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# FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

## Thursday 29th April

6.30pm CinefestOZ Opening Night - June Again P16 **A1**

## Friday 30th April

9.30am **H is for Happiness Film Location Tour** P16  
- Multiple venues

9.30am Jaimen Hudson: From Sky to Sea P11 **A1**

10am **Community Screenings** P15 **A2**

3pm Firestarter: The Story of Bangarra P7 **A1**

6.15pm Homespun P10 **A1**

6.15pm Valerie Taylor: Playing with Sharks P13 **A1**

6.30pm **Deadly Indigenous Short Film Collection** P17 **A2**

8pm French Exit P8 **A1**

8.15pm The Greenhouse P9 **A1**

## Saturday 1st May

9.30am **Industry Spotlight: Role of Film in Tourism** P19  
- Vancouver Arts Centre

10am **Community Screenings** P15 **A2**

10am Valerie Taylor: Playing with Sharks P13 **A1**

10am Phil Liggett: The Voice of Cycling P14 **A1**

12pm **In-Conversation Lunch - Monty's Leap** P19

1pm Jaimen Hudson: From Sky to Sea P11 **A1**

1pm June Again P12 **A1**

3.30pm French Exit P8 **A1**

3.30pm The Greenhouse P9 **A1**

6.30pm **CinefestOZ Closing Night** P20 **A3**  
- Featuring Short Film Collection

**VENUES** **A1** - Orana Cinemas Albany  
**A2** - Albany Town Hall  
**A3** - Albany Entertainment Centre

# WELCOME

## CinefestOZ

The CinefestOZ team is looking forward to welcoming you to the inaugural CinefestOZ Albany. Over the last year we have enjoyed working with the Great Southern community to develop this exciting new program of screenings and live events built around Australian films and film makers.

It is our goal to celebrate and foster all aspects of our own film industry. This year and in the years to come we know you will be entertained, inspired, surprised and just plain enjoy the diverse offerings the festival brings and through the many opportunities for interaction with film makers, develop a deeper understanding and love of Australian film.

Thank you to the Board and CinefestOZ Albany Advisory Committee for your dedication and to our legendary team. A sincere thanks to our sponsors and donors this year who were prepared to invest in us for the first year of CinefestOZ Albany.

**Helen Shervington**  
**Chair, CinefestOZ Film Festival**

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## City of Albany

We are lucky in Albany to be surrounded by fantastic natural beauty with a rugged coastline and a rich historical narrative that serves as the perfect backdrop for an event like CinefestOZ.

The magic of cinema is something we all love to experience so we are excited to have CinefestOZ here in our own backyard setting Albany buzzing and bringing a vibrant atmosphere to the community.

Our partnership with CinefestOZ to bring what is a hugely successful and popular event in the South West to our Great Southern for the first time will engage community, schools and volunteers to be involved with bringing a wonderful celebration of cinema to our region.

I acknowledge everyone involved with this inaugural event and look forward to the coming days of some fantastic filmmaking.

**City of Albany Mayor**  
**Dennis Wellington**



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# FEATURE FILM



## SCREENING

Fri 30 | 3pm  
Orana Cinemas



## FIRESTARTER: THE STORY OF BANGARRA

Firestarter marks Bangarra Dance Theatre's 30th anniversary. Taking us through Bangarra's birth and spectacular growth, the film recognises Bangarra's founders and tells the story of how three young Aboriginal brothers — Stephen, David and Russell Page — turned the newly born dance group into a First Nations' cultural powerhouse. Through the eyes of the brothers and company alumni, Firestarter explores the loss and reclaiming of culture, the burden of intergenerational trauma, and – crucially – the power of art as a messenger for social change and healing.

 100 mins

### Director

Wayne Blair,  
Nel Minchin

### Producer

Ivan O'Mahoney

### Writer

Wayne Blair,  
Nel Minchin





## SCREENING

Fri 30 | 8pm  
Orana Cinemas

Sat 1 | 3.30pm  
Orana Cinemas



## FRENCH EXIT

“My plan was to die before the money ran out,” says 60-year-old penniless Manhattan socialite Frances Price (Michelle Pfeiffer), but things didn’t go as planned. Her husband Franklin has been dead for 12 years and with his vast inheritance gone, she cashes in the last of her possessions and resolves to live out her twilight days anonymously in a borrowed apartment in Paris, accompanied by her directionless son Malcolm (Lucas Hedges) and a cat named Small Frank—who may or may not embody the spirit of Frances’s dead husband.

 113 mins

### Director

Azazel Jacobs

### Producer

Christine Haebler,  
Christina Piovesan,  
Noah Segal,  
Trish Dolman,  
Katie Holly,  
Olivier Glaas

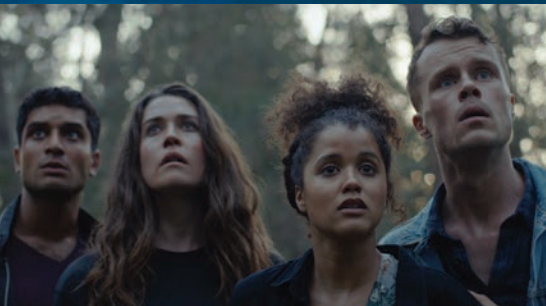
### Writer

Patrick Dewitt

### Starring

Michelle Pfeiffer,  
Lucas Hedges,  
Valerie Mahaffey,  
Imogen Poots,  
Susan Coyne,  
Danielle Macdonald





## SCREENING

Fri 30 | 8.15pm  
Orana Cinemas

Sat 1 | 3.30pm  
Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

# THE GREENHOUSE

A magic realist spin on the family drama, this first feature film from writer/director Thomas Wilson-White navigates questions of identity, family relationships and individuality.

Grieving the death of her mother, Beth wakes one night to find a portal to the past in the forest surrounding her family home. Swept away by visions of her idyllic upbringing with her three siblings and two loving Mums, Beth becomes mesmerised by the past, unable to see the dangers that lie ahead.

 88 mins

**Director**  
Thomas Wilson-White

**Producer**  
Lizzie Cater

**Writer**  
Thomas Wilson-White

**Starring**  
Jane Watt,  
Camilla Ah Kin,  
Kirsty Marillier,  
Shiv Palekar,  
Joel Horwood,  
Harriet Gordon-Anderson,  
Rhondra Findleton



## SCREENING

Fri 30 | 6.15pm  
Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

# HOMESPUN

## Including filmmaker Q&As

HOMESPUN is a brand-new web series about a dynamic duo who give the bush image a facelift in a shed show that raises the town's exposure and a few eyebrows! Produced by Cockatoo Colab, The 7 x 12-minute scripted web series looks at the shared experiences of city and country; asking whether loneliness can be just as brutal when you're living close together as when you're living far apart. It explores how team values and operations exist in a modern context outside 'professional' corporate office spaces within a shed or paddock. It considers what it means to stand up for what you believe in and looks at what it means to truly embrace your voice. Over 100 regional Australians from all over the country have been involved in this collaboration which was filmed in the Great Southern Region in WA.

 84 mins

### Director

Socratis Otto

### Producer

Bec Bignell

### Screenwriter

Bec Bignell

### Starring

Bec Bignell,  
Celeste Clabburn,  
Heather Mitchell,  
Claire van der Boom,  
Emily Rose Brennan



## SCREENING

Fri 30 | 9.30am  
Orana Cinemas

Sat 1 | 1pm  
Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

## JAIMEN HUDSON: FROM SKY TO SEA

### Including filmmaker Q&As

Jaimen Hudson's aerial whale and dolphin imagery are stunning. His spectacular photographs and videos reach hundreds of millions of people online and he has been interviewed by media organisations across the world. However Jaimen has a dream to take his talents to the next level and pursue his childhood dream of filming underwater. Embarking on the greatest challenge of his life, Jaimen Hudson begins his quest to become the world's first underwater cinematographer with quadriplegia. Struggling against the constraints of his disability and the concerns of those around him, Jaimen sets out to prove to himself and the world that nothing will keep him from achieving his dreams. This is his story.

 90 mins

### Director

Leighton De Barros

### Producer

Jodie De Barros

### Screenwriter

Leighton De Barros

### Starring

Jaimen Hudson,  
Jes Hudson,  
Van Captain Hudson,  
Lesley Hudson,  
Peter Hudson and  
Leighton De Barros



**SCREENING**  
**OPENING NIGHT**  
Thur 29 | 6.30pm  
Orana Cinemas  
Sat 1 | 1pm  
Orana Cinemas

**Unclassified**

## JUNE AGAIN

**Including Opening Night filmmaker Q&As**

In the heartfelt comedy JUNE AGAIN, a twist of fate gives family matriarch June (Noni Hazlehurst) a reprieve from a debilitating illness. Much to their amazement, June re-enters the lives of her adult children, Ginny (Claudia Karvan) and Devon (Stephen Curry), and learns that 'things haven't gone according to plan'. With limited time but plenty of pluck, she sets about trying to put everything, and everyone, back on track. When her meddling backfires, June sets out on a romantic journey of her own and discovers she needs help from the very people she was trying to rescue.

 99 mins

**Director**  
JJ Winlove

**Producer**  
Michael Pontin,  
Jamie Hilton,  
Drew Bailey

**Writer**  
JJ Winlove

**Starring**  
Noni Hazlehurst,  
Nash Edgerton,  
Claudia Karvan,  
Wayne Blair



## SCREENING

Fri 30 | 6.15pm  
Orana Cinemas

Sat 1 | 10am  
Orana Cinemas

Unclassified

# VALERIE TAYLOR: PLAYING WITH SHARKS

Valerie Taylor is a marine maverick, a fearless diver, and pioneering conservationist who used herself as shark bait, and dared to befriend even the legendary great white sharks. This formidable woman forged her own adventure story in a male dominated world, and succeeded.

 95 mins

### Director

Sally Aitken

### Producer

Bettina Dalton

### Writer

Sally Aitken

### Starring

Valerie Taylor,  
Ron Taylor



## SCREENING

Sat 1 | 10am  
Orana Cinemas



# PHIL LIGGETT: THE VOICE OF CYCLING

The life of legendary television commentator Phil Liggett MBE is inextricably entwined with the history of professional cycling. During a career that has spanned five decades, 15 Olympic games and 47 Tours de France, Phil Liggett has been there for every key moment in cycling over the last half century. The heroic triumphs, the appalling tragedies, the scandals and the controversies; Phil has seen it all, and told us about it with passion, knowledge and his trademark wit. As much as anyone, Phil Liggett has shaped the way the world sees cycling.

 114 mins

### Director

Nickolas Bird,  
Eleanor Sharpe

### Producer

Nickolas Bird

### Writer

Eleanor Sharpe

# COMMUNITY SCREENINGS

**Friday 30 April to Saturday 1 May**

**Screenings between 10am-2.30pm | Albany Town Hall**

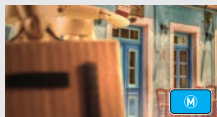
Our Community Screenings are a series of FREE films presented at the Albany Town Hall. Each year CinefestOZ curates a special set of short and features films to a relevant theme, this year's theme is "Grounded". With these tumultuous and unknown times, the Community Screenings set is one which can help ground us all. Each film in their own way reminds us what brings us all back to this beautiful earth.

## Friday 30 April 2021

<b>10am</b>	Cinesnaps Short Film Finalists 2020 Unclassified and recommend 15+
<b>11.00am</b>	Zach's Ceremony
<b>1.00pm</b>	Puberty Blues

## Saturday 1 May 2021

<b>10am</b>	Cinesnaps Short Film Finalists 2020 Unclassified and recommend 15+
<b>11.00am</b>	Backyard Ashes
<b>1.00pm</b>	The History of Australian Surfing



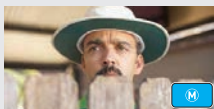
**2020 Cinesnaps  
Short Film Finalists**



**Zach's Ceremony**



**Puberty Blues**



**Backyard Ashes**



**The History of  
Australian Surfing**



# EVENTS

## JUNE AGAIN Opening Night Screening

Thurs 29 April | 6.30pm | Orana Cinemas Albany



The centre-piece of opening night is the screening of JUNE AGAIN, a heartfelt Australian comedy about June (Noni Hazlehurst) who, after a medical miracle, has just a few days to bring together her estranged children (Claudia Karvan & Stephen Curry), save the family business, and rekindle an old flame. Opening night celebrates the very best of CinefestOZ, with films, guests, entertainment and pre-screening hospitality. Walk the red carpet at Orana cinemas ahead of filmmakers and festival guests as they support this comedy, along with Producer Jamie Hilton who will host a post screening Q&A.

## H IS FOR HAPPINESS - Locations Bus Tour

Fri 30 April | Departure 9.30am - 2.15pm | Albany Visitors Centre



Join the guided exploration of some of the stunning locations around Albany used in the CinefestOZ award winning film H is for Happiness. Hear the inside stories and anecdotes of the making of the film by Producer Tennille Kennedy. Location highlights include visiting the magnificent tree in Alison Hartman Gardens, strolling down the picturesque and historic Stirling Terrace, and a picnic lunch at The Princess Royal Sailing Club.

# Deadly Indigenous Shorts

**Fri 30 April | 6.30pm | Albany Town Hall**

Light, dark, beauty and strength infuse this showcase of short films by Indigenous filmmakers. These films reinforce the importance of storytelling through film and what we can learn from these stories.

Jodie Bell, Producer and CinefestOZ Indigenous Film Coordinator will host a post screening discussion and will be joined by special guests Kelton Pell (Actor and CinefestOZ Koorda), & Brooke Collard (Producer).

**WADJEMUP: KOORA WORDEL, KALYGOOŁ WORDEL**

**ROTTNEST ISLAND: ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS WILL BE**



## Director

**Vanessa Smart, Samara King**

An evocative spiritual introduction to Wadjemup (Rottnest Island), followed by the truth of Wadjemup's recent history, told by Aboriginal people. Always was, always will be Aboriginal land.

## ELDERS



## Director

**Tony Briggs**

Two Elders take their grandson out bush and put him to the test.

## TIES THAT BIND



## Director - Michael Hudson

17-year-old Thomas is escorted home by police. Arriving home Thomas is confronted by a domineering mother Marlene who isn't interested in his side of the story.

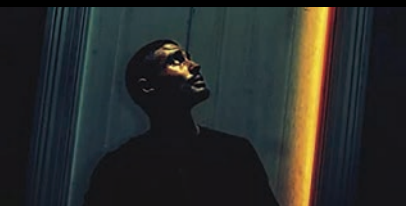
## BUS STOP



**Director**  
**Benjamin Southwell**

A lost soul is given a chance for redemption at a local bus stop in this evocative short film.

## CLOSED DOORS



**Director - Hunter Page-Lochard**  
**Carter Simpkin**

In search of his missing daughter, a young father must deal with his destructive actions and fears or lose everything he has.

## OUT OF RANGE



**Director - John Harvey**

Max takes his estranged son Levi on a fishing trip. When the car breaks down, the pair are stuck with no mobile reception. But being out of range may be just what they need to feel more connected.

## DOUG THE HUMAN



**Director**  
**Gary Hamaguchi**

An Alien kidnaps a human man and turns him into her pet.

## Industry Spotlight: Role of Film in Tourism

**Sat 1 May | 9.30am | Vancouver Arts Centre**



It's a big world out there with WA emerging as a major player. Join special guest Ian Brodie an award-winning photographer, internationally successful author, and film tourism expert known for The Lord of the Rings Location Guidebook and his work on Hobbiton Movie Set Tours.

Ian Brodie will be joined by Screenwest and local tourism representatives as our expert panel discuss an overview of film tourism worldwide, and its effects and how to work in production in a symbiotic way. Coffee and light morning tea served.

## In-Conversation Lunch

**Sat 1 May | 12noon | Monty's Leap Winery**



A relaxed hosted conversation is sure to intrigue anyone who likes to get behind the scenes of film. Lunch is a shared platter entree, feasting plate and dessert with a welcome drink on arrival.

Relax, enjoy the spectacular food, and special wines from Monty's Leap in the Great Southern as you take in the views and enjoy the company and conversation of our special VIP guest (refer to website). Bus transport is included.

# Special Closing Night Presentation & Celebration

Sat 1 May | 6.30pm | Albany Entertainment Centre



Come dressed for the occasion as Albany rolls out the red carpet for closing night celebrations. See filmmakers and talent shine as they walk the red carpet. Enjoy a welcome drink with food on arrival and live music before a special acknowledgment to country accompanied by one of Australia's biggest Indigenous canvas paintings Ngallak Koort Boodja.

Followed by a diverse set of quality Australian short films including showcasing a premiere and introduction by a WA filmmaker. After, join the party and take in the entertainment and generous canapes at the premier venue the Albany Entertainment Centre.

## ABORIGINAL WARRIOR



### Director

**Gary Hamaguchi**

The incredible true story of Chris Collard, who went from juvie to first Aboriginal kickboxer World Champion in 5 years.

## CARMENTIS



**Director**  
**Antony Webb**

A grief-stricken miner becomes injured on the desolate planet Carmentis and must overcome his personal demons in order to survive.

## COLD WATER THERAPY



**Director**  
**Remy Brand**

3 childhood mates escape the crowds and go on the adventure of a lifetime chasing cold water waves in Alaska.

## IT'S A BALLOON



**Director**  
**Alex Vivian**

When a young boy finds a mysterious wrapper in the woods, things soon begin to unravel for his parents.

## NOT A WALLFLOWER



**Director**  
**Lianne Mackessy**

Living with autism is of no consequence for Ben, except when it comes to his boss, and finding love.





## Cinesnaps Schools Program

**29-30 April 2021**

The Cinesnaps Schools Program offers specially selected film screenings, film guest Q&As, online content for schools, as well as a student short film competition - open now.

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## Orana Cinemas Albany

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# TICKETING INFORMATION

Please visit [www.cinefestoz.com](http://www.cinefestoz.com) for up to date ticketing information and to buy tickets and passes.

Download the free CinefestOZ iPhone and Android apps for tickets. All pricing is on the website.

## ALBANY CINEPASS

To fully immerse yourself in the CinefestOZ Albany experience, secure your seat to all events and screenings through the Albany Cinepass. This pass guarantees a ticket to the Opening Night event, H is for Happiness Film Locations Tour, In Conversation lunch, Closing Night and all feature and short film screenings.

**Please note:** this pass is valid for specific sessions and conditions. Limited passes are available. Please check the website for all pass details.

## TICKETS

Check the Festival Schedule on P4 and film information in this program. A film may be screened once or multiple times over the festival, and some screenings may have a function attached, so the prices, venues and event details will vary.

Email [ticketing@cinefestoz.com](mailto:ticketing@cinefestoz.com) for queries.

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