford to meet their commitments," he said.

"Legal problems can cause people a great deal of stress.

"In some cases all that a person needs is half an hour with a solicitor to answer their questions and to remove their anxieties about their situation.

"In some other cases, clients will need on-going assistance and may be able to apply to Legal Aid NSW for a Legal Aid or private solicitor to represent them in court.

"Our solicitor (Michael Gross)

will be able to advise residents on how to apply for assistance from the Legal Aid NSW with their legal problem.

"We can also assist people to fill out a Child Support Agency form and advise them how to go about commencing court or tribunal proceedings."

Appointments are essential. Phone 1800 451 784.