



DOCUMENTARY: Ian Hamilton at the festival launch yesterday. — *Picture by Jonathan Carroll*

Honeymoon adventure to screen

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A FILM about a Hunter couple's adventures in Afghanistan will have its premiere at this month's Dungog Film Festival.

The second annual festival begins on May 29. It was launched in Newcastle yesterday.

Midwife Maggie Haertsch is the subject of one of the festival's featured screenings, the documentary *Honeymoon in Kabul*.

Filmmaker Ian Hamilton accompanied Ms Haertsch and her husband, clown doctor Jean Paul Bell, when they embarked on an aid

program in the Afghan capital Kabul shortly after they were married.

Mr Hamilton said his documentary was shot on a shoestring. Many of the items the couple took for distribution to sick children and mothers were donated by Hunter residents.

Mr Hamilton said his Limelight Films company wanted to make films in the Hunter.

Other films on the festival bill include *Unfinished Sky*, starring William McInnes, *Cactus*, with Bryan Brown, and *Bitter and Twisted*, directed by Christopher Weekes.



HELPING HAND: A scene from *Honeymoon in Kabul*.