

# CAPRICORN FILM FESTIVAL

2023  
FESTIVAL  
PROGRAM



18-21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2023 YEPPON CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

## MESSAGE FROM THE HON. STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP

Welcome to Capricorn Film Festival a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in Yeppoon's local culture and community, and hopefully explore some of the superb tourism experiences on offer here in the Capricorn Region.

The impacts of the pandemic have provided incredible challenges, but thanks to the hard work of Queenslanders our state was one of the first to put in place a COVID Safe Event Framework which paved the way for events such as this one to take place.

The Queensland Government is proud to support Capricorn Film Festival, through Tourism and Events Queensland's Destination Events Program and it is a feature on our It's Live! in Queensland events calendar. Events are an important part of our state's economic recovery from the pandemic because they attract visitors to the region which stimulates the local economy and supports local jobs.

Events are also an important opportunity for communities, friends, families and visitors to come together, creating community pride and reconnecting us.

Congratulations to the event organisers and all those involved in organising this event – may it be a successful one. If you are visiting for the event, I encourage you to make some time to explore the diverse tourism experiences on offer in this beautiful region.



*stirling hinchliffe*

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR ANDY IRELAND

On behalf of Council, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Capricorn Film Festival – a fantastic opportunity for filmmakers, aspiring actors and cinema lovers to converge in one place and learn from one another.

It also offers visitors and the wider Livingstone community a chance to immerse themselves in the region's local arts and culture, while taking part in Central Queensland's biggest film event of the year. Livingstone Shire Council is proud to support Capricorn Film Festival, as highlighted in the Capricorn Coast Region Events Strategy 2025, and our Livingstone Community Plan: Towards 2050.

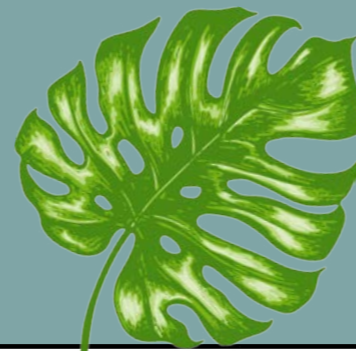
Over 80 events are staged on the Capricorn Coast annually, with major events attracting 125,285 event enthusiasts, contributing an economic impact of \$7.9 million annually into the Livingstone Shire. With its stunning coastline, unique coastal villages and backdrop of the Keppel Group on the shores of the Southern Great Barrier Reef, the Capricorn Coast has a distinct competitive advantage in the areas of coastal lifestyle, wellness, arts, environmental sustainability and water related sports.

Events like the Capricorn Film Festival are an important opportunity for communities, friends, families and visitors to come together, fostering community pride and reconnecting us. I would like to commend and congratulate the event organisers and all those involved in bringing this event to our community – I have no doubt that it will be a success.

If you are visiting for the event, I encourage you to make some time to explore the diverse natural beauty and many tourism experiences our wonderful region has to offer.



*andy ireland*



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## WHATS ON

### WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2023

1845-2130  
1830-2030

Opening Night QLD Premiere The Land  
Sensory CQ Light in the Dark

Yeppoon Town Hall  
Beaman Park

### THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY 2023

1100-1600  
1400-1600  
1845-2030  
1830-2030

CAPS EXPerimental  
The Endangered Generation  
Olga, Australian Premiere  
Sensory CQ Light in the Dark

Fig Tree Galleries  
Yeppoon Town Hall  
Yeppoon Town Hall  
Beaman Park

### FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY 2023

1100-1600  
1400-1600  
1845-2030  
1830-2030  
2030-2200

CAPS EXPerimental  
We are Still Here, CQ Premiere  
Everybodys Oma, CQ Premiere  
Sensory CQ Light in the Dark  
Filmmaker Networking

Fig Tree Galleries  
Yeppoon Town Hall  
Yeppoon Town Hall  
Beaman Park  
Pie Alley Blues

### SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY 2023

1100-1600  
1300-1430  
1500-1800  
1830-2030

CAPS EXPerimental  
Whetu Marama - Bright Star  
CAPS Short Film Competition & CQ Shorts  
Sensory CQ Light in the Dark

Fig Tree Galleries  
Yeppoon Town Hall  
Yeppoon Town Hall  
Beaman Park

# INFORMATION



## TICKETS

Tickets for all screenings are available via our website, and box-office, subject to availability. Regular film sessions are \$22 for adults and \$11 for concession with destination events \$44 for adults and \$33 for concessions. Some events are free. Check specific film and event pages for pricing. The box-office will be available 30 minutes prior to each screening for ticket sales accepting cash and EFTPOS.

## DONATIONS

Donate and support future filmmakers through our DGR Capricorn Film Festival Donation Fund gifts over \$2 are 100% tax deductible for pricing, Donate and support Queensland regional film arts production and education.

## BAR

Drinks, snacks and popcorn are available from the first floor bar at the Yeppoon Town Hall. EFTPOS and cash payments accepted.

## COVID SAFE EVENT

The festival team are taking every step and precaution to ensure #capfilm-fest2023 is as safe as possible for all attendees, staff and volunteers. The 2023 Capricorn Film Festival is operating under the guidance of the QLD Government.

## RATINGS

Screenings are Festival Exemption (M15+) except where otherwise indicated.

## FESTIVAL PASS

Buy your 2023 Capricorn Film Festival pass and get access to every ticketed screening, event and activity throughout the four day film arts festival.



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LOCAL EVENTS



# DAY 1

## OPENING NIGHT MOVIE



### *the land*

#### Opening Night Premiere with Filmmaker Q&A

18th January, 2023

6:45PM – 10:00PM

Yeppoon Town Hall  
25 Normanby St, Yeppoon

Join us for our opening night celebrations with festivals partners, dignitaries and the filmmakers from *The Land* (via videolink), then enjoy canapes and drinks after. Price includes canapes and two drinks.

Adults: \$44

Concession: \$33

Children (Under 12): \$22

*"A powerful Australian drama of family, secrets, and threatened stability, and marks a stunning directorial debut for acclaimed photographer Ingvar Kenne." Filmink*

YEAR

2022

CLASSIFICATION

M15+

GENRE

Drama

DURATION

93 minutes

PRODUCER

Gregory Ferris, Ingvar Kenne, Steve Rodgers, Cameron Stewart

DIRECTOR

Ingvar Kenne

CAST

Steve Rodgers, Cameron Stewart, Anna Lise Phillips

*"A very real relationship drama with a strong Aussie flavour..."  
Weekend Notes*

Jeremy And Neets are living the dream; successful careers, a three-bedroom house, three adorable children and fourteen years into a marriage that seems content - then Simon calls. He's coming home, bringing with him a secret Jeremy thought they long put to rest. Simon wants to confess to a rape they committed twenty years ago at university. What will Jeremy do when everything he loves is threatened by his best friend's determination to atone for a crime they committed so long ago?



# DAY 2

## CINEMA SESSIONS



### *the endangered generation*

**Australian Premiere with Filmmaker Intro**

**Narrated by Laura Dern, The Endangered Generation aims to remove roadblocks to change by presenting new and hopeful angles on the tasks required.**

*This film challenges the myth that our world is fundamentally driven by selfishness and competition – a story that for centuries has shaped our understanding of humankind and nature. Instead, we take the audience on an unabashedly positive and hopeful journey to reconnect with our environment and with each other - revealing a neglected side of human nature, and the potential of the diversity and deep connections that already exist in our world, hidden just beyond our view...*

*Supported by narration from Laura Dern, our primary guides are U.S. biologist Tamsin Barker and Panamanian/Guna indigenous leader Agar Tejadar. Tamsin treks into the jungle of Central Panama, hoping to discover novel survival strategies used by organisms there that can be applied to business and engineering in the US. She is led by Agar, who is making her way back to her ancestral jungle village with a mission to save it from environmental disaster. As they venture deep into the jungle they are greeted by a magical world of interconnected and collaborating species that delight Tamsin. However, as Agar reveals the knowledge of her people, passed down through generations, lessons of biology give way to a deeper understanding of our physical, psychological and spiritual connection to our world.*

19th January, 2023  
2:00PM – 4:00PM

Yeppoon Town Hall  
25 Normanby St, Yeppoon

Adults: \$22  
Concession: \$11  
Children (Under 12): \$11

YEAR  
2022

CLASSIFICATION  
General

GENRE  
Documentary

DURATION  
93 minutes

PRODUCER  
Daniel Joyce, Gal Greenspan

DIRECTOR  
Celeste Geer

NARRATOR  
Laura Dern





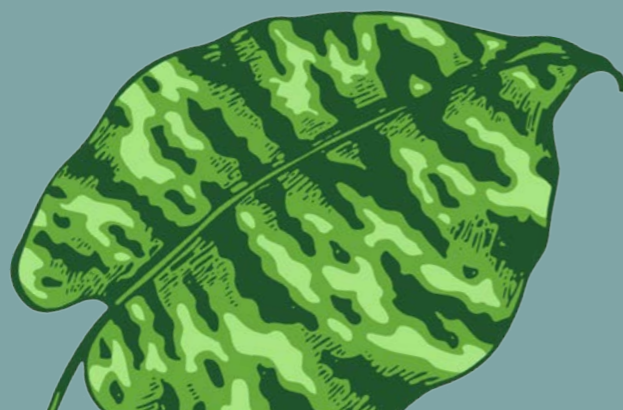
*Olga*

## AUSTRALIA PREMIERE with Filmmaker Intro

Set in 2013, a 15-year-old gymnast from Ukraine is torn between Switzerland where she is training for the European Championship in preparation for the Olympics and Kiev, where her mother works as a journalist, reporting on Euromaidan.

*"Events have lent an explosive new significance to this prophetic movie about the agony of exile from debut director Elie Grappe, which showed at Cannes. It concerns Olga, a dedicated teenage Ukrainian gymnast, excellently played by the real-life Ukrainian gymnast Anastasia Budiashkina, who herself last week arrived in Poland after escaping Kharkiv, 4 stars", The Guardian.*

Olga is a teenage Ukrainian gymnast who's living in exile in Switzerland, dreaming of Olympic gold and trying to fit in with her new team. As she prepares for the European Championships, the Ukrainian people rise up in what becomes known as the Maidan Revolution, suddenly involving everyone she cares about.



19th January, 2023  
6:45PM – 8:45PM

Yeppoon Town Hall  
25 Normanby St, Yeppoon  
QLD

Adults: \$22  
Concession: \$11  
Children (Under 12): \$11

YEAR  
2021

CLASSIFICATION  
M15+

GENRE  
Drama

DURATION  
89 minutes

PRODUCER  
Tom Dercourt  
Jean Marc Fröhle

DIRECTOR  
Elie Grappe

WRITER  
Elie Grappe, Raphaëlle  
Desplechin

CAST  
Anastasia Budiashkina

# DAY 3

## CINEMA SESSIONS





## *we are still here*

### CQ Premiere of Inspirational anthology

**We Are Still Here is a unique Indigenous film that interweaves eight powerful tales to tell a sweeping story of hope and survival.**

Through the eyes of eight protagonists, We Are Still Here traverses 1000 years from past, present, and future to explore stories of kinship, loss, grief, and resilience. But ultimately, it shows the strength of love and hope to overcome shared traumas that Indigenous people from Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific have continued to face.

From the beginning of time, in a Utopian world, a traditional fisherwoman and her Daughter are fishing when they pull up an ominous ship, foreshadowing stormy seas and tragedy to follow. Forward to 1862, a British Settler threatens an Aboriginal man to lead him to safety, whilst in New Zealand, tribes cocooned deep in the forest are preparing for a terrifying future.

In 1915, men from the Pacific were sent to support the British Colony in World War One fighting for a land that isn't theirs, with uncertainty of ever seeing home again. Flashing forward into a dystopian future, a young child must navigate her way through a dangerous underground marketplace to save her grandfather and survive.

We Are Still Here showcases the expansive landscapes of the Central Australian Desert to the lush green rainforests of New Zealand.

20th January, 2023  
2:00PM – 4:00PM

Yeppoon Town Hall  
25 Normanby St, Yeppoon

Adults: \$22  
Concession: \$11  
Children (Under 12): \$11

YEAR  
2022

CLASSIFICATION  
M15+

GENRE  
Drama, Anthology

DURATION  
90 minutes

PRODUCER  
Mitchell Stanley, Toni Stowers

DIRECTOR  
Beck Cole, Samuel Nuggin-Paynter, Danielle MacLean, Dena Curtis, Tim Worrall, Richard Curtis, Miki Magasiva, Mario Gaoa, Chantelle Burgoyne, Tiraroa Reweti, Tracey Rigney, Renae Maihi



## *everybody's oma*

### CQ Premiere of heart felt Documentary

**A heartwarming documentary following a family's unexpected dementia journey.**

*"This bittersweet doco is an intimate look behind a social media sensation and a beloved matriarch's descent into dementia"* Time Out

Filmmaker Jason van Genderen is obsessed with making home videos about his elderly mother and, when he creates a supermarket at home during lockdown, he accidentally turns 'Oma' into an internet celebrity. Their heartwarming home movies quickly attract a worldwide audience of over 100,000,000 people. This is an unforgettable story of a family that comes together whilst beautifully falling apart.

20th January, 2023  
6:45PM – 8:30PM

Yeppoon Town Hall  
25 Normanby St, Yeppoon

Adults: \$22  
Concession: \$11  
Children (Under 12): \$11

YEAR  
2022

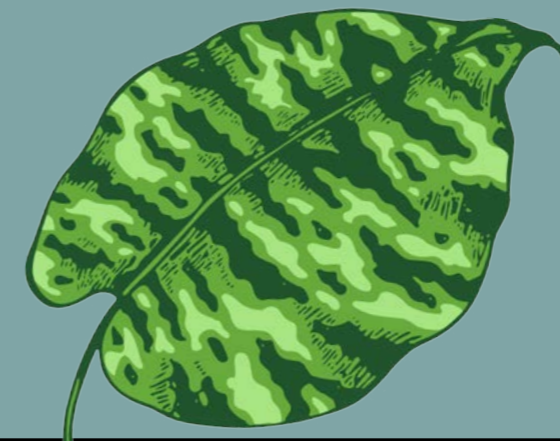
CLASSIFICATION  
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GENRE  
Observational Documentary

DURATION  
93 minutes

PRODUCER  
Gavin Banks, Olivia Oiley, Jason van Genderson, Megan van Genderson, Roslyn Walker

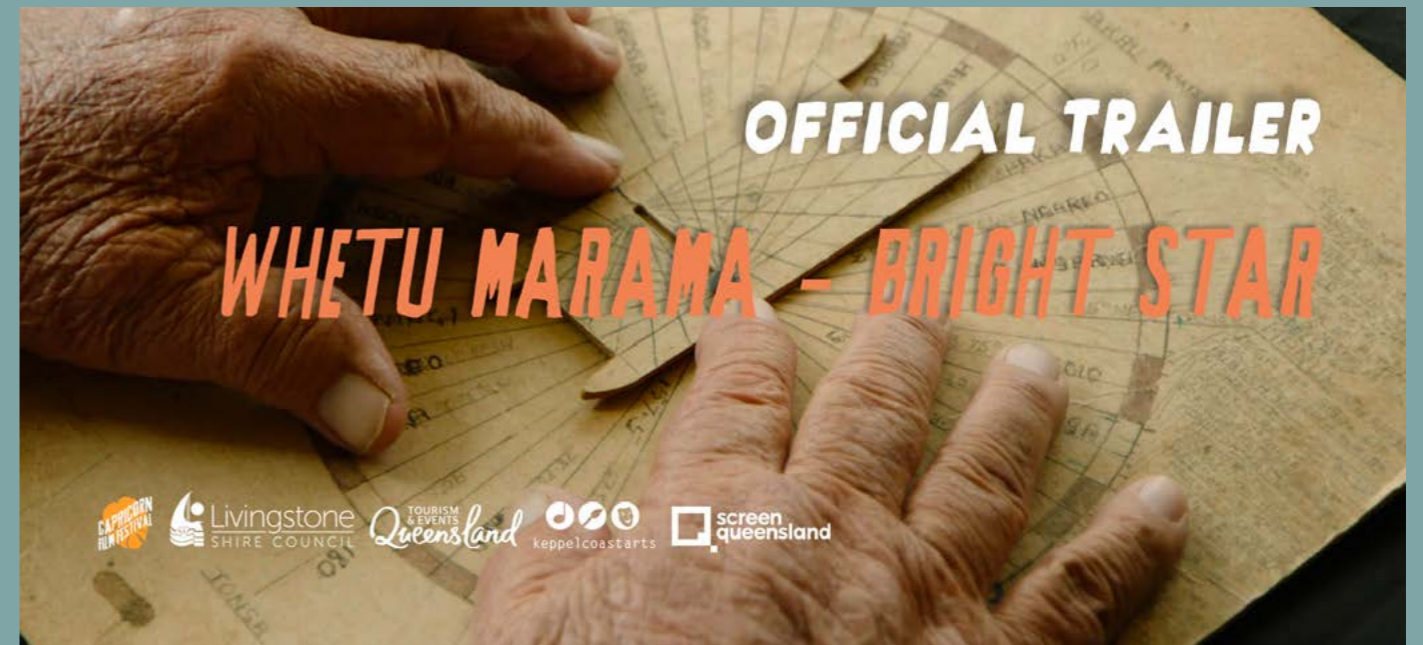
DIRECTOR  
Jason van Genderson





# DAY 4

## CINEMA SESSIONS



### *Whetu marama bright star*

#### CQ Premiere with Filmmaker Introduction

21st January, 2023  
1:00PM - 2:45PM

Yeppoon Town Hall  
25 Normanby St, Yeppoon

Adults: \$22  
Concession: \$11  
Children (Under 12): \$11

YEAR  
2022

CLASSIFICATION  
M15+

GENRE  
Documentary, Biography

DURATION  
93 minutes

PRODUCER  
Aileen O'Sullivan, Toby Mills

DIRECTOR  
Aileen O'Sullivan, Toby Mills

EDITOR  
Ken Sparks

**WHETŪ MĀRAMA - BRIGHT STAR** is the story of **SIR HEKENUKUMAI NGAIWI PUHIPI**, Hek Busby, his significance to Te Ao Māori, the Māori world, in rekindling their wayfinding DNA and for all New Zealanders in reclaiming our place as traditional star voyagers on the world map.

For Māori, the canoe underpins our culture. "If it wasn't for the waka we wouldn't be here today and that's the long and short of it" - Hek Busby.

We once built waka/canoes from giant trees and sailed the vast Pacific by the stars. These arts were lost to us for 600 years. Then the stars re-aligned and three men from far flung islands met by chance to revive our place as the greatest navigators on the planet, a Hawaiian, a Micronesian and Hek Busby, "The Chief" from Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Whetu Marama - Bright Star is the story of Sir Hekenukumai Ngaiwi Phuiipi, Hek Busby, and his significance to Te Ao Maori, the Maori world, in rekindling their way-finding DNA and ancient navigation kaupapa - knowledge and lore, via an extraordinary connection with Mau via Hawaii. Thus all New Zealanders can reclaim our place as traditional star voyagers on the world and especially Pacific map, although one waka even connected with Leiden in the Netherlands. The ultimate underlying focus of Whetu Marama is the story of a curious culture that reconnects with its amazingly capable inner compass and can find its way over Te Moana - the ocean to all Pacific people.



# caps short film competition

Capricorn Film Festival brings you nine Queensland and Australian Premieres from Australian and international filmmakers providing thought provoking, socially conscious, family centric journeys, comedic, relationship challenging films.

DATE: 21st January TIME: 3:00PM-6:00PM LOCATION: Yeppoon Town Hall



**HATCHBACK**

Vince attempts to dispose of a dead body, but when he reluctantly enlists the help of his brother-in-law Ted, things don't go to plan.



**HELLBENDER**

A suburban short chronicling the unorthodox methods of an unremarkable man on a quest for significance.



**INFERNO**

The dangerous journey to protect a home against a fire front during the deadly heat of an Australian summer.



**NEGATIVES**

A film lab technician suspect a client is displaying predatory behaviour in his photography.



**PURE IMAGINATION**

Brad Houston tries to crowdfund one billion dollars in a bid to launch his video-streaming service, Flicks4Good.



**THE INTERVIEW**

Two women open up over Zoom during what's supposed to be a professional interview, though soon becomes a therapy session.



**SANDRA**

Sandra feeds her voyeuristic addiction by buying random items from strangers on Online classifieds until Alan, a nervous Video gamer forces her to confront her addiction.



**SCRAP**

Ciaran and Michael meet one summer and become friends. When school returns and Michael, a member of the Traveller community, attends the same school as Ciaran for the first time, will they stay friends?



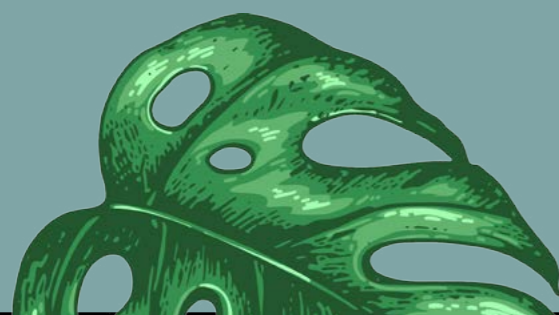
**THE PARTY JOB**

A young woman accepts a videography gig for what seems like a standard child's birthday party. The tension becomes unbearable as the absurd reason for the party becomes more clear...

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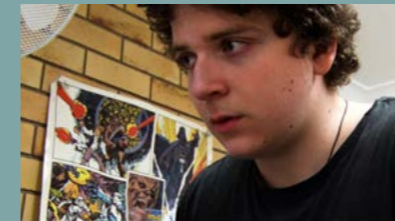
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festival passes online now  
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## CQ shorts

Presented by Screen Queensland and viewed as part of the CAPS Short Film Competition, CQ Shorts is an exclusive selection of short films by Central Queensland filmmakers.

DATE: 21st January TIME: 3:00PM-3:40PM LOCATION: Yeppoon Town Hall



DMS

Sam is messaging his friend Sean one night about how his family is moving away, though Sean doesn't respond.



IN THE AIR

An abusive boyfriend encounters a mysterious stranger who seemingly knows everything about him.



INTRUDERS

Two men encounter a stranger in their backyard, then a smash is heard inside.



SKIES OF HOME

When covid hit Jade returned to Australia and started to take photos of the sky in a way to reconnect to the place where I came from.



THE DERRITREE SISTERS

A group of sisters embark on a journey in hopes to complete their girl-scout-sashes.



DOGS

They share our homes and our hearts, giving us more than they will even know.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Donate and Support future filmmakers through our DGR Capricorn Film Festival Donation Fund gifts over \$2 are 100% tax deductible

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# OTHERS EVENTS

*art experiences*

**SENSORY CQ LIGHT IN THE DARK  
CAPS EXPERIMENTAL  
FILMMAKER NETWORKING**



# other events

Capricorn Film Festival is offering four activities providing screenings video art pieces from around the globe, specifically created cinema art, a retro gamer competition and a big band performance at Yeppoon amphitheatre.



## FILMMAKER NETWORKING

Friday 20th January 2023  
8:30PM – 10:00PM  
Pie Alley Blues  
Cost: FREE

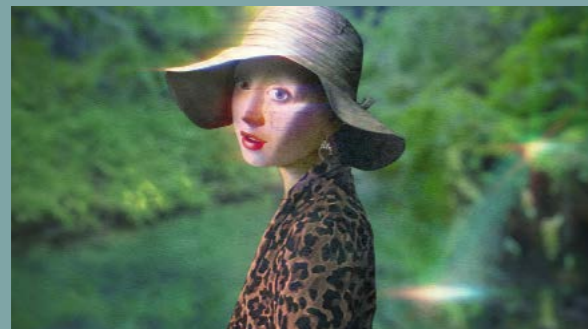
Join us at Pie Alley Blues to meet and mingle with film industry professionals, regional artists and filmmakers in attendance for a drink or two. Canapes will be provided.



## SENSORY CQ: LIGHT IN THE DARK

Thursday 18th - 21st January 2023  
6:30PM – 8:30PM  
Beaman Park, Yeppoon  
Cost: FREE

Presented by Regional Arts Australia, Keppel Coast Arts also Livingstone Shire Council RADF, Sensory CQ 2023 Light in the Dark, is a visually stimulating and eclectic collection lighting installations activating Beaman Park.



## CAPS EXPERIMENTAL

Thursday 19th - 21st January 2023  
11:00AM – 4:00PM  
Fig Tree Galleries  
Cost: FREE

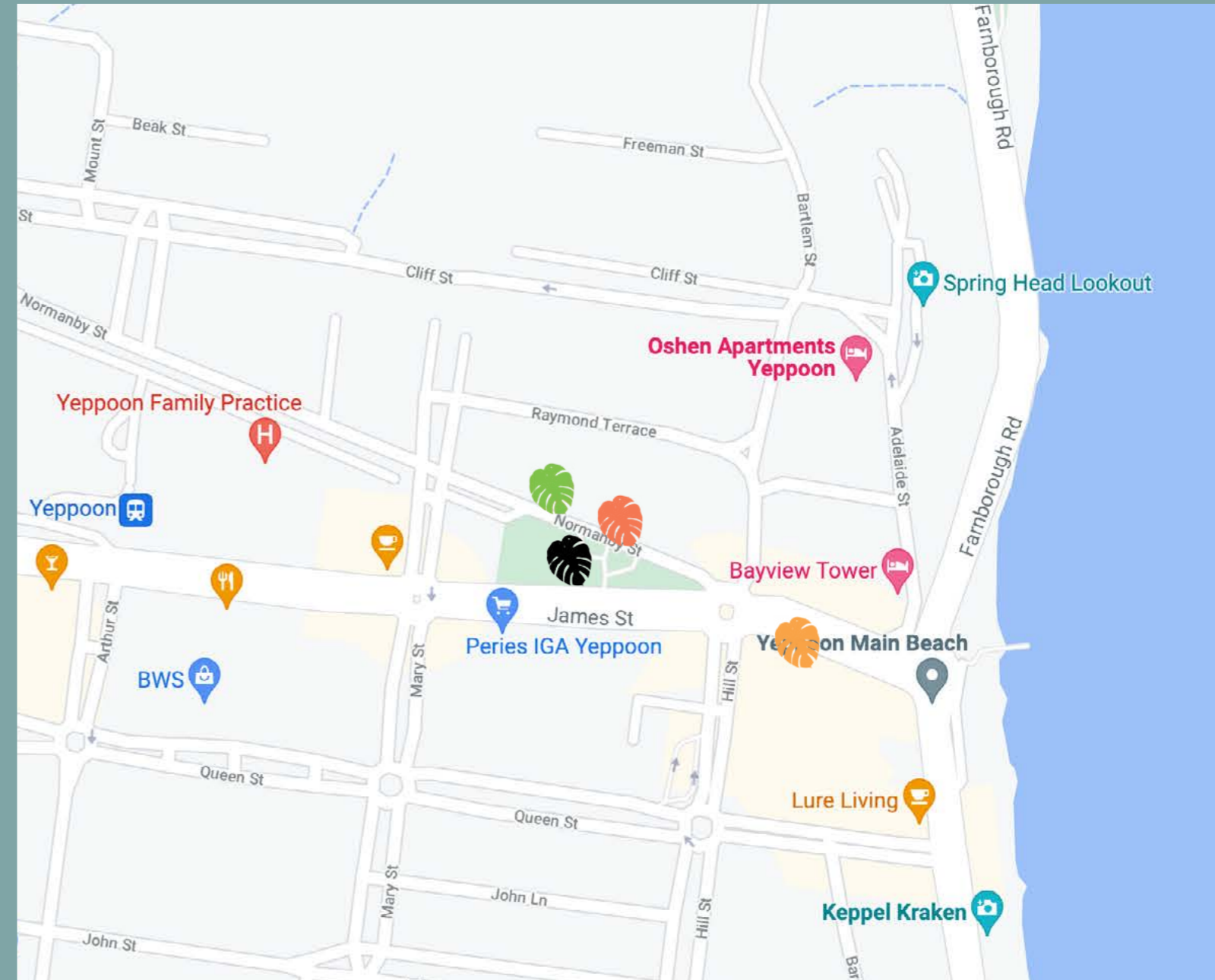
A series of short form videos projects from international, Australian and Central Queensland artists and filmmakers which fit the narrative of experimental and visual storytelling in nature.



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# event locations



**Yeppoon Town Hall**  
25 Normanby Street  
Yeppoon QLD 4703



**Fig Tree Galleries**  
31-35 Normanby Street  
Yeppoon QLD 4703



**Pie Alley Blues**  
14 Normanby Street  
Yeppoon QLD 4703



**Sensory CQ**  
James Street to Anzac  
Parade Yeppoon QLD



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