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***The Humanitarian Engineer* Documentary Re-release**

A documentary exploring the idea of humanitarian engineering will be re-released in February 2015.

Originally released in 2014, *The Humanitarian Engineer* has screened at over 15 venues across Australia and overseas including New Zealand, Singapore and the US.

Crowdfunded, produced and directed by young engineer Sheena Ong, the film explores engineering projects that address disadvantage and questions how engineers inherently serve humanity, from everyday applications to beyond.

Three months after its premiere, the film was offered a grant by Engineers Without Borders Australia (EWB) who saw its potential to inspire audiences and strengthen a worldwide conversation on humanitarian engineering.

"[EWB] approached me after a Melbourne screening and asked about my future plans for the documentary," says director Sheena Ong, who lives in Perth.

Starting as a complete novice, Sheena filmed, crowdfunded and managed the ambitious project crossing Australia to interview engineering leaders, engineers and beneficiaries of humanitarian engineering.

Being under no illusions about her limitations as a novice film-maker, however, Sheena jumped at the chance to improve the documentary with the offer from EWB. Engaging professional post-production house Balthazaar Media she worked collaboratively to lift the production values of the feature-length film.

"I learned a lot making the documentary, but that was taken to a whole new level with Balthazaar on board," says Sheena. "What had been pretty much a solo project, and a decent but admittedly amateur production, matured before my eyes as they brought their expertise with audio, colour-correcting, motion graphics and editing."

"The new version is more engaging and polished, but the ideas and essence of the original is preserved."

With a tighter and more impactful production, Sheena hopes that audiences will engage with the themes explored in the documentary more meaningfully.

The Humanitarian Engineer will be re-released in Perth on 27 February 2015 at a screening with special guest Lyn Beazley AO, WA Australian of the Year 2015 and former Chief Scientist. More info: trybooking.com/GRSY

For more information and a full list of screenings visit the-humanitarian-engineer.com. National and international public screenings are invited by leaving a message on the project's Facebook page: facebook.com/EngineeringAHumanitarianDocumentary.