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## **THE REAL FILM FESTIVAL**

### **LOCAL STORIES BY LOCAL PEOPLE ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES**

Homegrown in the Hunter, the Real Film Festival launches its eighth consecutive year in 2019; transforming spaces in Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland and Port Stephens with bold films of real stories and cutting-edge documentaries.

The contemporary programming of the Real Film Festival, positions it as one of regional Australia's leading documentary film festivals and is the region's only event which celebrates the art of storytelling through film. The festival each year attracts screen industry professionals from the region and around Australia to share expertise, skills and screen stories with each other and the broader community.

The Festival launches on 15 November in Newcastle and will come to a close in Port Stephens on 5 December. Screen practitioners participate at all levels, telling their screen stories, industry tips and supporting the emerging talent of the region to develop screen content which is bold, honest and unique.

"I believe that films can promote an understanding of and openness to diverse culture, values, people and places and that screen content, whether it's for large or small screens, can be a non-confrontational way to raise awareness and enable community connection through storytelling", says Real Film Festival Director Annette Hubber. "That's why it's important to do the Real Film Festival each year, to regularly connect with stories and storytellers from diverse communities."

Increasingly socially conscious and globally aware audiences will be thrilled with the short and feature length films to be screened across Newcastle and the Hunter region as part of the festival program.

"Screen stories can spark social change by raising awareness of real issues and we are delighted to be also showcasing some of the region's newest documentary film making talent as part of the festival program."

Don't miss out: [realfilmfestival.com.au](http://realfilmfestival.com.au) for full program and tickets.

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