

**POCO FILM FEST RETURNS FOR TWO DAYS
AUGUST 2026! PRESENTING THE BEST
AUSTRALIAN SHORT FILMS ON DAY 1 & INDUSTRY
INSIGHTS FROM LEADERS IN FILM ON DAY 2...**

**POCO
TALKS**

**SUN 2 AUG - 'POCO TALKS' TAKES YOU
BEHIND THE SCENES: WORKSHOPS
- TALKS - Q&A SESSIONS**



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CINEMATOGRAPHER

Get ready to dive into the world of film and gain valuable insights from experts in the field, including filmmakers workshop and scene breakdowns. Don't miss out on this chance to connect with like-minded individuals and learn from the best in the business.

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**POCO
FILM
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SAT 1 AUG 2026

**LIVE SCREENING
OF FINALIST FILMS**

PALACE REGENT - CINEMA ONE

SUN 2 AUG 2026

**POCO TALKS WITH
INDUSTRY LEADERS**

THE GOODS SHED - TERMINUS THEATRE

BRINGING THE BEST OF AUSTRALIAN FILMMAKING TO REGIONAL VICTORIA



LIVE SCREENING OF OUR FINALIST FILMS @ PALACE REGENT - CINEMA ONE, SAT 1 AUG!

Watch up to 15 of Australia's best short films for one night only in Ballarat. Expect to see comedy, drama, documentary, animation and more! Here's a selection of some of the amazing films on offer...



A STABLE FOR HORSES

Director: Davie Paterson

As Remy prepares for a baptism by fire, his uncle recounts the legend of his father and the sad, violent tale of the Smith Street Sharps.



STRUGGIMENTO !

Director: Bonnie Moir

When a man returns to a remote town in Italy to pack up his mother's house, he discovers that she isn't ready to let go.



CANDY BAR

Director: Nash Edgerton

A young girl thinks a man in the candy bar line looks like her dad.



WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH A DRUNKEN SAILOR?

Director: Nathan James Robinson

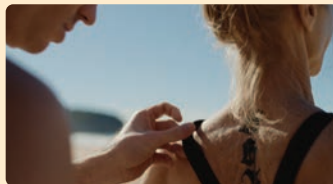
Captain Kennard learns that even at sea, drinking comes with consequences.



THE MEANINGLESS DAYDREAMS OF AUGIE & CELESTE

Director: Pernell Marsden

Two best friends embark on a high-stakes game of imagination, which takes a twisted turn and threatens to jeopardise their relationship.



A THOUSAND ODD DAYS

Director: Riley Blakeway

A young man reflects on a day spent with his estranged mother, in an attempt to understand her enduring trauma and its effect on their relationship.



THE SHIRT OFF YOUR BACK

Director: David Robinson-Smith

Two brothers re-live a strange encounter with a man on something unknowable — something that quietly, irrevocably changes them.



THE SUIT

Director: Jesse Vogelaar

A couple engaged in a bizarre legal proceeding confront the source of their problem.



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