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THE REAL FILM FESTIVAL LAUNCHES IN 3, 2, 1...

The Real Film Festival, now in its seventh year, has become one of the Hunter's favourite community events. The Festival is a three-day celebration of film that will this year span from Lake Macquarie to Port Stephens. From Friday 26 to Sunday 28 October, the Festival will feature more activities in more locations than ever before.

The official launch will be held next Friday 26 October at the Culture Club on King Street. Sally Regan, from Create NSW, will be opening the program for 2018 before inviting guests to Tower Cinemas for the first film of the Festival.

Festival Director, Annette Hubber, said this year's launch will be a celebration of film and the positive impact film has on the community.

"Films bring people together to explore new ideas, generate conversation and shine a light on topics that might otherwise go unnoticed," Annette said.

"This year, we are screening many wonderful films that approach a wide range of issues, and some that highlight amazing stories from around the Hunter.

"On opening night, guests will be treated to an advanced screening of *Momentum Generation*, an inside look into the pro surfing world, the highs and lows and the relationships that come from sharing waves around the world. With surfing a large part of Newcastle's culture, this film is perfect to kick off the Festival."

"Opening night will then continue with our Gala Party at Custom House Hotel, where everyone is welcome to enjoy some of the best wines and produce the Hunter has on offer," Annette added.

The Festival also features a series of workshops and master classes, for anyone keen to learn more about the art of filmmaking, production, special effects and more.

Tickets to all events are limited. For the entire program, or to book a seat for the launch, screenings, workshops and master classes, go to www.realfilmfestival.com.au

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