



Brad Albert and Jhi Clarke goof around on the set of Something Fishy

# Something fishy about racism

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THEY swore their racial differences didn't matter - but when their friendship was put to the test, best mates Nick and Trev watched it desintegrate with tragic results.

A poignant new shot film shot in Broome over eight days in March, Something Fishy is the brainchild of producer Dan Wood who teamed up with Director Ben Young and some bright young local talent to bring the project to life.

Neither Jhi Clarke nor Brad Albert, both 15, are strangers to the screen - Clarke acted in the Circuit and Brand Nue Dae and several short

films, while Albert starred in Trapped and Castaway, two children's TV adventure series.

The Year 10 students, friends from football, found the film's story themes of prejudice, racism and friendship relevant to their own lives in Broome.

"I really liked the story - I enjoyed reading the script." Albert said.

Clarke said while it was different working with a crew he didn't know, he also enjoyed the experience.

Wood said he crafted the film around his own experiences of living in Broome. "Although on the surface there is the appearance of harmony, beneath the surface there is still a lot

of discord and resentment," he said.

"We set out to make a film which to me is more importantly about friendship and integrity ...but it's a film for anybody who had ever been prejudiced against on the basis of race or culture."

The film, which Wood described as a scaled down version of a feature film he and Young hoped to make, has been released on to the festival circuit.

Despite their talents, neither boy harbours any great ambitions to forge an acting career - Clarke wants to be a pilot and Albert is yet to decide.

"I don't want to go straight into acting," Albert said.