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PROGRAM VERSION 3

SHOWFEST
Screen Conference

5 DAYS	6 VENUES	7 EVENTS

Step into the future of screen culture at Showfest 2026, the Sunshine Coast's premier film conference and celebration of creativity. Across five transformative days, the region comes alive with industry forums, cross-cultural screenings, awards honouring local excellence, and a showcase of emerging talent. From seasoned professionals to first-time filmmakers, Showfest is where insight meets inspiration, where ideas find collaborators, and where the Sunshine Coast claims its place on the national screen stage.

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2026 Program

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER RESCHEDULED

SHOWDOWN SHOWCASE - UNDER THE STARS

6.00PM, FOR A 6.30PM START - 8.30PM
THE MET, MAROOCHYDORE CITY CENTRE

A celebration of local film making!

Showdown Showcase is curated big-screen event celebrating the bold, original storytelling emerging from the Sunshine Coast.

Experience standout short films created by local writers, directors, cast and crew. The program features highlights from three seasons of Sunny Coast Showdown, alongside selections from the Screen Collective's inaugural Showdown Shorts initiative.

Hosted by local radio personalities from Hot 91.1.

Free Event | Open to the Public | Family Friendly | Outdoor | Food and Beverage Available for Purchase

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER RESCHEDULED TO 2027

ISLAND VIBES FILM FESTIVAL (INCORPORATING PIFF)

6.30PM - 9.00PM
BLACKFLAG BREWING, COOLUM

RESCHEDULED TO 2027
ISLAND VIBES FILM FESTIVAL WILL RETURN IN 2027

featuring live music from Skillz

The Pacific Islands Film Festival (PIFF) [illegible] film event dedicated to connecting Sunshine Coast audiences [illegible] with [illegible] assembled [illegible].

These impressive short films showcase a diverse range [illegible] celebrates the cultural connection that film engenders.

Enjoy a festival of culture with live music, dance performance and a gathering of community.

$20 Entry | Open to the Public | Some Content Warnings Provided | Live Music | Food and Beverage Available for Purchase





THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER

An afternoon and evening of creativity, technology and industry connection, bringing together two Screen Collective events exploring the future of games and screen production on the Sunshine Coast.

GAMES SUMMIT

11.30AM - 3.30PM
ALTITUDE NINE, MAROOCHYDORE

The GAMES Summit will showcase games created by our members, alongside industry speakers exploring important topics, opportunities and emerging trends within the games industry.

Discover local talent, connect with the games community and see what is being created right here on the Sunshine Coast.

$30 for Members | $60 for Non-Members | Open to the Public | Drink and Canapes Included in Ticket

THE AI HORIZON

4.00PM - 7.00PM
ALTITUDE NINE, MAROOCHYDORE
With David Gougé, Jay Topping and David Edgar

Artificial intelligence is transforming every stage of the filmmaking process, from development through to post-production.

Join us for an evening exploring how AI is reshaping the screen industry, featuring industry speakers, live demonstrations, practical insights and forward-looking conversations.

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DAVID GOUGÉ
Tech & entertainment executive
Formerly Weta FX, Autodesk & Y&R



JAY TOPPING
Co-founder
The Fourthe



DAVID EDGAR
President, Screen Collective
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FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER

SCREEN SUMMIT

Strengthening Australia's Screen Industry from the Regions

8.30am Registration, 9.00AM - 5.00PM
MAROOCHY RSL, MAROOCHYDORE

The Screen Summit is a premier industry forum designed to power the future of regional screen sectors. More than just a professional development event, it's a high-impact gathering where ideas spark, skills grow and connections flourish. Across dynamic panels, hands-on workshops and inspiring keynotes, Australian industry leaders share their expertise and vision equipping attendees with the tools, insights and foresight to thrive in a rapidly evolving screen landscape.

With its unique focus on skill building and future thinking, the Screen Summit is where emerging talent, established professionals and industry changemakers converge to exchange knowledge, collaborate and shape the next chapter of screen storytelling.

$40 for Members | $100 for Non-Members | Designed for the Screen Industry | Professional Development | Industry Advancement | Networking and Connection | Food and Beverage Included

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9.00am Official Welcome from MC Shonee Samia

9.35am SESSION 1: "AI TOMORROW" Digital Storytelling & Human Generative Workflows

10.30am MORNING TEA

11.00am STATE OF THE NATION with Screen Queensland

11.15am SESSION 2: SUNSHINE COAST PRODUCTION: Stories for Everywhere

12.10pm LUNCH

1.05pm SESSION 3: FIRESIDE CHAT WITH TODD ABBOTT + LISA FITZPATRICK
FOLLOWED BY PANEL SESSION: The Commissioner, The Platform, The Pathways

2.30pm AFTERNOON BREAK

2.45pm SESSION 4: SHOWDOWN - A UNIQUE OFFERING
The Past. The Present. The Future!

3.45pm Concluding remarks and what's next

4.00pm NETWORKING DRINKS



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TANYA ELLEN
Head of Content, Screen Queensland

IVAN O'MAHONEY
In FIlms Founder & Executive Producer/DIrector - Go Back to Where You Came From, Baghdad High & Unbreakable: The Jelena Dokic Story

JOSEPH MAXWELL
Head of Unscripted, SBS

CHADDEN HUNTER
Chadden Hunter Films, Director, Planet Earth with Sir David Attenborough

ANNA JEFFRIES
Five Storey Films, Writer/Director, Back Roads ABC, The Wombat Guy

JACK RILEY
DOP, The Kimberley with Mark Coles Smith

LISA FITZPATRICK
SCSC Board Member & Fitz & Co Development/Executive Producer



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ROBBIE MILES
Head of Industry Engagement & Alumni AFTRS

DEREK DYSON
CCO, WTFN Radar Studios - Bondi Vet, Real Emergency and Untamed

SAM MOOR
LUDO Studio Producer & Head of Production & Commercial Bluey, Allen

SANJAY BHASKARAN
CEO, APAC

DAN MUNDAY
Showdown Co Founder & EP/Development/Producer - Survivor

LOUISE HAYES
SCSC Board Member & Executive Producer, Showdown

AMY PARRY
Sun Screen Pictures & Creator, The Rainbow Bop Show

ADAM SZURDICH
Writer & Director, Extraordinary Rob, Slow Dating

CATHERINE MACK
Current Mood Films, Director/Producer, Swimmers



SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER

LEVELUP GAMES WORKSHOPS

10.00AM - 3.00PM
SCREEN HUB, NAMBOUR

Marketing Workshop with Jacqueline Burgess | 10.00am - 12.00pm

Game development can feel like a gamble, but good market research can help improve the odds and market research for video games doesn't have to mean expensive surveys or large data sets. Workshop attendees will get hands on with simple and free market research techniques they can use to better understand their players, validate ideas and make more informed marketing decisions about their games. The workshop will explore analysing competitors, understanding players and why marketing (and market research) should always start early in the development process.

Kickstarter Campaign Builder with Jay Topping | 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Thinking about crowdfunding your game? This practical workshop will break down the key elements of a kickstarter campaign and help you start building one for your own project.

As each section is covered, attendees will work through the core parts of their campaign, including positioning, rewards, presentation,planning and what backers need to see.

The goal is to leave with a rough kickstarter campaign outline you can continue developing after the session.

Workshop 3 | 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Details TBC

$20 for Members | $40 for Non-Members | Open to the Public













SUNSHINE COAST SCREEN AWARDS

6.00PM - 10.00PM
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The Sunshine Coast Screen Awards are the pinnacle celebration of creative excellence in our region, recognising the filmmakers, storytellers, and digital creators who are pushing boundaries and making their mark. Far more than just an awards night, this event shines a spotlight on the incredible talent emerging from the Sunshine Coast and the powerful stories being told right here in our community.

Honouring individuals and projects across film, television, and digital media, the awards highlight the unique blend of creativity, innovation, and local impact that distinguishes our region within the wider industry. From boundary-pushing shorts and groundbreaking digital content to inspiring long-form projects, the Sunshine Coast Screen Awards acknowledge the achievements that not only entertain, but also reflect and shape the identity of our community.

This is the night where industry meets artistry, where local voices are celebrated on a bigger stage, and where the next generation of storytellers step into the spotlight. It's a true showcase of the Sunshine Coast's creative spirit and a powerful reminder that world-class talent is being nurtured right here at home.

$150 for Members | $195 for Non-Members | $1500 for Table of 10 | Designed for the Screen Industry | Industry Recognition | Networking and Connection | Three Course Meal and Beverage On Arrival Included

SCREEN COLLECTIVE

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

SHOWDOWN SHORTS

12.00PM - 3.00PM
EVENT CINEMAS KAWANA

Showdown Shorts is the Sunshine Coast's curated short-film showcase celebrating emerging filmmakers, independent storytelling, and regional creative voices.

The event brings together filmmakers, audiences, industry guests, students, and local creatives for a relaxed, community-focused cinema experience on the big screen.

As Sunny Coast Showdown has evolved into longer-form initiatives such as Showdown MAX and Showdown DOC, Showdown Shorts provides an accessible short-form platform that encourages filmmakers to get out, create work, and share their stories with an audience.

$25 Entry | Open to Public | Public Big-Screen Showcase | Live Awards Presentation | Post-Event Filmmaker Mingle | Networking and Connection | Popcorn and Drink Combo Included

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The All Access Pass includes it all!

There is no need to limit your Showfest experience, with the All Access Pass providing access to all events and above mentioned inclusions.

$190 for Screen Collective members
$265 for non-members

To secure your All Access Pass or any tickets visit:
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