

# 2006 SEASON

Townsville

Cinema

Group

Established 1962  
One of  
Australia's Oldest  
film societies

Screenings at  
Warrina Cineplex  
at  
7:15pm  
every second  
Thursday

Annual Subscription  
**\$65**  
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## OPENING NIGHT - 23 FEBRUARY

### NOBODY KNOWS

Japan 2004 **PG** [A] 141min

Keiko conceals the existence of her four children from the world. When she disappears, it is up to 12 year old Akira to look after the family.



"The performance[s] of the young actors... are excellent, seamlessly blending tough realism with the preciousness of youth."

Feature occupies entire Programme

23 February

### THE WILD PARROTS OF TELEGRAPH HILL

USA 2004 **G** 83min

The story of a man who found his spiritual & mental salvation in the 25 years he befriended & studied a flock of parrots in San Francisco. "A warm portrait."



### THE MIRACLE OF BERN

Germany 2005 **PG** [A, L] 113min

The story of the 1954 World Cup win and its impact on 3 groups of people: a working class family, a soccer player and a journalist and his wife. "Patriotic film about redemption."



9 March

### TURTLES CAN FLY

Iran/France/Iraq 2005 **M** [A, V] 94min

Dir: Bahman Ghobadi (*A Time for Drunken Horses*). A boy from the Iraqi border seeks a satellite dish to keep informed of the US attack.

"Profound tragedy, intense joy & breathtaking cinematography."



### BRIDES

Greece 2005 **PG** [SR, L, N] 128min

1922: Niki, a seamstress from Samothrace is on her way to America with 700 other mail order brides. On the ship she falls in love with an American photographer, who is on his way home to his own failed marriage. "Visually stunning."

23 March

### MAD HOT BALLROOM

USA 2004 **PG** [A] 110min

Follows the 10 weeks as a group of 10-year-olds prepare for a NY public schools ballroom dancing competition. "You come out of the film with a real sense of hope."



### CRASH

USA 2005 **MA** [A, L] 103min

A multi-strand film that follows the lives of a group of strangers in the 24 hours leading up to a car crash that links them all. "A gripping journey into the dark heart of American city life."



6 April

### BOMBON: EL PERRO

Argentina 2005 **M** [L] 97min

A largely non-professional cast tell the story of beautiful friendship between a 52y.o. man and a dog on the spectacular windswept plains of Patagonia. "warm-hearted and gently comic drama."



### MURDERBALL

USA 2004 **M** [A, L, SR] 85min

Explores the individual tragedies and personal triumphs of the US Wheelchair Rugby team. "Hard-hitting rhapsody of emotional highs & lows."



20 April

### MY SUMMER OF LOVE

UK 2005 **MA** [D, A, SR, L] 86min

Working class Mona's life is empty until she meets rich and cynical Tamsin. What starts as an innocent friendship becomes something much more intense. "A gentle, intimate coming-of-age drama."



### INTIMATE STRANGERS

France 2004 **MA** [SR, L] 117min

Anna visits a psychiatrist, but goes to the wrong place. The man she sees, an accountant, is fascinated by Anna & can't bring himself to tell her the truth. "Subtle and elegant."



4 May

### P.S.

USA 2006 **M** [SS, L, SR] 97min

30-something Louise works in admissions at Columbia University and falls for a young man. Is he the reincarnation her dead High School boyfriend or just trying to wheedle his way into a course? "Terrific performances."



### LOOK AT ME

France 2005 **M** [A, L, SR] 119min

A witty and acute examination of friendship, ambition and betrayal in the Parisian literary world. "The closest thing to a French Woody Allen comedy."

18 May

### ENRON: THE SMARTEST GUYS IN THE ROOM

USA 2005 **M** [L, SR, A] 109min

Doco about the collapse of Enron, once the 7<sup>th</sup> largest corporation in the US. "Strives hard to bring this world of rampant greed and malfeasance to life."



### INSIDE DEEP THROAT

USA 2005 **R** [SA, SR] 92min

A documentary looking at the film *Deep Throat* and the effect it had on America. Narrated by Denis Hopper. "There's nothing preachy about this slick and funny doco." <THIS FILM IS RATED R18+>



1 June

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15 June



**THE GENERAL** USA (B&W) 1927 75min  
 Buster Keaton chases a train called "The General" during the civil war.  
**"Amazingly inventive, surprising and funny, even after eight decades."**  
**"A beautifully choreographed comic ballet."**

**NOSTALGIA NIGHT**

**THE GREAT DICTATOR**

USA (B&W) 1940 128min  
 Charlie Chaplin plays a Hitler-like dictator and a Jewish ghetto barber in his first full-talkie film.  
**"Combines slapstick, satire, and social commentary."**



29 June

**YESTERDAY**

South Africa 2004 (AV) 94min  
 Yesterday lives in a remote village with her 7 year old daughter, Beauty. Never having had the chance to go to school herself & dying of AIDS she's driven to see Beauty's 1st day at school with the other proud mothers.



**A NIGHT OF AFRICAN FILM**



**MOOLAADÉ** (V A L SS)

Senegal/France/Burkina Faso/ Cameroon/Morocco/Tunisia 2005 120min  
 A woman defies her husband and village elders by refusing to surrender 5 girls for female circumcision.  
**"Poetic, provocative and unstopably powerful."**

13 July

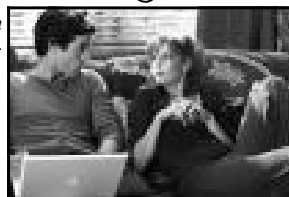
**THE BEAT MY HEART SKIPPED**

France 2005 (V L SR) 107min  
 Tom's followed in his father's footsteps and become a thug, but a chance encounter renews his aspirations to be a concert pianist like his mother.  
**"A mesmerizing portrait of a man torn by two very different sides of his personality."**



**RUSSIAN DOLLS**

France 2005 (D N SR L) 125min  
 Characters from *The Spanish Apartment* reunite for a wedding in St Petersburg & face the career and relationship dilemmas of turning 30.  
**"Cosmopolitan, charming, entertaining, sophisticated and fun."**



27 July

**RED LIGHTS**

France 2004 (V L) 105min  
 A long car journey. A bickering couple. A separation. A hitch-hiker who may be an escaped fugitive  
**"Compresses tension into every scene."**



**THE AX** France/Belgium/Spain 2006 122min



After 2½ years of unemployment Bruno has found a way to improve his prospects - literally eliminate the competition.  
**"A grimly hilarious vision."**

10 August



**THE FIVE OBSTRUCTIONS** (L SR) EUROPEAN MASTERS SHOWCASE.  
 Denmark/Switz/Belgium/France 2003 87min  
 5 remakes of Jorgen Leth's 1967 short documentary *The Perfect Human* each with a different obstruction.  
**"Encourages you to reexamine the nature of cinema."**



**TICKETS** Italy/UK 2005 (L) 110min

Ermanno Olmi, Abbas Kiarostami & Ken Loach direct 3 interwoven stories that take place on a journey from Central Europe to Rome.  
**"Moving and very funny."**

24 August

**GHOST IN THE SHELL** 1996 82min

In a world caught in the grip of information overload *Ghost* explores the nature of humanity and the possibility that robots with AI have the ability to learn to feel or even love ...  
**"One of the most popular Japanese animes of all time."**



**GHOST IN THE SHELL** Japan (Animated) (L V)

**GHOST IN THE SHELL 2: INNOCENCE** 2004 96min

In an era when the boundary between humans and machines has become infinitely vague, humans have forgotten that they are human.  
**"[The] story is so complex - it will mess with your mind."**  
**"It's a film you'll want to see more than once."**

7 September

**A COMMON THREAD** France 2005 (A SR) 88min

Pregnant & 17, a schoolgirl quits her part-time job at a supermarket to indulge in her passion. She starts work with an embroiderer who has just lost her son.  
**"Sensitive and beautiful."**



**DARWIN'S NIGHTMARE** France/Austria/Belgium 2004 (A)

Introduced to Lake Victoria in the 60s the Nile Perch has killed off the native fish. It is exported around the world, but the locals are too poor to eat it.  
**"You come out of the film with a real sense of hope."**



21 September

**CATERINA IN THE BIG CITY** Italy 2004 (L V N SR) 106min

A coming-of-age tale of a 15 year old girl who finds her new private school in Rome is a microcosm of the cultural and political divisions of Italian society.  
**"An insightful, charming story."**



**MANUAL OF LOVE** Italy 2005 (SS L) 116min

A charming, bittersweet comedy about the mysterious nature of love. The ups and downs of relationships are chronicled through four intertwining episodes, each one played out by a different couple. Falling in love; a relationship crisis; the epiphany of betrayal; and being abandoned.

**FROM THE ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**

**BONUS SCREENINGS - YET TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Films for our bonus screening will be advised after July, so that newer titles can be included.

5 October • 19 October • 2 November

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- Mature Audience 15+
- Mature Accompanied 15+
- Restricted 18+

**Rating Codes**

- L coarse language.
- N nudity
- A adult/mature themes
- D drug use
- SR sex references
- SS sex scenes
- SA sexual activity
- V violence

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