## **Down to Earth**

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### SYNOPSIS

Three young misfits venture into the Australian outback to find a meteorite, only to discover something far more mysterious.

URATION
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<b>ESSON PREPARATION</b> Read information about the presenter.

#### LESSON

Through viewing this short film, students will be inspired for future Cinesnaps entries.

They are encouraged to make notes as they watch.

Ask them to consider the impact of the film's length on its contents e.g. because there is less time, how is the number of characters or complexity of the storyline effected?

Students should pay attention to the sci-fi genre and how it is fulfilled.

They may be able to draw comparisons with other work e.g. popular Netflix series, *Stranger Things*.

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### PRESENTER PROFILE -NICK CROWHURST



Nick Crowhurst is an Australian director and editor who has worked on webseries, comedy sketches and narrative short films over the last 8 years.

In 2017 Nick directed the self funded zombie short film 'ZOE' which premiered at MonsterFest 2017 and was nominated for 8 SASA awards including Best Director in 2018.

In 2017 Nick was selected to attend the Screenworks Directors Intensive with Cate Shortland and Tony Krawitz in Byron Bay.

2018 saw 'The LOST SHEEP' an ABC iView CreateNSW funded short Nick directed and edited, premiere at Perth Revelations Festival and winning Best Directing in the Hollywood Screening Festival 2018 as well as 2nd place at the Perfect Light film Festival in 2019.

The 2020 SASA awards saw Nick nominated for best editing for 'IN THE WAKE' a short film which premiered at the Adelaide Film Festival and Flickerfest 2021.

'DOWN TO EARTH' the latest short film Nick directed and edited was nominated for 7 SASA awards including Best Director and premiered at CinefestOz 2020 and Oscar qualifying festival Show Me Shorts NZ and the 2021 Boston Scifi Festival.

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