

FILM SCREENING INVITATION



Bngvel is the real-life story of Phally, a Cambodian man struggling against the odds to be a good husband and father. Never being able to provide enough for his card-playing wife, he heads to the big city in search of better employment opportunities, only to find the more he earns, the more he spends. Numbing out with beer and girls, he comes to a point of crisis that shakes him up, and he becomes determined to make amends.

Owen Beck is an Australian researcher, filmmaker and producer (Central Editors) with a passionate interest in social issues. In 2008, Beck moved to Cambodia and married into a very poor Khmer family from Takeo Province. He started noticing a number of patterns and tendencies in the social and family lives of poor villagers and decided to embark upon a PhD under the supervision of Dr Josko Petkovic. At the time of writing (mid 2014) Beck has completed the production phase of his research, a feature length dramatic documentary film called *Bngvel*.

***Bngvel* (Australia, 85mins), directed by Owen Beck**

Date: Thursday, 4 September 2014

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Venue: 207 Bouverie Street,
Basement Lecture Theatre
1, B1.03

**Film screening to be followed by a
discussion and Q&A with
director Owen Beck**

**No RSVP required and
all are welcome.**

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The Centre for Mental Health (School of Population and Global Health) hosts a monthly screening of film-documentaries relating to cultural and global mental health, followed by discussion. This initiative is free and open to the general public.