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Gold Coast Indie Film and TV Network presents: Hazel Phillips

The Gold Coast Indie Film & TV Network will open this year on Wed 21 March at The Arts Centre Gold Coast with a very special guest that has contributed to the TV and Film industry and is classed as our very own Betty White - the amazing Hazel Phillips. This will be a great opportunity to get up close and personal with Miss Phillips as she talks about how she started her career and what she is doing now as she is not slowing down.

Hazel Phillips has appeared on television since its inception. Her many credits include the original *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Bramston Show*. Her own talk show, *Girl Talk*, was the first midday show on television and ran daily for four years making her the most popular female in the country, during which time she won gold and bronze Logies. Since then, she has appeared in every branch of the media – TV, films, theatre, cabaret, radio and journalism.

Hazel has written, starred and appeared in three musicals of her own, as well as thirty other musicals and several movies. In the year 2000 she wrote a one-woman show that ran for two hours, tracing the life and times of Marilyn Monroe, entitled *Marilyn and Me*, which she performed in numerous venues. She has also appeared in several plays for Queensland Theatre Company, including leads in *The Circle*, *Pride and Prejudice*, Shakespeare's *Henry V* and *The Merry Wives of Windsor* directed by Geoffrey Rush.

Hazel was awarded the OAM in the 2005 Queen's Birthday Honours for her contribution to television and the entertainment industry and in 2008 wrote her autobiography *Black River Bright Star* and now still continues to entertain. It will be a pleasure to have her on board and have a Q&A about her life.

To open the night we have young talent Liz Condor, a semi finalist in Channel 7's *The X factor*, who last year become the ambassador for *Bravehearts* and is a very inspiring singer who has made some great inroads already for her age. She no doubt has a great future and GCIFTN is delighted to have her open the night to show the recently made film clip for her own song *Indestructible* that was specially written for *Bravehearts*.

The Gold Coast Indie Network is brought to you by Caroline Russo Promotions and Media PR and is sponsored by GC Business and GC Filming. This is a great way to meet other industry folks and support a network that continues to grow. There are Lucky Door prizes to win and will be a great night out. Bookings are advised.

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WHEN Wednesday 21 March
VENUE The Basement, The Arts Centre Gold Coast
TIME 6:30pm-9:30pm
COST \$15.00 includes entry

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