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FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Thursday 18th April

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12.30pm	Sweet As	A1
6.00pm	Salty Shorts Opening Night	Six degrees

Friday 19th April

4.00pm	Strangers by Night	A1
5.30pm	Deadly Kinjarling	A2
7.00pm	Deadly Short Film Set	A2
7.00pm	Sting	A1

Saturday 20th April

9.00am	Meet the Filmmakers In-Conversation Breakfast	Hilton Garden Inn
10.30am	Kinjarling Koort FREE Screenings Voice Prints, Cinesnaps Great Southern Finalists,	A2
10.30am	Community FREE Screening - Rachel's Farm	A2
1.00pm	Regional Premiere - Before Dawn	A1
3.30pm	Ego: The Michael Gudinski Story	A1
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9.00pm	Premiere After Party	Eve

Sunday 21st April

1.00pm	Shadya	A1
3.30pm	Wilderness Therapy	A1
6.00pm	Housekeeping for Beginners	A1

VENUES **A1** - Orana Cinemas Albany
A2 - Albany Town Hall

For event and screening updates please visit cinefestoz.com

WELCOME



CinefestOZ

CinefestOZ is thrilled to present the 2024 CinefestOZ Albany Program. The festival has grown and evolved over the last four years, and we are grateful for the continued support from the City of Albany. This support is crucial to the long-term development of this significant arts event.

The festival has been reimagined this year with a focus on engaging local businesses, communities and facilitating opportunities for Great Southern creatives. The program contains a vibrant line-up of screen stories, sharing our important culture and incredible Australian filmmaker talent, all set against stunning Great Southern venues. With a focus on Aussies abroad, First Nation stories and Albany talent, this festival is set to be the best yet. Thank you to the Board and CinefestOZ Albany Advisory Committee for your ongoing contributions in shaping this thriving festival. Enjoy the festival ahead as we join together to celebrate Australian film and filmmakers.

Margaret Buswell | Chair, CinefestOZ Film Festival

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City of Albany



Welcome to the 2024 CinefestOZ in Albany.

I am thrilled to see our community embrace the magic of cinema once again. With an exciting program of films, workshops, and events, there's something for everyone. I extend my gratitude to the organisers, volunteers, and sponsors for their dedication to delivering this event to our community.

To our guests, explore Albany's beauty and history, enjoy the festival, celebrate creativity, and unite through storytelling. Thank you for embracing the magic of cinema in our amazing Albany!

City of Albany Mayor | Greg Stocks

WELCOME

It's so very exciting to see Albany and the Great Southern region emerge as a global magnet for filmmakers over recent years. It must be something to do with the incredibly creative minds nurtured here and the magnificent coastline and astounding hinterland we are lucky to call home.

No less unmissable is our artistic output, which culminates in CinefestOZ Albany, the peak film programme experience hosted here over four days each year at some of the Great Southern region's most picturesque venues.

The anticipation around this year's CinefestOz programme builds early, with Albany abuzz with conversation about film screenings, filmmakers, competitions, the red carpet gala and all of the many incredible community events that form part of the programme. Schedules are compared, outfits sourced and big ideas discussed as the momentum to the festival builds. It's such a lively and stimulating time to be in Albany!

Supported by Screenwest, Screen Australia and the City of Albany, CinefestOz boosts tourism, creates vibrancy and showcases our region's unique attractions as a destination. I thank all involved in its production, as well as festival sponsors.

I'm delighted to welcome locals and visitors alike to the 2024 CinefestOz programme. Enjoy the screenings, then stay and play in our outstanding City!

Rebecca Stephens

**Rebecca
Stephens MLA**
Member for Albany



DAY 1 - FREE EVENT

Welcome to Country

Thur 18 Apr | 12:00pm | Great Southern Museum



Celebrate the opening of CinefestOZ Albany with a special Welcome to Country at the Great Southern Museum. Mingle with fellow festival goers and visiting talent, and enjoy a light lunch.

Screenwest has supported the WA Screen Industry for over 30 years, enabling Western Australia to share unique stories and skilled creatives with the world.



Itch Series 2 filming at Albany's Echo Point Beach.
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GENERAL SCREENING

Thu 18 Apr | 12.30pm

Orana Cinemas




SWEET AS

Sweet As is an uplifting coming-of-age road movie set in WA's incredible Pilbara region. We see events through the eyes of Murra, a 16-year-old Indigenous girl from Port Hedland. Life in the town seems unpromising for Murra; Mum has started drinking again and although the sky outside looks enormous, Murra's world is just too small. But when hope seems lost, sometimes all it takes is to jump on a minibus with five complete strangers, head into Country and trust the journey.

Prize winner at the Berlin, Melbourne and Toronto film festivals, Sweet As is inspired by writer-director Jub Clerc's own experience as a girl with a camera. As we see Murra start to re-engage with the world by seeing it through a new lens, Sweet As offers us a beautiful reminder to sometime step sideways and find what's most important in life.

***Relaxed screening with group bookings**

 87 mins
Drama, youth

Director
Jub Clerc

Producer
Liz Kearney

Screenwriter
Jub Clerc,
Steve Rogers

Cast
Shantae Barnes-Cowan,
Tasma Walton,
Carlos Sanson Jr.,
Mark Coles Smith



DAY 1 - OPENING NIGHT

Salty Shorts

Thur 18 Apr | 6:00pm | Six Degrees



Dive head first into these salty cinematic adventures. Join us for this selection of some of the best Australian and locally made short films. From seaside adventures to salty antagonists and lions thinking you might be the right type of treat, every wave brings a new twist, and the salt-infused tales unfold leaving you craving for more. This anthology is the perfect way to start the festival.

This special event will include an opening performance from the Albany Shantymen and a post screening Q&A with a special filmmaker guest.

DAY 2

Deadly Kinjarling

Fri 19 Apr | 5:30pm | Town Hall



A FREE celebration of film in the heart of Albany!

Deadly Kinjarling is a celebration of visual storytelling in the heart of Albany! The Town Hall will come alive showcasing and celebrating our region's creatives with performances, free tasty foods and entertainment. This free event is about connecting, culture and accessing First Nations screen content.

Deadly Short Films

Fri 19 Apr | 7:00pm | Town Hall



Celebrate CinefestOZ Deadly Indigenous short film set - Did'jun First Nations. Storytelling at its finest in this showcase of short films by some of Australia's Deadliest Filmmakers!

These films reinforce the importance of storytelling through film and what we can learn from stories from all cultures having a voice on screen. These short films are unclassified.

Please be aware they may contain themes and topics, which may be triggering for some audiences. Viewer discretion is advised.



FRENCH FILM

GENERAL SCREENING

Fri 19 Apr | 4.00pm


Orana Cinemas

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STRANGERS BY NIGHT

A woman pushes a man onto a crowded Paris subway train, where they get into a heated public argument. They clearly annoy one another, and yet there is a spark. After an impromptu tryst, the two head off together into the night, where they sample a house party full of people decades their junior, steal some food, and cause the sort of mayhem that the City of Love demands.

Strangers by Night is part of a long tradition of up-all-night city romances, the kind of film that will have you yearning for your fondest-remembered capital. It's romantic, spzy, just a little silly, and full of date-night chemistry.

 91 mins
Drama, romance

Director
Alex Lutz

Producer
Didar Domehri

Screenwriter
Alex Lutz, Karin Viard,
Hadrien Bichet

Cast
Karin Viard,
Alex Lutz,
Jerome Pouly





GENERAL SCREENING

Fri 19 Apr | 7.00pm

Orana Cinemas


CTC

STING

Somewhere in wintry New York City, an extra terrestrial meteorite crashes into a run-down tower block. It is carrying that most troubling of cargo – an Australia red back spider! As the spider rapidly doubles in size, the apartment block's mix of quirky residents – an earnest teenage scientist here, a boozy old lady there – are at risk of being picked off on-by-one. Who will survive? How big will the spider get? How can it possibly die?!

A riotously fun, scary good time, *Sting* is inspired by one of humanity's greatest fears, arachnophobia, made more monstrous than ever before in this tongue-in-cheek, silly-scary thrill ride.

There's nothing better than watching a horror film in full cinema immersion. Join us for this special event celebrating one of the most anticipated Australian horror films to be released this year. Unlimited free popcorn to keep you going in this late-night binge!

 91 mins
Horror, thriller

Director
Kiah Roache-Turner

Producer
Chris Brown

Screenwriter
Kiah Roache-Turner

Cast
Ayla Browne,
Penelope Mitchell,
Ryan Corr



DAY 3

Meet the Filmmakers – In Conversation Breakfast

Sat 20 Apr | 9:00am | Hilton Garden Inn



Go behind the scenes and catch a sneak peak of what it really takes to make a feature film in regional WA with this special In-Conversation Breakfast. Come along and be a part of the best of what CinefestOZ has to offer - the opportunity to hear from talented filmmakers about their inspiration and their processes. Listen to the trials and tribulations, joy and adventures of filming regional, in one of WA's best film locations.

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn, overlooking the waterfront. Following the In-Conversation, guests will have an opportunity to ask questions, which will allow these renowned film producers to reveal further insights about their craft.

CinefestOZ Industry Program is grateful to acknowledge support from Screenwest, Screen Australia, GSDC.

For further information and program updates scan our QR or go to cinefestoz.com



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REGIONAL PREMIERE



GENERAL SCREENING

Sat 20 Apr | 1.00pm


Orana Cinemas

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BEFORE DAWN

A thrilling, large-scale World War I epic that was devised and created right here in Western Australia. Levi Miller (Jasper Jones) plays Jim, a young and naïve worker on his father's sheep farm compelled to sign up for the remote war in the name of the King. In Belgium, Jim must confront the trauma of leaving a man behind, just as his battalion may be on the cusp of an extraordinary breakthrough.

Before Dawn is inspired by and draws details from the diaries of WA soldiers who fought on in the trenches of Belgium in the 'Great War', Australia's first foray into international conflict as a modern nation. Funded and created completely independently, Before Dawn has a scope and ambition that heralds an exciting force in Australian film.

 95 mins
War, drama

Director
Jordon Prince-Wright

Producer
Jordon Prince-Wright

Screenwriter
Jordon Prince-Wright,
Jarrad Russel

Cast
Ed Oxenbould,
Levi Miller,
Stephen Peacocke,
Myles Pollard,
Travis Jeffery



COMMUNITY FREE SCREENING



GENERAL SCREENING

Sat 20 Apr | 10.30am


Albany Town Hall

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RACHEL'S FARM

Film director and actress Rachel Ward is not the first person you'd expect to join a farming revolution, but she and husband Bryan Brown have had a small farm in coastal New South Wales for over 30 years. Increasingly despairing of the damage that intensive farming has done to the land, Rachel was alerted to an alternative by a friend and neighbour. Together they hatched an exciting plan.

In this triumphant film about the restorative power of land and nature, Rachel voyages from wilful ignorance about the ecological impacts of conventional agriculture on her own rural property, to embracing a movement to restore the health of Australia's farmland, food and climate.

 91 mins
Documentary

Director
Rachel Ward

Producer
Bettina Dalton

Cast
Rachel Ward





GENERAL SCREENING

Sat 20 Apr | 3.30pm

Orana Cinemas



EGO: THE MICHAEL GUDINSKI STORY

A rare insight into how Mushroom Records hitmaker and trailblazer Michael Gudinski inspired the soundtrack of a nation and revolutionised the Australian music industry.

Charting an amazing path in Australian and international rock and pop from Skyhooks and Jimmy Barnes to Yothu Yindi and Archie Roach via Kylie Minogue and Peter Andre, Ego follows Gudinski's relentless pursuit of success over five decades as he launches Mushroom Records and the careers of countless artists, promotes legendary international acts, and takes Australian music to the world.

AACTA award winner for Best Sound in a documentary', EGO features exclusive interviews with some of the world's most influential artists, extraordinary rare footage, and an electrifying soundtrack, revealing the man behind the music and the unstoppable force that was Michael Gudinski.



X 111 mins
Music Documentary

Director
Paul Goldman

Producer
Paul Goldman

Screenwriter
Bethany Jones,
Paul Goldman,
Sara Edwards

Cast
Jimmy Barnes, Vika &
Linda Bull, Neil Finn,
Tim Finn, Garbage,
Dave Grohl, Billy Joel,
Vance Joy, Paul Kelly,
Kylie Minogue, Mark
Seymour, Ed Sheeran,
Bruce Springsteen,
Sting, The Temper Trap
and many more.

DAY 3 - PREMIERE SCREENING

You Should Have Been Here Yesterday

Sat 20 Apr | 6:00pm | Orana Cinemas



Glam up and walk the Red Carpet at Orana Cinemas in celebration of a cinematic poem of never-before-seen footage of more salty adventures.

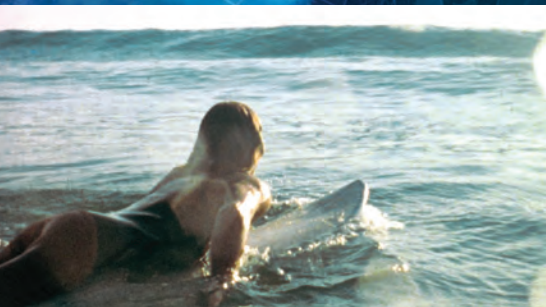
After Party

Sat 20 Apr | 9:00pm | Eve



Let the celebrations continue at Eve, mingling with film lovers and dancing the night away.

Welcome drink on arrival and bus transport included in ticket price.



PREMIERE SCREENING

Sat 20 Apr | 6.00pm


Orana Cinemas

CTC

YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE YESTERDAY

This beautiful documentary takes us back to the golden age of Australian surfing. Around the turn of the 1970s, all around the country, young people turned away from the buttoned-up culture of their parents and took to the oceans. There on unspoiled, undiscovered beaches they found peace, harmony and self-expression. Complete with both a gorgeous soundtrack by expert surf-musician Murray Paterson's band Headland, and an array of evocative original Australian surf film, *You Should Have Been Here Yesterday* is your one-stop-shop to revel in the utopia of Australia's surfer past.

Before the money took over, this is what Australia dreamed its future could – and maybe still will – be.

 100 mins
Documentary

Director
Jolyon Hoff

Producer
Craig Griffin,
Jolyon Hoff

Screenwriter
Ernest Hariyanto,
Jolyon Hoff

Cast
Tim Winton,
Wayne Lynch,
Bob McTavish,
Albe Falzon





GENERAL SCREENING

Sun 21 Apr | 1.00pm

Orana Cinemas




SHAYDA

Winner of the 2023 CinefestOZ Film Prize!

An Iranian woman living in Australia, Shayda finds refuge in a women's shelter with her frightened 6-year-old daughter, Mona. Having fled her husband, Hossein, and filed for divorce, Shayda struggles to maintain normalcy for Mona. Buoyed by the approach of Persian New Year, Shayda tries to forge a fresh start with new and unfettered freedoms. But when a judge grants Hossein visitation rights he re-enters their life, stoking Shayda's fear that he'll attempt to take Mona back to Iran.

Drawn from personal experiences, Iranian-Australian filmmaker Noora Niasari's powerful debut feature is a beautifully crafted, poetic portrayal of courage and compassion, anchored by a heart-rending performance by Zar Amir Ebrahimi.

**"An exceptional new filmmaking voice" -
CinefestOZ 2023 Jury Chair Rob Connolly**

 118 mins
Drama

Director
Noora Niasari

Producer
Vincent Sheehan,
Noora Niasari

Screenwriter
Noora Niasari

Cast
Zar Amir Ebrahimi,
Osamah Sami,
Leah Purcell,
Jillian Nguyen,
Mojean Aria,
Rina Mousavi,
Selina Zahednia





FRENCH FILM
**GENERAL
SCREENING**

Sun 21 Apr | 3.30pm
Orana Cinemas




WILDERNESS THERAPY

In this wild and hilarious new comedy a group of unsuspecting tourists sign up for a pleasant horseback tour of the Pyrénées but instead find themselves undertaking a life-threatening adventure.

Unemployed, broke, middle-aged, and desperate, Ludo and Richard are two of life's loveable losers and the completely inexperienced impostor guides behind the ill-fated horseback tour. Comprising close encounters with wild animals to dangerously-inept hunting lessons, food poisoning, and a steady decline in leadership competence from the bewildered tour guides, the tourists' journey inevitably spirals downhill.

A lively mashup of comedy, adventure film, western, and disaster movie, Wilderness Therapy doesn't shy away from touching on contemporary social and economic issues. And it does so with a dynamic and eccentric sense of humour. Set against the stunning natural beauty of the Pyrénées, this film is brimming with humanity, heart, and many, many laughs.

 95 mins
Comedy

Director
Edouard Deluc

Producer
Emmanuel Agneray

Screenwriter
Edouard Deluc,
Nathalie Najem

Cast
Pio Marmai,
Philippe Rebbot,
Camille Chamoux,
Pablo Pauly





GENERAL SCREENING

Sun 21 Apr | 6.00pm


Orana Cinemas



HOUSEKEEPING FOR BEGINNERS

In Skopje Macedonia, healthworker Dita shares her small house with an assortment of people. Some are only temporary, others such as girlfriend Roma Suada and her kids, moody Vanesa and firecracker Mia plus Dita's gay friend Toni, are longer-term housemates. When Suada realises that she can't continue as a parent, a new, hastily-formed family must be formed so this gang of caring misfits can remain together in their chaotic but warm-hearted abode. Actual housekeeping is not a concern!

The latest film from CinefestOZ Film Prize-winner, Macedonian-Australian Goran Stolevski (Of An Age), won the 2023 Venice Film Festival's prestigious Queer Lion Award. Goran is an extraordinary filmmaker with a rich career that connects Australia with Europe, and we at Cinefest are thrilled to see him continue to turn heads around the world.

 107 mins
Drama

Director
Goran Stolevski

Producer
Blerta Basholli,
Marija Dimitrova,
Ankica Juric Tilic,
Beata Rzezniczek

Screenwriter
Goran Stolevski

Cast
Samson Selim,
Mia Mustafi



FREE EVENTS

Deadly Kinjarling Evening Event

Fri 19 Apr | 5:30pm | Albany Town Hall



A FREE celebration of film in the heart of Albany!

Deadly Kinjarling shines a spotlight on our magnificent First Nations Filmmakers, artists and performers. Join us for this free event full of entertainment, storytelling and good yarns.

Kinjarling Koort FREE Screenings

Sat 20 Apr | 10:30am | Albany Town Hall



VOICE PRINTS

Sat 20 Apr | 6.30pm

Albany voiceprints are audio visual recordings bringing life to local tales narrated by Albany locals. Enjoy this step back in time featuring original film footage, photos and music with two stories from the series.



CINESNAPS GREAT SOUTHERN SHORT FILMS

Sat 20 Apr | 6.30pm

Catch a glimpse of the next generation of local filmmakers. Don't miss this screening of the finalists of the Cinesnaps Short Film Competition from the Great Southern Region.

All followed by a free screening of *Rachels Farm* (see p 16) for more details

CINESNAPS



Cinesnaps Schools Program

17-19 April 2024

Cinesnaps offers an exciting student short film competition, plus specially selected film screenings, filmmaker Q&As and interactive film activities.

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Shayda



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Image: Kelton Pell and Tanla Chambers at Sweet As Opening Night,
CinefestOZ Albany 2023. Photo by Warren Bellette. © CinefestOZ



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Orana Cinemas Albany

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TICKETING INFORMATION

Please visit www.cinefestoz.com for up to date ticketing information and to buy tickets and passes.

Tickets can be bought at the Albany Town Hall and Orana Cinemas from 22nd of March during their opening hours.

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

CINEFESTOZ MULTIPASS

To fully immerse yourself in the CinefestOZ Albany experience, secure your seat through the CinefestOZ Cinepass. The Pass guarantees a ticket to multiple films at a discounted rate.

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 for queries.

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