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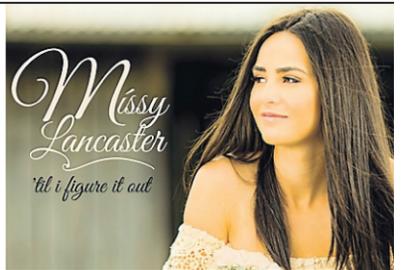
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Jurassic journey

By Jess Layt

SINCE *Jurassic Park* broke box office records in 1993, the world has been fascinated with creating lifelike dinosaurs for our entertainment.

The latest in the long list of films and TV shows depicting the prehistoric behemoths is upcoming Australian film *Dinosaur Island*, and one local helped to bring the movie to life.

Silverdale's Chris Wright wrote and orchestrated the score for the film which he described as a "really fun" process.

"It was a really collaborative experience," he told the *Advertiser*.

"As he is also a professional musician, Matt [Drummond, *Dinosaur Island* director] and I collaborated far more than director and composer normally do.

"He would speak to me about colours and moods, but also tonality, majors and minors, and dissonance.

"We would bounce ideas off each other."

Dinosaur Island is the brainchild of director Drummond, an Emmy award-winning visual effects master.

It follows the story of a 13-year-old boy who ends up stranded on a strange island populated with fantastic beasts and ghost ships.

"It's a fantastic film for the entire family," Wright said.



Dino score: Composer Chris Wright wrote and orchestrated the music for *Dinosaur Island*. **Inset:** Stills from the film.

Main picture: Simon Bennett

"At the end of the day it's a dinosaur film, and Matt has tapped into the child in all of us with his dinosaurs.

"There are cute dinosaurs and some that are really terrifying.

"He is, I think, the first filmmaker to use research that suggests many dinosaurs were actually feathered."

Wright, who has previously written scores for television and recorded a jazz album, said working on a film like *Dinosaur Island* was "freeing", with the 15-month production schedule allowing him plenty of time to perfect his music.

"With TV, you're turning around one episode a week," Wright said.

"It's really fast-paced. But working on a film I was developing ideas for three months before I saw any footage."

Dinosaur Island, which Wright describes as being filled with "magic and wonder", will be released through Hoyts cinemas on Wednesday, February 14.

MPs pledge support to their leader

By Ben Chenoweth and Jeff McGill

EMBATTLED Prime Minister Tony Abbott has the support of local federal MPs Angus Taylor (Hume) and Russell Matheson (Macarthur).

Speculation of a leadership spill has been rife after a torrid two weeks for the prime minister.

This included a controversial "captain's call" Australian knighthood of Prince Phillip, and a stunning Labor comeback in the Queensland state election.

Mr Taylor (pictured) said Mr Abbott still had his support but would not comment on whether he thought the prince was a deserving recipient.

"Of course he does have my support," he said.

"The Australian population make their own judgment about who should be prime minister — they don't want politicians to do it. "[The Prince Phillip knighthood] has been an unwelcome distraction."

Mr Matheson said he would not be "jumping ship".

"I was given the opportunity, through the support of the prime minister, to become the federal MP for Macarthur," he said.

"It's his first term and I believe, if elected, you should be given the opportunity to lead for the entire term. I'll always remain loyal to the people that remain loyal to me."

The latest Fairfax-Ipsos poll, taken over the final three nights of January, showed federal Labor has rocketed ahead to equal its best performance since the months after the May 2014 budget.



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