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28 AUG
- 6 SEP
2026

*Reel Adventures,
Down South.*



19TH CINEFESTOZ

FILM FESTIVAL PROGRAM



The festival runs for 10 days across two weekends in WA's South West.

Browse the program, check online as new sessions are added based on demand. Book your tickets online or contact our BOX OFFICE team.

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TICKETING DESKS: Before the Festival:
Busselton Central (near Sushi Sushi),
18 - 29 Aug, 10am - 3pm.
During the Festival:
Orana Cinemas Busselton, daily 12pm - 8pm.

CONSIDER A PASS - Great value if you're seeing multiple films and events.

PLAN YOUR STAY - Book accommodation, stay with friends or bring the van for a reel road trip.



VENUES - Find all 2026 venues listed online, includes location, access info and Google Maps links.



COMPANION CARD - Just email us your ticket details and we'll issue a Companion Card ticket for the same session.



WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY - Look for the access icon on our site. Click it to customise your experience.

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Acknowledgement

In the spirit of reconciliation, CinefestOZ acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and their continuing connections to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We thank the Traditional Owners for sharing their living culture with us, as we come together on Boodja (Country) to celebrate storytelling in the medium of screen. We ask you to respect the area and walk softly on Boodja, take time to listen and leave no trace.

The 2026 South West festival is held on Wadandi and Pibelman Boodja, we acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples should be aware that this guide may contain images or names of people who have passed away.

GET UP TO DATE INFO AT www.CinefestOZ.com



MESSAGE FROM
HON SIMONE MCGURK MLA
Minister for Creative Industries

CinefestOZ is rolling out the red carpet again this year for its annual screen culture event, which welcomes cinema lovers to the Southwest to immerse themselves in Western Australia's premier screen culture event. A week-long program that celebrates the art of storytelling through screen.

This festival offers a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate the stories that shape our communities and our world. There is something enduring about film – its ability to connect us, to challenge us, and to remind us of who we are.

The festival is also a great success story and an important part of Western Australia's cultural life. It reflects the strength of our screen industry and showcases the depth of creativity and talent that exists across our State. Just as importantly, it brings together audiences, creators and communities to share experiences that stay with us long after the credits roll.

I want to acknowledge the dedication of the organisers, volunteers, industry partners and supporters who make this festival possible year after year. Your commitment ensures that the festival continues to thrive, and that it remains a place where Australian storytelling is championed and celebrated.

Through its Industry and Cinesnaps Schools programs, CinefestOZ supports Filmmakers at every stage, creating opportunities to connect, learn and grow, while nurturing the next generation of creative talent.

Supported by the Cook Labor Government through the Regional Arts and Cultural Investment Program, CinefestOZ also reflects the growing momentum of our screen industry, creating jobs, fostering innovation, and sharing Western Australian stories with wider audiences.

Congratulations to all involved in this year's stellar program, and to all attending, I encourage you to enjoy the festival and all it has to offer.



MESSAGE FROM
MARGARET BUSWELL
CinefestOZ Chair



Kaya! On behalf of the CinefestOZ Board and Team, I am delighted to welcome you to the 19th CinefestOZ Film Festival. Once again, we invite you to celebrate the stories, talent and creativity that make West Australia's screen culture and Australian cinema so distinctive.

Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning as part of our festival family, we're thrilled to share this year's program with you. Our State's screen industry continues to go from strength to strength, and we are proud to showcase outstanding local and national talent throughout the festival.

At the heart of the festival is the prestigious \$100,000 CinefestOZ Film Prize, Australia's richest prize for an Australian feature film, surrounded by an exciting program of red-carpet premieres, filmmaker conversations and special events that connect audiences with the storytellers behind the screen.

Beyond the screen, CinefestOZ continues to create opportunities for connection, learning and inspiration. Our Industry Program strengthens Western Australia's links with the global screen sector through the return of CineConnect, our industry meeting initiative, complemented by a dynamic program of panels, workshops and networking events designed to support the future of Australian filmmaking. We are equally proud to present our acclaimed Short Film Program, the Cinesnaps Schools initiative, and Deadly Days, celebrating First Nations storytelling, culture and creativity.

None of this would be possible without the passion and generosity of our sponsors, philanthropic donors, government partners, volunteers, filmmakers, staff and Board. Your support enables CinefestOZ to champion Australian stories, foster industry growth and create meaningful experiences that resonate long after the credits roll.

Thank you for being part of our journey. We look forward to welcoming you to another unforgettable festival season.



MAYOR *Welcome*



City of Busselton

Welcome to this wonderful home-grown festival that celebrates Australian film, storytelling and creativity, capturing the imagination of locals and visitors alike.

As a proud long-time sponsor, the City of Busselton is delighted to once again support and celebrate this much-loved festival through the City's Events Sponsorship Program. Each year, CinefestOZ continues to grow its reputation as a premier destination film festival, delivering unforgettable experiences for film lovers, creatives, current and future film industry professionals.

This year's festival is particularly exciting as we host for the first time, some of festival's key programs at Saltwater Performing Arts and Convention Centre. Saltwater is the City's brand new cultural, arts and events venue in the heart of Busselton's Cultural Precinct. The opening of Saltwater marks a significant milestone for our community. As a purpose-built convention centre and performing arts venue, Saltwater reflects the City's ongoing commitment to invest in arts and culture for community needs now and for future generations. As multi-purpose indoor venue designed to host more than 1,000 people, over three levels and several flexible spaces, Saltwater is a key strategic project helping to deliver a more diverse, year-round events calendar for community and visitors, particularly throughout the winter and shoulder months.

CinefestOZ brings a vibrant energy to our City and showcases our flourishing cultural scene from dawn to after dark. From premiere screenings and red carpet events, filmmaker Q&As, to the Cinesnaps school program, the deadly IndigifestOZ and industry conference sessions, the festival offers something for everyone, regardless of age, interest or background.

The recent filming of Netflix's Breakers in the South West, supported by Screenwest, highlights our region's growing reputation as a destination for screen production. The City is excited about the future of CinefestOZ and the important role the new Saltwater venue will play as a cultural hub for our region. I look forward to seeing the festival continue to evolve and thrive, creating new opportunities for audiences, artists and industry alike.

A heartfelt thank you to the CinefestOZ team and Movie Crew volunteers for your vision, dedication, and the incredible work you do each year to bring this festival to life. Your passion continues to enrich our community and strengthen Busselton's reputation as a vibrant cultural destination or vibrant place to call home.

I invite everyone to enjoy another inspiring CinefestOZ and to take the opportunity to explore the natural beauty, unique experiences and warm hospitality that make our region so special.

Mayor
PHIL CRONIN



Welcome AUGUSTA MARGARET RIVER



The Shire of Augusta Margaret River is pleased to welcome Australia's premier destination festival, CinefestOZ, back to the South West. Over ten unforgettable days, film audiences, Filmmakers and industry leaders will gather on Wadandi Boodja to celebrate the very best of Australian cinema.

Renowned for attracting leading Australian Filmmakers, CinefestOZ brings people together through storytelling, creativity and culture. As one of the nation's most welcoming film festivals, it offers our community valuable opportunities to engage with visiting Filmmakers and gain insight into the stories behind the screen.

This year, we are especially pleased to see CinefestOZ expand its reach through the new On The Road initiative, reflecting a strong commitment to accessibility, inclusion and creative opportunity. By delivering free screenings and filmmaking experiences to regional communities across Western Australia, this program enables more people to experience high-quality Australian cinema and encourages young people to explore storytelling and develop their creative skills.

The Shire of Augusta Margaret River is proud to support CinefestOZ through its Major Events Grants Program. With screenings and special events at Nala Bardip Mia - Margaret River HEART and across the region, there is something for everyone to discover. CinefestOZ enriches our community, celebrates Australian stories and nurtures local talent, helping shape future generations of Filmmakers, artists and audiences.

Enjoy the festival and tread lightly on Country.

Shire President
JULIA JEAN-RICE



Welcome BUNBURY

Welcome to the 2026 CinefestOZ Festival in Bunbury.

Now in its 19th year, CinefestOZ has grown to become Australia's largest destination film festival and as one of three host regions, Bunbury is proud to play its part in this celebrated event.



CinefestOZ brings world-class storytelling to our doorstep, offering residents and visitors the chance to experience Australian film in an accessible, welcoming way. The festival creates genuine cultural connections across our community, with a program that reflects and engages the people who call Bunbury home.

Beyond the screen, CinefestOZ delivers real benefits for Bunbury - supporting local businesses, attracting visitors to the region, and showcasing our vibrant community to a wider audience

I thank the CinefestOZ team for their continued commitment to Bunbury, along with our local schools, businesses and venues for their support. Thank you also to the Filmmakers, musicians and artists who share their creativity with us, and to our dedicated volunteers - whose commitment helps bring the festival to life each year.

I encourage everyone to get involved, enjoy the program, and celebrate all that CinefestOZ brings to our community.

Mayor **JAYSEN
DE SAN MIGUEL**

2026 FILM PRIZE *Journey*



Follow our Film Prize Journey

Attend Australia's Richest **Film Prize**

THE PRESTIGIOUS
\$100,000 CINEFESTOZ
FILM PRIZE EVENT
IS AUSTRALIA'S
LARGEST ANNUAL FILM
PRIZE DEDICATED TO
CELEBRATING THE
VERY BEST IN HOME
GROWN AUSTRALIAN
FILMMAKING AND
STORYTELLING IN 2026

Four Film Prize Finalist films make their Western Australian Premiere at CinefestOZ. Each title hosts a glamorous red carpet screening and afterparty - plus exclusive post-screening live in-conversations with the filmmakers, cast and crew.

A distinguished and high-profile Jury Panel composed of internationally celebrated screen industry leaders select the winning film. The winner is revealed at the festival's exclusive Film Prize Gala on Sat 5 Sep 2026.

CINEPASSES - SEE MORE FOR LESS

Plan a weekend road trip with the gang!
Hit every red carpet with big discounts.
Go VIP and Access All Areas or mix with Industry and mingle with the BIG WIGS!



BROWSE PASS OPTIONS AND START PLANNING YOUR FILM PRIZE JOURNEY

MEET OUR 2026 FINALISTS

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SWEET MILK LAKE

Drama / Film Prize

MIFF PREMIERE FUND



WILDERNESS

Drama / Film Prize

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THE FOX

Dark Comedy
/ Film Prize



YESTERDAY ISLAND

Sci-Fi Comedy / Film Prize

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Are you 26 or under? →
GET A FREE NEXT GEN MEMBERSHIP!

FREE
REG

NEXT GENERATION ACCESS EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTED TICKETS FROM \$12!



MIFF PREMIERE FUND



WA PREMIERE

94 mins



SWEET MILK LAKE / DRAMA

After being mistaken for his twin brother by his estranged and dying dad, a soft-spoken trans man relishes the opportunity to be one of the boys, until the weight of the lie becomes heavier than his need for the truth.

Sweet Milk Lake DATES & DETAILS

PREMIERE EVENT & PARTY
 WED 2 SEP | 5.30PM TIL LATE
 Reading Cinemas - Busselton

LIVE IN-CONVERSATION
 THU 3 SEP | 10.15AM
 Hilton Garden Inn - Busselton

GENERAL SCREENING
 SAT 5 SEP | 3.30PM
 Orana Cinema - Busselton

FILM PRIZE GALA NIGHT
 SAT 5 SEP | 7.00PM
 Saltwater - Busselton

DIRECTOR

Harvey Zielinski

WRITER

Harvey Zielinski

PRODUCERS

Philippa Campey
 Molly O'Connor
 Harvey Zielinski

CAST

Harvey Zielinski
 Hunter Page-Lochard
 Kieran Darcy-Smith
 Nic Cassim
 David Howell
 Ngaire Pigram

SWEET MILK LAKE / RED CARPET EVENT PREMIERE & AFTERPARTY



WED 2 SEP / FROM 5.30PM

SESSION / Reading Cinemas Busselton

AFTERPARTY / Busselton Pavilion

*Hit the red carpet &
 party with the stars*

INCLUSIONS

RED CARPET PREMIERE - Press Event Access + Screening
AFTERPARTY - Arrival Drink + Canapes + Live Entertainment

Join us at CinefestOZ in Busselton and kick off Australia's Richest Film Prize.

Sweet Milk Lake features as the first premiere event across the 2026 Film Prize journey, competing to dazzle critics and take home the \$100K prize.

Walk the red carpet at this Premiere Screening Event and rub shoulders with the filmmakers, cast, crew and high-profile Jury Panel. PLUS with a Premiere Ticket the only thing that rolls after the credits is more good times at the exclusive Afterparty!

SWEET MILK LAKE / CREATORS & CAST LIVE IN-CONVERSATION



THU 3 SEP / 10.15AM

Hilton Garden Inn
 Jetty Way, Busselton

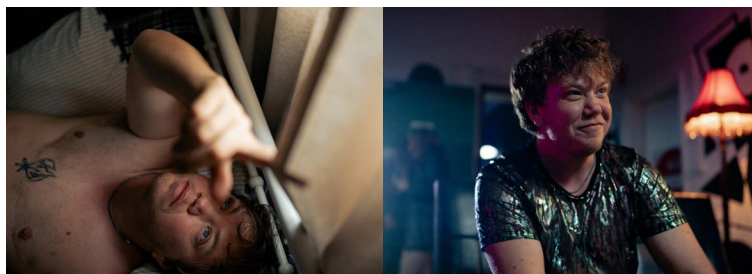
*Join the filmmakers live
 and go beyond the screen!*

INCLUSIONS

IN-CONVERSATION EVENT / LIVE Filmmaker Q&A
PLUS +++ Arrival Drink / Pastries & Light Bites

Continue the *Sweet Milk Lake* festivities and catch the cast & creators LIVE!

Overfill your cups and relax with a cuppa or indulge with bubbles and go well beyond the screen with *Sweet Milk Lake*. Celebrate debut storytelling and the fresh voices making a splash across the world stage.




WA PREMIERE
101 mins
CTC

WILDERNESS / DRAMA

Allie wants a weekend away. She's approaching fifty, her marriage is failing and her daughter is leaving home. Then a serious accident changes everything. Her estranged friend, Kaz, reappears to guide Allie on a road trip through the wild beauty of the Australian Alps. The adventure brings Allie back to life, but only after nearly ending it.

WILDERNESS / RED CARPET EVENT PREMIERE & AFTERPARTY


THU 3 SEP / FROM 5PM TIL LATE
PREMIERE / Reading Cinemas Busselton

AFTERPARTY / Busselton Pavilion

*Step into the spotlight
& thrill the night away!*

INCLUSIONS

RED CARPET PREMIERE - Press Event Access + Screening
AFTERPARTY - Arrival Drink + Canapes + Live Entertainment

The CinefestOZ competition heats up at Australia's Richest Film Prize.

Wilderness steps in with the second event across the Film Prize journey, so pack a bag and hit the high country as the battle to win the \$100K rages on!

Walk the red carpet at this Premiere Screening Event and rub shoulders with the filmmakers, cast, crew and high-profile Jury Panel. PLUS with a Premiere Ticket the only thing that rolls after the credits is more good times at the exclusive Afterparty!

WILDERNESS / CREATORS & CAST LIVE IN-CONVERSATION



*Rise, shine, dine and chat
with the filmmakers live...*

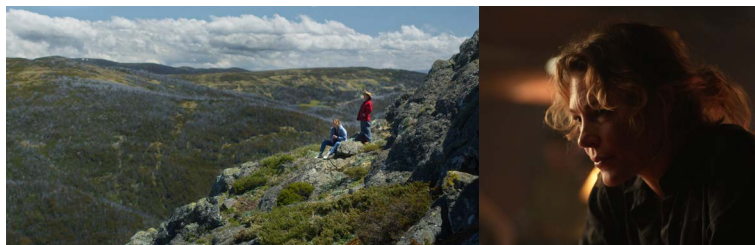
FRI 4 SEP / 8.30AM
INARA Busselton

INCLUSIONS

IN-CONVERSATION EVENT / LIVE Filmmaker Q&A
PLUS +++ Arrival Drink / Light Breakfast Provided

Wake with an appetite for more and prepare to get truly lost in the *Wilderness*.

Join the *Wilderness* filmmakers as they spiral into the inner workings of conflict, danger and near disaster. Practice the art of listening and learn about sustainable filmmaking while exploring the future of film and storytelling.



Wilderness - DATES & DETAILS



PREMIERE & AFTERPARTY
THU 3 SEP | 5.00PM TIL LATE
Reading Cinemas - Busselton

LIVE IN-CONVERSATION
FRI 4 SEP | 8.30AM
Inara - Busselton

GENERAL SCREENING
Sun 6 SEP | 11.15am
Orana Cinema - Busselton

FILM PRIZE GALA NIGHT
SAT 5 SEP | 7.00PM
Saltwater - Busselton

DIRECTOR
Martin McKenna

WRITER
Martin McKenna

PRODUCERS
Mat Govoni
Lisa Wang

CAST
Mirrah Foulkes
Yael Stone
George Mason
Grace Jackson



WA PREMIERE

90 mins

MA 15+

THE FOX / DARK COMEDY

In this darkly comic folktale, an affable foxhunter encounters a talking Fox who offers him an opportunity to transform his fiancée into the perfect woman.



THE FOX / RED CARPET EVENT PREMIERE & AFTERPARTY



FRI 4 SEP / FROM 5.00PM TIL LATE
PREMIERE / Reading Cinemas Busselton
AFTERPARTY / Busselton Pavilion

Roll out the stars, the red carpet & the good times!

INCLUSIONS

RED CARPET PREMIERE - Press Event Access + Screening
AFTERPARTY - Arrival Drink + Canapes + Live Entertainment

Join us for the final day of Film Prize Finalists at Australia's Richest Film Prize.

Strap in for a double header across the final night of Film Prize Finalist events. Does the star-studded *The Fox* have what it takes to bag the festival's top prize?

Walk the red carpet at this Premiere Screening Event and rub shoulders with the filmmakers, cast, crew and high-profile Jury Panel. PLUS with a Premiere Ticket the only thing that rolls after the credits is more good times at the exclusive Afterparty!

THE FOX/ CREATORS & CAST LIVE IN-CONVERSATION



SAT 5 SEP / 10.30AM
Shelter Brewing Co
Busselton Foreshore

Banter with the creators & stars of The Fox!

INCLUSIONS

IN-CONVERSATION EVENT / LIVE Filmmaker Q&A
PLUS +++ Arrival Drink / Pastries & Light Bites

Enjoy bottomless conversation and join *The Fox* creators and crew LIVE.

Join *The Fox* filmmakers as they discuss the dark side of comedy. Explore puppetry, animatronics, folktales and learn about the craft behind the hunt for the perfect woman. Dive head first into the making of this absurdly devilish film.



The Fox DATES & DETAILS

PREMIERE & AFTERPARTY
FRI 4 SEP | FROM 5.00PM
Reading Cinemas - Busselton

LIVE IN-CONVERSATION
SAT 5 SEP | 10.30AM
Shelter Brewing Co - Busselton

GENERAL SCREENING
SUN 6 SEP | 3.30PM
Orana Cinema - Busselton

FILM PRIZE GALA NIGHT
SAT 5 SEP | 7.00PM
Saltwater - Busselton

DIRECTOR & WRITER

Dario Russo

PRODUCERS

Kristina Ceyton
Samantha Jennings
Carly Maple

CAST

Emily Browning
Jai Courtney
Damon Herriman
Claudia Doumit
Zlatko Burić
Frankie J. Holden
Heather Mitchell
Peter O'Brien
Kym Gyngell
Miranda Otto
Sam Neill as The Magpie
Olivia Colman as The Fox




WA PREMIERE
91 mins
MA 15+

YESTERDAY ISLAND

/ COMEDY SCI-FI

A simple favour leads a writer to be trapped on a surreal subantarctic island. To escape, he schemes to invite his ex-wife to the island, with darkly comedic consequences.

YESTERDAY ISLAND / RED CARPET EVENT PREMIERE & AFTERPARTY



FRI 4 SEP / FROM 8.15PM TIL LATE
PREMIERE / Reading Cinemas Busselton
AFTERPARTY / Busselton Pavilion

*Shine like a VIP &
Party like a Rockstar!*

INCLUSIONS

RED CARPET PREMIERE - Press Event Access + Screening
AFTERPARTY - Arrival Drink + Canapes + Live Entertainment

The final 2026 Film Prize feature premieres at Australia's Richest Film Prize.

The Film Prize Journey nears a close with the final red carpet premiere party of 2026. Join us and decide if *Yesterday Island* has the goods to win at Gala!

Walk the red carpet at this Premiere Screening Event and rub shoulders with the filmmakers, cast, crew and high-profile Jury Panel. PLUS with a Premiere Ticket the only thing that rolls after the credits is more good times at the exclusive Afterparty!

YESTERDAY ISLAND / CREATORS & CAST LIVE IN-CONVERSATION



*Escape the expected
& explore the island...*

SAT 5 SEP / 2.00PM
The Firestation Busselton

INCLUSIONS

IN-CONVERSATION EVENT / LIVE Filmmaker Q&A
PLUS +++ Drink On Arrival / Light Snacks

The *Yesterday Island* team talk second chances and petty revenge LIVE!

If you dare to step onto *Yesterday Island* please be set to expect unforeseen and messy consequences. Join creators and cast members as they share tales of freedom, desperation, writers block, ex-lovers and dislikable friends.

Yesterday Island DATES & DETAILS

PREMIERE & AFTERPARTY

FRI 4 SEP | FROM 8.15PM
Reading Cinemas - Busselton

LIVE IN-CONVERSATION

SAT 5 SEP | 2.00PM
Firestation - Busselton

GENERAL SCREENING

SUN 6 SEP | 4.30PM
Orana Cinema - Busselton

FILM PRIZE GALA NIGHT

SAT 5 SEP | 7.00PM
Saltwater - Busselton

DIRECTOR

Sam Voutas

WRITER

Sam Voutas

PRODUCER

Melanie Ansley

CAST

Ivan Aristeguieta
Florence Noble
Francis Greenslade
Genevieve Neve
David Fane



FILM PRIZE JOURNEY - *Other Special Events*

FILM PRIZE / LIVE JURY BREAKFAST



SAT 5 SEP / 8:00AM / SHELTER BREWING CO - BUSSELTON

Join the acclaimed CinefestOZ Film Prize Jury for a morning of inspiring conversation exploring the art of filmmaking, creative journeys and the stories that shape Australian cinema. Hosted at Shelter Brewing Co. on the Busselton Foreshore, this popular breakfast event combines exceptional industry insights with a relaxed coastal setting.



INCLUSIONS

**LIVE IN-CONVERSATION
PLUS FOOD AND DRINKS**

FILM PRIZE / FILM PRIZE GALA



SAT 5 SEP / 7.00PM / SALTWATER - BUSSELTON

Celebrate the grand finale of CinefestOZ at the spectacular Film Prize Gala celebration at Saltwater. Walk the red carpet and witness the announcement of the 2026 Film Prize Winner and honour this year's Screen Legend. After the ceremony you're invited to dance the night away with an unforgettable night of celebration, exceptional food, wine and live entertainment.



INCLUSIONS

**RED CARPET GALA AWARDS CEREMONY ACCESS
PLUS ALL DRINKS / DINNER CANAPES / LIVE ACTS**

GET UP TO DATE INFO AT www.CinefestOZ.com



SALTWATER

CONVENTION CENTRE - PERFORMANCE SPACE - ART GALLERY

You're invited to experience CinefestOZ events at Saltwater - the City of Busselton's brand-new cultural hub in the heart of the CBD.

CinefestOZ is proudly supported through the City's Events Sponsorship Program, supporting cultural and creative industries across music, visual arts, crafts, writing, theatre, film and design.



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AND JOIN US AT CINEFESTOZ IN 2026!**

AUSTRALIA'S PREMIERE DESTINATION FILM FESTIVAL





TUE 1 SEP | FROM 5.00PM Reading Cinema - Busselton

Celebrate the creativity of WA's emerging filmmakers at the Cinesnaps Student Short Film Competition Grand Finale.

Inspired by this year's theme, REFLECT, students from across regional Western Australia have created thought-provoking media works exploring the people, places, experiences and ideas that shape them.

Join us for a special red carpet premiere and awards presentation celebrating the next generation of Australian storytellers.

EMPOWER THE NEXT GENERATION

CINESNAPS TRANSFORMS SCREEN TIME INTO CREATIVITY

The Cinesnaps Schools Program is our flagship education initiative, running interactive workshops, hands-on activities and industry-led learning experiences. Designed to spark imagination and develop practical filmmaking skills. Cinesnaps connects young people with the screen industry through engaging, accessible and meaningful experiences.



EVOLVING STUDENT SCREEN TIME



SCREEN XPLORE PODS

31 AUG - Busselton
1 SEP - Busselton
4 SEP - Bunbury



MOVIE SCREENINGS

31 AUG / 1 SEP - Busselton
4 SEP - Bunbury
1 SEP - Margaret River

Screenings and activities are available across Busselton, Bunbury and Margaret River, with industry-led school incursions also on offer throughout the South West. Cinesnaps makes it easy to bring engaging, curriculum-aligned screen experiences directly into your classroom.

LEARN MORE OR BOOK NOW: community@cinefestoz.com



Compelling stories, world class talent, global audiences.

Screenwest proudly supports the WA film industry.

SHORT FILM *Program*

With so much talent on the rise in 2026, many of the highlights of CinefestOZ are to be found in our tasty Short Film Program.

Each is a cornucopia of the best of new Australian filmmaking, presented in the following themed sets. These sets will screen in Bunbury, Busselton and Margaret River, please check online for dates and times.

ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE WEST **WA MADE**

Discover the best of Western Australian short filmmaking. Enjoy a set that's diverse in style, genre and perspective, showcasing the incredible creativity and budding talent shaping our local screen industry.

THE BAD & THE BEAUTIFUL **DRAMA**

A collection of some of the most beautifully crafted shorts. Thoughtful, compelling and beautifully told, these stories showcase the power of great storytelling.

SOME LIKE IT HOT **COMEDY**

Have a good old belly laugh with this year's standout shorts. Full of wit, charm and unforgettable characters, these stories celebrate the joy of great comedy shorts.

THE NEXT GENERATION **STUDENT**

Every filmmaker starts somewhere. This collection of debut films and student productions celebrates emerging Australian talent and the stories that mark the beginning of a creative career.

SHORT FILM *Awards*

23



SHORT FILM / FINALISTS SET

FREE

THU 3 SEP | 6.30PM Reading Cinema - Busselton

In preparation for the Short Film Awards Night, make sure you catch the Finalists Set! This is a special FREE pre-awards showcase of the four short films vying for the title of 'BEST SHORT FILM' and a tasty \$5K in cash.

SHORT FILM / AWARDS NIGHT

THU 3 SEP | 7.30PM Reading Cinema - Busselton

Chase the Short Film Finalists screening by heading to the Awards Night, where we roll out the red carpet and celebrate Australia's best short filmmaking talent! Enjoy a sparkling event with a welcome drink and mingle with the creators before making your way to your seat and discovering who takes home the title and cash prize!



See All Shorts On Offer!

Deadly events celebrate the richness of First Nations storytelling through a vibrant program of film, music, dance, art, culture and community. These free events shine a spotlight on the extraordinary talents of First Nations filmmakers, artists, performers and storytellers, creating a welcoming space to connect, listen and celebrate together.

All are welcome to the FREE Deadly Day event, so no tickets are required, although for larger groups and schools, please contact community@cinefest02.com know so we can ensure space catering.



"Nothing about us, without us."



Deadly EVENTS



Deadly DAY

FREE

LIVE PERFORMANCES

Join us at Deadly Days, a series of FREE events that shine a spotlight on our magnificent First Nations filmmakers, artists, performers, and storytellers. Expect an engaging, exciting and dazzling community event, with a curated selection of experiences to enjoy. Think dance, film, artist workshops, food and much more.

BUSSELTON:

SAT 29 AUG | 2.00PM
Saltwater, Busselton

MARGARET RIVER:

SUN 30 AUG | 2.30PM
Margaret River HEART

BUNBURY:

FRI 4 SEP | 5.00PM
Stirling Street Arts Centre

Deadly SHORTS

SHORT FILMS + Q&A

Indigenous storytelling at its finest in this showcase of several 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, with all cultures having a voice on screen. The absolute best of Indigenous Australian short filmmaking.

MARGARET RIVER:

SUN 30 AUG | 4.00PM
Margaret River HEART

BUNBURY:

FRI 4 SEP | 6.30PM
Stirling Street Arts Centre

BUSSELTON:

SUN 6 SEP | 4.00PM
Orana Cinema, Busselton

Bunbury turns up the volume during Cinefest0Z, with a vibrant program of free community events, schools activities, First Nations celebrations, live music, special screenings and Australia's best new films.

From sharing a meal at Milligan House, to celebrating the nation's top music videos at Froth Brewery and experiencing the excitement of the Film Prize, there's something for everyone to discover.

Deadly DAY

LIVE PERFORMANCES

FRI 4 SEP | 5.00PM

Stirling Street
Art Centre

FREE

Deadly SHORTS

SHORT FILMS + Q&A

FRI 4 SEP | 6.30PM

Stirling Street
Art Centre

WEEKEND AT THE MOVIES

SAT 5 SEP **RODEO DREAMS** | 12.30PM

BOSS CAT | 3.00PM

SUN 6 SEP **FILM PRIZE WINNER** | 12.30PM

HOTYS Bunbury

See More Events ↗



FAMILY

Film Feast

DINNER & MOVIE @ MILLIGAN

THU 27 AUG | 5.00PM

Milligan House, Bunbury

A relaxed evening where everyone's invited and everything is FREE. This community event includes dinner and free screening of KANGAROO, a heartwarming tale about epic adventure and unlikely friends.

MUSIC VIDEO

Mixtape Finals

BEST MUSIC VIDEO GIG

THU 3 SEP | 6.00PM

Froth Brewery, Bunbury

Lights down. Volume up! Watch this year's hottest music video finalists before the 2026 Best Music Video winner is revealed. Vote in the People's Choice Award, cheer on your favourites and stick around for the gig. Come party and celebrate incredible Aussie talent as they hit the big screen.



SPECIAL EVENTS *Busselton*

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OPENING Night



SAT 29 AUG | 5.00PM

Orana Cinema, Busselton

Fall head over heels with *Proper Loved Up*, a set of bold witty First Nations romantic comedy shorts. Join filmmakers and cast on the red carpet, enjoy a welcome drink, canapes and indulge with the exclusive Q&A session.

Family RED CARPET



SUN 30 AUG | 2.00PM

Orana Cinema, Busselton

Roll out the red carpet for the kids at this special family screening of WA-made *Whale Shark Jack!* Enjoy pre-film activities, family fun and a magical cinema experience for all ages.

Mulled WINE MONDAY



MON 31 AUG | 6.30PM

Orana Cinemas, Busselton

Gather for a cosy night of mulled wine and a mixed bag of shorts by and about women. From the wonderfully awkward, to the quietly powerful - these stories celebrate bold and complex characters who are unapologetically themselves.

Horror in THE VIEWING ROOM



TUE 1 SEP | 7.00PM William Barrett & Sons Funeral Home, Busselton

Step into the Viewing Room for a spine-tingling selection of horror shorts, screened in the eerie surrounds of a real funeral home. Intimate, unsettling, and perfectly atmospheric, this is horror like you've never experienced it before.

Music Video MIXTAPES

FREE

2 - 5 SEP | CHECK TIMES ONLINE
Busseton City Centre

Between feature screenings, discover some of the best music videos from this year's festival submissions. From emerging artists to inventive filmmakers, it's the perfect chance to uncover your next musical obsession.

TICKET HOLDERS *Karaoke Party*



THU 3 SEP | 7.00PM
The Firestation, Busseton

Let loose and get loud at *Karaoke Night!* Hosted by a quick-witted guest MC and fuelled by iconic movie tracks. This is a **FREE treat for ALL ticket holders** and your chance to step into the spotlight with big chorus energy!

The Big Dip JETTY SWIM



SUN 6 SEP | 10.00AM
The Busseton Jetty

FREE

Get fresh and wash away the end-of-festival blues with a bold and brisk dip into the Indian Ocean. Make a final splash in the South West with filmmakers and fellow festival-goers at the iconic Busseton Jetty - the longest in the Southern Hemisphere.

Blind Date WITH A FRENCH FILM



SUN 6 SEP | 1.30PM
Orana Cinema, Busseton

This little treat is kept secret until the day! A delightful date pairing French film with a glass of complimentary Forester Wine and great company. Take a chance on love and revel in the joys of film - Joie De Vivre!

WHAT'S ON *Margaret River*

Margaret River celebrates storytelling in all its forms as CinefestOZ takes over the HEART. From Opening Night festivities and inspiring First Nations experiences to exhibitions, special screenings and unforgettable Australian films, there's something for every film lover.

CineHEART Exhibitions

AUG - SEP | CHECK EXACT DATES AND TIMES ONLINE

Deadly DAY

FREE

LIVE PERFORMANCES

SUN 30 AUG | 2.30PM

Deadly SHORTS

SHORT FILMS + Q&A

SUN 30 AUG | 4.00PM

WEEKEND AT THE MOVIES

SAT 29 AUG **CATERPILLAR** | 11.00AM
GUIDED BY HORSES | 1.30PM
KANGAROO | 2.00PM (**FREE**)
ALMOST WITH YOU | 4.00PM
DIGBY & CAMILLE | 6.30PM
SUN 3 AUG **RODEO DREAMS** | 10.30PM
BOSS CAT | 12.30PM
SUMMER BEATS | 6.30PM

See weekday movie magic sessions online!

See More
Events



OPENING EVENT



Margaret River OPENING NIGHT

JEBEDIAH: ARE WE OKAY?

FRI 28 AUG | 6.00PM

MIFF PREMIERE FUND

Join the filmmakers and walk the red carpet to celebrate the CinefestOZ take-over of the HEART.

This is the story of a band that grew up but never grew apart. Jebediah exploded onto the Australian music scene in the 1990s, becoming one of the country's most beloved bands. Their thirty-year journey is a celebration of friendship, creativity, and staying connected against the odds.



INCLUSIONS

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+ WELCOME DRINK
+ LIGHT BITES
+ FILMMAKER Q&A
+ LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



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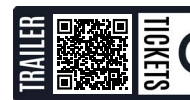
Discover the stories that make up the heart of the 2026 program, bringing together an outstanding lineup of stories, celebrating the depth, diversity and creativity of filmmaking.

Alongside the CinefestOZ Film Prize and a packed program of special events across the South West, these screenings offer audiences the opportunity to experience compelling new stories, discover emerging voices, and celebrate acclaimed filmmakers from across the country. Browse the Official Selection A-Z and start planning your festival experience.

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AUS PREMIERE
Drama, WA Made



Arriving in Albany on the last leg of an Australian tour, Irish singer Brendan Kelly's surprising encounter with the local community - and especially Sarah, who has been assigned to look after him - changes everything. A funny and tender portrait of grief, community, and the power and purpose of music.

DIRECTOR & WRITER: Adam Morris

PRODUCERS: Tait Brady, Daniel Mulvihill, Talarah Pedrocchi Roelofs, Adam Morris

CAST: Declan O'Rourke, Chloe Hurst, Darren Gallagher, Stephen Pigram, Michael Sheehy, Ava Lyons

Margaret River HEART
29 AUG | 4.00PM

Orana Cinema
Busselton

1 SEP | 3.30PM
5 SEP | 5.30PM

ALL THAT GLISTERS

94 mins



WORLD PREMIERE
Comedy, Mystery,
Aussies Abroad

CTC



Hollywood contacts

Cheryl just wants to have a nice dinner party with her best friends. But one of her friends has gone missing. Or he's dead. But his instagram is still active. While it IS concerning, the point is Cheryl needs to find out if she got a role in this new movie her friend is making and she needs to know tonight.

DIRECTOR & WRITER: Trilby Glover

PRODUCERS: Lindsay Lanzillotta, Simone Kirlaw, Ian Brennan

CAST: Jessica McNamee, Zeke Goodman, Caitlin Stasey, Michael Hitchcock, Trilby Glover, Luka Jones, Ben Geurens, Jocelyn Towne, Adam Campbell, Johnny Meeks, Jayma Mays, Morgan Dover-Pearl, Ryan Cartwright, Corbett Tuck, Archie Panjabi

Orana Cinema
Busselton

5 SEP | 12.45PM

BOSS CAT

99 mins



WA PREMIERE
Drama,
Family, Music

CTC



After her mother dies, a woman with Trisomy 21 (Down Syndrome) must campaign against the plans of her estranged grandmother to sell the family home and send her away. To gain the support she needs, she must first channel an explosive temper into something more positive....Krump dance.

DIRECTOR: Genevieve Clay-Smith

SCREENWRITERS: Genevieve Clay-Smith

PRODUCERS: Deanne Weir, Eleanor Winkler, Michele Turnure-Salle, Dianna Le Grassa

CAST: Olivia Hargroder, Penny Downie, Julia Savage

Margaret River HEART
30 AUG | 12.30PM

Orana Cinema Busselton
30 AUG | 12.00PM
5 SEP | 10.30AM
6 SEP | 6.30PM

Hoys Bunbury
5 SEP | 3.00PM



AUS PREMIERE
Drama,
Aussies Abroad



When dementia shows up unannounced and flips life on its head, three imperfect generations of a matriarchy are forced to unite if they want to survive. *Caterpillar* is a personal story about learning how to love - your mother, your daughter, yourself, when generations of unmet needs lie in the way.

DIRECTOR: Chelsie Preston Crayford
SCREENWRITER: Chelsie Preston Crayford
PRODUCERS: Georgina Conder,
Andrew Marshall
CAST: Marta Dusseldorp,
Lisa Harrow, Anais Shand

Margaret River HEART
29 AUG | 11.00AM
Orana Cinema Busselton
1 SEP | 6.15PM
5 SEP | 11.00AM



MIFF PREMIERE FUND
WA PREMIERE
Documentary



In this tender, intimate and humorous feature documentary, award winning filmmaker Trevor Graham joins acclaimed Sydney artist, and Archibald Prize finalist, Digby Webster to tell a love story for our times.

DIRECTOR: Trevor Graham, Digby Webster
SCREENWRITERS: Rose Hesp
PRODUCERS: Trevor Graham, Lisa Wang
CAST: Digby Webster, Camille Collins
Lesley Walton, Jen Moxham, Dave Webster

Margaret River HEART
29 AUG | 6.30PM
Orana Cinema Busselton
1 SEP | 6.00PM
3 SEP | 12.30PM
5 SEP | 5.00PM



CROWN & COUNTRY

37 mins

GNOMES

60 mins



WA PREMIERE
First Nations,
Experimental
Documentary



From the remote desert community of Lajamanu in central Australia, Warlpiri Elder Wanta Jampijinpa Pawu-Kurlpurlunu and his father, First Contact Elder Jerry Jangala Patrick OAM, take you on a journey through vast desert landscapes and Warlpiri philosophy.

DIRECTORS: Wanta Jampijinpa Pawu-Kurlpurlunu,
Marc "Monkey" Peckham
SCREENWRITERS: Wanta Jampijinpa Pawu-Kurlpurlunu,
Marc "Monkey" Peckham
PRODUCERS: Kim Suree Williamson,
Marc "Monkey" Peckham
CAST: Wanta Jampijinpa Pawu-Kurlpurlunu,
Jerry Jangala Patrick, Keshawn Jampijinpa Patrick

Orana Cinema Busselton
30 AUG | 3.30PM

CHECK ONLINE
FOR MORE
SESSIONS



AUS PREMIERE
TV Series, Comedy,
Horror



A delightfully deranged comedy/horror series that answers the burning question: What if garden gnomes were plotting world domination?

DIRECTOR: Matthias Hoene
SCREENWRITERS: Tegan Higginbotham,
Paul F. Verhoeven
CREATED BY: Joel Kohn
CAST: Asa Butterfield, Megan Smart,
Darren Gilshenan, Matt Okine, Alison Whyte

Orana Cinema Busselton
3 SEP | 5.45PM



WA PREMIERE
Documentary

CTC



Guided by Horses is a heartwarming and cinematic documentary set in the Kimberley. Amid the breathtaking vistas of the region, a groundbreaking equine sanctuary guides Aboriginal teenagers to discover reconnection and healing through life-changing bonds with horses.

DIRECTOR: Sean O'Reilly
PRODUCERS: Juli Coffin, Sean O'Reilly, Sophy Crane

Margaret River HEART
29 AUG | 1.30PM
Orana Cinema Busselton
1 SEP | 5.30PM
4 SEP | 2.30PM



WORLD PREMIERE
Documentary

CTC



Australian veteran Andy Fermo looks like he made it home. But behind closed doors, PTSD has reshaped his body, identity, relationships and family life. *Invisible Injuries* is an intimate, confronting portrait of one man's fight to reconnect, revealing the unseen wounds carried by many veterans and those who love them.

DIRECTOR & WRITER: Kelly Bergsma
PRODUCERS: Kelly Bergsma, Scott Quayle, Veronika Bohmova, Suzanne Worner
CAST: Andy Fermo, Claire Fermo, Lieutenant General Mart De Kruif, General Peter van Uhm, Adam-Darnley Stuart

Orana Cinema Busselton
5 SEP | 3.30PM

HARD AS PUCK MIFF@CINEFESTOZ

92 mins

JEBEDIAH: ARE WE OKAY? MIFF@CINEFESTOZ

90 mins



MIFF PREMIERE FUND
WA PREMIERE
Documentary, WA Made

M



A motley crew of para ice hockey skaters fight to keep their grassroots sporting club on the rink in this stirring, often hilarious documentary.

DIRECTOR: Isaac Elliott
SCREENWRITER: Isaac Elliott
PRODUCERS: Chanel Bowen, Noel Smyth
CAST: Daniel Perrett, Belinda Green, Cliff Nutt, Rosa-Lee Principe, Michael Francis

Orana Cinema Busselton
4 SEP | 5.30PM
6 SEP | 10.30AM



MIFF PREMIERE FUND
WA PREMIERE
Music, Documentary

CTC



This is the story of a band that grew up but never grew apart. *Jebediah* exploded onto the Australian music scene in the 1990s, becoming one of the country's most beloved bands. Their thirty-year journey is a celebration of friendship, creativity, and staying connected against the odds.

DIRECTOR: Arlo Dean Cook
SCREENWRITERS: Arlo Dean Cook, Brooke Silcox
PRODUCER: Brooke Silcox
CAST: Kevin Mitchell, Brett Mitchell, Vanessa Thornton, Chris Daymond

Margaret River HEART
28 AUG | 6.00PM
Orana Cinema Busselton
3 SEP | 7.30PM
6 SEP | 1.00PM



REGIONAL
PREMIERE
Horror, Romance



Leviticus is a queer horror which follows teenage boys Naim and Ryan who strike up an unexpected connection. But when their bond draws the attention of their community, a ritual is performed on them, releasing a violent entity. The entity that takes the form of the victim's truest desire – which for Naim and Ryan, is each other.

DIRECTOR & SCREENWRITER: Adrian Chiarella
PRODUCERS: Samantha Jennings, Kristina Ceyton, Hannah Ngo
CAST: Joe Bird, Stacy Clausen, Jeremy Blewitt, Ewen Leslie, Davida McKenzie, Nicholas Hope, Zahra Newman and Mia Wasikowska

Orana Cinema
Busselton
5 SEP | 7.00PM



WA PREMIERE
Documentary



Rodeo Dreams follows four young bull riders as they travel the outback to compete in Australia's largest rodeo, Mount Isa.

DIRECTOR: Rhian Skirving, W.A.M Bleakley
SCREENWRITERS: Rhian Skirving, W.A.M Bleakley
PRODUCERS: Charlotte Wheaton, Anna Charalambous
CAST: Darcy Harrison, Donovan Rutherford, Camicka Anderson, Peter Gregory Jnr

Margaret River HEART
30 AUG | 10.30AM
Orana Cinema Busselton
31 AUG | 5.30PM
2 SEP | 4.00PM
Hoyts Bunbury
5 SEP | 12.30PM



MIFF PREMIERE
FUND
WA PREMIERE
Dramedy



A young woman gets caught in an elaborate phone scam which sends her on a twisted odyssey through the Melbourne CBD.

DIRECTOR & WRITER: Maddelin McKenna
PRODUCER: Sarah Clayton
CAST: Senuri Chandrani, Bert La Bonté, William McKenna, Linda Cropper

Orana Cinema
Busselton
4 SEP | 7.00PM



WA PREMIERE
Documentary



A devastating copper-gold mine is proposed to be built near the waters of one of the last remaining great rivers; the children of the Sepik embark on an indigenous-led resistance to protect her waters. The film explores this existential fight through lyrical expressions of existence, resistance and life along the mother river.

DIRECTORS: Matasila Freshwater, Lachlan Mcleod
SCREENWRITERS: Matasila Freshwater, Nick Fenton
PRODUCERS: David Elliot-Jones, Maria Tanner, Kerry Warkia, Emmanuel Peni, Lachlan Mcleod
CAST: Emmanuel Peni

Orana Cinema
Busselton
3 SEP | 7.00PM
5 SEP | 12.00PM

SUMMER BEATS

112 mins

THE PIANO TUNER

88 mins



Shai and Djeneba, inseparable friends from a working-class Paris suburb, take jobs at a summer camp in the south of France. As tensions rise, their friendship is pushed to breaking point, forcing them to confront who they are becoming.

DIRECTOR: Lise Akoka, Romane Gueret
SCREENWRITERS: Lise Akoka, Romane Gueret, Catherine Paille
PRODUCERS: Superstructure, Pierre Grimaux, Jean Dathanat
CAST: Fanta Kebe, Shirel Nataf, Amel Bent, Idir Azougli, Yuming Hey

WA PREMIERE

French

CTC



Margaret River HEART
30 AUG | 6.30PM

Orana Cinema
Busselton
6 SEP | 6.30PM



When pianos die, the piano tuner will follow, but Martin refuses to give up. To rescue instruments and himself from redundancy, he transforms into a rough travelling piano tuner. From Tasmania to the Northern Territory, Martin traverses the harsh Australian environment creating his own musical art of survival.

DIRECTOR: Natalia Laska
SCREENWRITERS: Natalia Laska, Fiona Strain
PRODUCERS: JOTZ
(Julia Overton & Tom Zubrycki)
CAST: Martin Tucker

WA PREMIERE

Documentary

CTC



Margaret River HEART
31 AUG | 12.30PM
Orana Cinema
Busselton
30 AUG | 5.30PM
4 SEP | 12.30AM

THE FRENCH JOB

94 mins

THE POLICEWOMAN

75 mins



After the theft of the century, the madness begins... On the night of May 19th, 2010, five paintings were stolen from the Musée d'Art Moderne de Paris. The five artworks, from artists including Matisse, Modigliani and Picasso, were estimated to be worth more than 100 million euros.

DIRECTOR: Dominique Baumard
SCREENWRITERS: Dominique Baumard, Benjamin Charbit, Olivier Bouchara
PRODUCERS: Toufik Ayadi, Christophe Barral
CAST: Melvil Poupard, Sofiane Zermani, Steve Tientcheu, Julia Piaton

REGIONAL
PREMIERE
French, Comedy,
Crime



Orana Cinema
Busselton
2 SEP | 6.15PM



The story of incredible former Victoria Police Detective, Narelle Fraser who worked on the frontline of some of Australia's most heinous crimes. Journey with Narelle as she pieces together the patchwork quilt of her trauma, recollecting the innocent young woman who simply wanted to help people, but in the end had to save herself.

DIRECTOR: Claire Pasvolosky
SCREENWRITERS: Claire Pasvolosky
PRODUCERS: Steven Pasvolosky
CAST: Narelle Fraser

WORLD
PREMIERE
True Crime,
Documentary



Orana Cinema
Busselton
30 AUG | 11.30AM
4 SEP | 5.00PM



WA PREMIERE
Documentary

PG



Stuck in Indonesia after Australia ‘Stops the Boats’, a group of refugees start a school and prove that hope, community and connection can change the world.

DIRECTOR: Jolyon Hoff, Muzafar Ali
SCREENWRITERS: Jolyon Hoff, Muzafar Ali, Peter O'Donoghue
PRODUCERS: Jolyon Hoff, Muzafar Ali, Hamish Gibbs Ludbrook
CAST: Muzafar Ali, Nagina Zahra, Farahnaz Salehi

Orana Cinema
Busselton

3 SEP | 3.00PM
5 SEP | 2.00PM



WA PREMIERE
Music, Documentary,
Aussie Abroad

CTC



An eccentric group of international whistlers descend on Hollywood to compete in the Masters of Musical Whistling, the world's greatest whistling competition. Egos clash, notes soar, and tears flow, but only one can be crowned the best whistler of the whole entire planet.

DIRECTOR: Christopher Nelius
SCREENWRITERS: Christopher Nelius, Al Hicks
PRODUCERS: Casey Ventura, Louise Smith, Luke Mazzaferro, Al Hicks, Camilla Mazzaferro
CAST: Molly Lewis, Carole Anne Kaufman, Yuki Takeda, Ayna Ziordia Botella, Davitt Felder, Lauren Elder, Jay Winston

Orana Cinema
Busselton

5 SEP | 1.30PM

WHALE SHARK JACK

YUMBURRA



SPECIAL
FAMILY EVENT
Adventure

PG



A heartwarming story about family, friendship, and the natural world as a young girl comes to terms with the loss of her father by embarking on a risky mission to save her best friend, a whale shark named Jack.

DIRECTORS: Miranda Edmonds, Khrob Edmonds
SCREENWRITER: Kathryn Lefroy
PRODUCERS: Timothy White, Miranda Edmonds
CAST: Abbie Cornish, Alyla Browne, Michael Dorman, Ursula Yovich, Karen O'Leary, Luca Miller, Giselle Philogene, Jayden Boundry, Emmi Williams, Rachel Ward

Orana Cinema
Busselton

30 AUG | 2.00PM



WA PREMIERE
Documentary

CTC



A lyrical portrait of First Nations writer Bruce Pascoe in the aftermath of the national debate around his book *Dark Emu*, living on his riverside farm, recharging and reflecting, as he tests out the theories proposed in his book, *Black Duck: A Year at Yumburra*.

DIRECTOR: Grace McKenzie
SCREENWRITERS: Grace McKenzie, Bruce Pascoe
PRODUCERS: Tom Zubrycki, Grace McKenzie, Brian McKenzie
CAST: Bruce Pascoe, Lyn Harwood, Jack Pascoe, Marnie Pascoe

Margaret River HEART
1 SEP | 6.00PM

Orana Cinema
Busselton

31 AUG | 3.30PM
6 SEP | 11.00AM

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CONNECT & GROW

The CinefestOZ Industry Program is Western Australia's premier screen industry gathering, bringing together filmmakers, producers, broadcasters, streamers, commissioners and emerging creatives for two inspiring days of learning, collaboration and connection.

Featuring keynote presentations, panel discussions, workshops and networking events, the program explores the ideas, opportunities and innovations shaping the future of Australian screen storytelling.

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2 DAY INDUSTRY PROGRAM



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Kick off the Industry Program with an inspiring day of practical learning, creative discussion and collaboration. Explore emerging trends, sharpen your skills through hands-on workshops and hear directly from top industry practitioners as they share real-world insights into today's evolving screen landscape. Make connections that will extend well beyond the festival.



WORKSHOPS + MORNING TEA + LUNCH + AFTERNOON TEA

CINECONNECT 2026

/ DOORS 8AM

3-4 SEP / SALTWATER BUSSELTON

/ STARTS 9AM

MEET CONNECT PITCH NETWORK

Day Two turns the spotlight to the future of screen storytelling, bringing together industry leaders for keynote conversations, panel discussions and debates exploring innovation, funding, technology and production. Conclude the program at the Industry Sundowner, where delegates, speakers and decision-makers come together to celebrate, connect and continue the conversation.

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added when demand grows.



THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

5.00pm **FAMILY FILM FEAST** Milligan House, BUNBURY

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

6.00PM **JEBEDIAH: ARE WE OKAY? |**
MARGARET RIVER OPENING HEART, MARGARET RIVER

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST

11.00AM **CATERPILLAR** HEART, MARGARET RIVER
1.30PM **GUIDED BY HORSES** HEART, MARGARET RIVER
2.00PM **DEADLY DAY | BUSSELTON *** Saltwater, BUSSELTON
2.00PM **KANGAROO | FREE SCREENING *** HEART, MARGARET RIVER
4.00PM **ALMOST WITH YOU** HEART, MARGARET RIVER
5.00PM **PROPER LOVED UP |**
BUSSELTON OPENING Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
6.30PM **DIGBY AND CAMILLE** HEART, MARGARET RIVER
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SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

10.30AM **RODEO DREAMS** HEART, MARGARET RIVER
11.30AM **THE POLICEWOMAN** Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
12.00PM **BOSS CAT** Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
12.30PM **BOSS CAT** HEART, MARGARET RIVER
2.00PM **WHALE SHARK JACK |**
SPECIAL SCREENING Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
2.30PM **DEADLY DAY | MARGARET RIVER *** HEART, MARGARET RIVER
3.30PM **CROWN AND COUNTRY** Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
4.00PM **DEADLY SHORTS** HEART, MARGARET RIVER

5.30PM **THE PIANO TUNER** Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
6.00PM **SOME LIKE IT HOT |**
SHORT FILMS Tonic by the Bay, BUSSELTON
6.30PM **SUMMER BEATS** HEART, MARGARET RIVER

MONDAY 31 AUGUST

12.30PM **THE PIANO TUNER** HEART, MARGARET RIVER
3.30PM **YUMBURRA** Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
5.30PM **RODEO DREAMS** Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
6.00PM **THE BAD AND THE BEAUTIFUL |**
SHORT FILMS HEART, MARGARET RIVER
6.30PM **MULLED WINE MONDAY |**
SHORT FILMS Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

3.30PM **ALMOST WITH YOU** Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
5.30PM **GUIDED BY HORSES** Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
6.00PM **YUMBURRA** HEART, MARGARET RIVER
6.00PM **DIGBY AND CAMILLE** Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
MIFF@CINEFESTOZ
6.15PM **CATERPILLAR** Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
7.00PM **HORROR IN THE VIEWING ROOM |**
SHORT FILMS Barrett & Sons, BUSSELTON

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

4.00PM **RODEO DREAMS** Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
5.30PM **SWEET MILK LAKE | FILM PRIZE**
PREMIERE & AFTERPARTY Reading Cinema, BUSSELTON
6.15PM **THE FRENCH JOB** Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
7.00PM **MUSIC VIDEO MIXTAPE *** BUSSELTON
7.00PM **SOME LIKE IT HOT | SHORT FILMS** Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

9.00AM **INDUSTRY PROGRAM DAY 1** Saltwater, BUSSELTON

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THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

10:15AM	SWEET MILK LAKE IN CONVERSATION	Hilton, BUSSELTON
12:30PM	DIGBY AND CAMILLE MIFF@CINEFESTOZ CINEFRIENDLY	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
3:00PM	WE ARE NOT POWERLESS	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
5:00PM	WILDERNESS FILM PRIZE PREMIERE & AFTERPARTY	Reading Cinema, BUSSELTON
5:45PM	GNOMES	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
6:00PM	THE BAD AND THE BEAUTIFUL SHORT FILMS	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
6:00PM	MUSIC VIDEO MIXTAPE FINALS	Froth Brewery, BUNBURY
6:30PM	SHORT FILM AWARDS FINALIST SCREENING	Reading Cinema, BUSSELTON
7:00PM	SUKUNDIMI WALKS BEFORE ME	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
7:00PM	MUSIC VIDEO MIXTAPE *	BUSSELTON
7:00PM	KARAOKE PARTY *	The Firestation, BUSSELTON
7:30PM	JEBEDIAH: ARE WE OKAY? MIFF@CINEFESTOZ	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
7:30PM	SHORT FILM AWARDS	Reading Cinema, BUSSELTON

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

8:30AM	WILDERNESS IN CONVERSATION	Inara, BUSSELTON
9:00AM	INDUSTRY PROGRAM DAY 2	Saltwater, BUSSELTON
12:30PM	THE PIANO TUNER	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
2:30PM	GUIDED BY HORSES	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
5:00PM	THE FOX FILM PRIZE PREMIERE & AFTERPARTY	Reading Cinema, BUSSELTON
5:00PM	THE POLICEWOMAN	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON

5:00PM	DEADLY DAY BUNBURY *	Stirling Street Arts Centre, BUNBURY
5:30PM	HARD AS PUCK MIFF@CINEFESTOZ	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
6:30PM	ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE WEST SHORT FILMS	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
6:30PM	DEADLY SHORTS	Stirling Street Arts Centre, BUNBURY
7:00PM	MAD RUSH MIFF@CINEFESTOZ	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
7:00PM	MUSIC VIDEO MIXTAPE *	BUSSELTON
8:15PM	YESTERDAY ISLAND FILM PRIZE PREMIERE & AFTERPARTY	Reading Cinema, BUSSELTON

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

8:00AM	JURY BREAKFAST	Shelter Brewing Co, BUSSELTON
10:30AM	BOSS CAT CINEFRIENDLY	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
10:30AM	THE FOX IN CONVERSATION	Shelter Brewing Co, BUSSELTON
11:00AM	CATERPILLAR	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
12:00PM	SUKUNDIMI WALKS BEFORE ME	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
12:30PM	RODEO DREAMS	Hoyts, BUNBURY
12:45PM	ALL THAT GLISTERS	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
1:30PM	WHISTLE	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
2:00PM	WE ARE NOT POWERLESS	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
2:00PM	YESTERDAY ISLAND IN CONVERSATION	The Firestation, BUSSELTON
3:00PM	BOSS CAT	Hoyts, BUNBURY
3:30PM	SWEET MILK LAKE MIFF@CINEFESTOZ	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
3:30PM	INVISIBLE INJURIES	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
5:00PM	DIGBY AND CAMILLE MIFF@CINEFESTOZ	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
5:30PM	ALMOST WITH YOU	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

6.00PM	THE NEXT GENERATION I SHORT FILMS	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
7.00PM	MUSIC VIDEO MIXTAPE *	BUSSELTON
7.00PM	LEVITICUS	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
7.00PM	GALA CELEBRATION	Saltwater, BUSSELTON

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

10.00AM	THE BIG DIP *	Jetty, BUSSELTON
10.30AM	HARD AS PUCK MIFF@CINEFESTOZ	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
11.00AM	YUMBURRA	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
11.15AM	WILDERNESS	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
12.30PM	FILM PRIZE WINNER	Hoyts, BUNBURY
1.00PM	JEBEDIAH: ARE WE OKAY? MIFF@CINEFESTOZ	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
1.30PM	BLIND DATE WITH A FRENCHIE	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
1.45PM	COMPETITION WINNERS I SHORT FILMS	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
3.30PM	THE FOX	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
4.00PM	DEADLY SHORT BUSSELTON	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
4.30PM	YESTERDAY ISLAND	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
6.30PM	FILM PRIZE WINNER	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
6.30PM	BOSS CAT	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON
6.30PM	SUMMER BEATS	Orana Cinema, BUSSELTON

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