

SHOWDOWN SHOWCASE

FREE ENTRY

Presented by Walker Corporation

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER

The MET, Maroochydore

Doors 6pm | Screening 6:30pm

First Avenue & South Sea Islander Way

SCREENING ORDER | READ DOWN EACH COLUMN

BEFORE INTERMISSION



01 The Whistle: BTS

3m11s

Go behind the scenes of The Whistle for a glimpse of the people and craft that bring the short film to life.
By Hing Ang

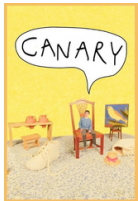


02 The Whistle

7m26s

Created through the 2026 Screen Cadetship program, The Whistle is a chilling short filmed over two days by secondary school students.

Directed by Chris Sun and the student cadets | Written by Sharon Brooks



03 Canary

6m00s

A Canarian immigrant reflects on her life in Australia and the cultural connections that shape her identity.

By Armando Maccarone | Best Documentary (Open), 2025 Showdown Shorts



04 Bin Day

8m08s

A pacifist woman and her lazy husband face an unwelcome undead visitor in this zombie apocalypse comedy.

Written & directed by 2023 Showdown winner Ryan Neil Butler



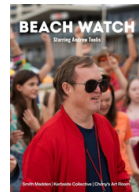
05 The Queen's Flowers

11m28s

In 1915 Honolulu, a young Native Hawaiian girl creates a special gift for Queen Lili'uokalani in this magical animated adventure.

Directed by Ciara Leina'ala Lacy | From the 2025 Pacific Islands Film Festival

AFTER INTERMISSION



06 Beach Watch

2m45s

Andrew Toolis stars in a joyful local tribute to Baywatch, celebrating imagination, inclusion and the thrill of being the hero.

Starring Andrew Toolis | 2025 Showdown Shorts: Best Editing (Open), Tim Birch; Best Community Storytelling (Open), Mark & Aimee Gray

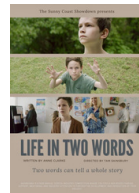


07 Smiley

7m51s

A First Nations woman revisits joyful memories of the man she loves through dance, connection and bittersweet nostalgia.

Written & directed by 2024 Showdown winner Beverley Marcussen



08 Life in Two Words

8m24s

A young boy expresses himself through art in a gentle story about finding a voice and seeing the world differently.

Written by 2021 Showdown winner Anne Clarke | Directed by Tam Sainsbury



09 Stiff's

9m29s

A forensic pathologist tries to maintain decorum as April Fools' Day pranks disrupt life in the morgue.

Written by 2024 Showdown winner Stephen Walker | Directed by Ryan Neil Butler

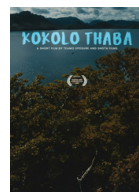


10 Rustworthy

8m06s

A teenage daughter documents her dad's work restoring four-wheel drives, capturing their close bond and shared passion.

Written by Elsie Mae Bowditch, who won Showdown in 2024 at age 16. | Directed by Wes Greene



11 Kokolo Thaba

4m57s

A journey through the Solomon Islands explores Indigenous identity, traditional knowledge and the deep connection between people and land.

By Aidan Teamo Saeni & Sean Belo | From the 2024 Pacific Islands Film Festival



12 The Stripper Trade-Off

7m15s

A stripper and a tradesman arrive at the wrong jobs, setting off a comedy of mistaken identity.

Written by 2024 Showdown winner Stephen Walker | Directed by Janneke Williamson

Mature themes. Viewer discretion advised.

INTERMISSION