

Townsville Cinema Group

2021

First Half



Screening at BCC CINEMA
(10 Little Fletcher St, Townsville City)
at 7:00pm every second Thursday

Annual membership: \$110
Under 26 Annual membership: \$85
Non-members: \$15
per evening payable at the Box Office

cinemagroup.org.au



25 March

Les Misérables 7:00pm

2020 Ladj Ly France 104min MA15+ French, Bambara



In the working-class suburb where Victor Hugo wrote his famous novel, a provincial cop begins work with unethical colleagues. He struggles to gain rapport with community leaders while maintaining peace between his disreputable team and the local citizens.

"Fury against injustice and neglect hovers near the boiling point."

Joe Morgenstern, **Wall Street Journal**

★★★★★



La Belle Époque 8:50pm

2020 Nicolas Bedos France, Belgium 110min M French, English, German



A disillusioned sexagenarian is offered a new attraction — mixing theatre with historical reconstruction. He gets a chance to dive back into the most memorable week of his life; the one where, 40 years earlier, he met his great love.

"A witty, sexy and original romantic comedy."

Todd McCarthy, **Hollywood Reporter**

★★★★★



8 April

The Climb 7:00pm

2020 Michael Angelo Covino USA 94min MA15+ English

Two men share a close bond until one sleeps with the other's fiancée. The Climb is about their tumultuous but enduring relationship -- rich, humane and frequently uproarious, exploring the boundaries (or lack thereof) in all close friendships.



"We always care about this wildly dramatic but very funny friendship."

Nick Allen, **RogerEbert.com**

★★★★★



Kajillionaire 8:40pm

2020 Miranda July USA 104min M English

Con-artist parents have spent 26 years training their daughter to swindle, scam, and steal. During a desperate, hastily conceived heist, they charm a stranger into joining their next scam, only to have their entire world turned upside down.



"A howl of anguish and a note of hope."

Richard Brody, **The New Yorker**

★★★★★



22 April

Two of Us 7:00pm

2020 Filippo Meneghetti France, Luxembourg, Belgium 99min M French, German



Two women have been secretly in love for decades although everybody simply considers them to be neighbors. They come and go between their apartments, sharing the delights of everyday life. An unexpected event turns their relationship upside down.

"A sublimely simple portrait of love and the devotion it takes to endure."

Roger Moore, **Movie Nation**

★★★★★



The Trouble with Being Born 8:40pm

2020 Sandra Wollner Austria, Germany 94min R German



Elli is an android and lives with a man she calls her father. During the day they swim in the pool and at night he takes her to bed. She shares his memories and anything else he programs her to recall. Memories that mean everything to him but nothing to her.

"This is one brave movie! Intelligent, subversive, transgressive, ambitious."

CJ Johnson, **Film Mafia**

★★★★★



6 May **Never Rarely Sometimes Always** 7:00pm

2020 Eliza Hittman USA, UK 101min M English

Best friends navigate the vulnerability of female adolescence. One falls pregnant and confronts conservative legislation without mercy for women seeking an abortion. Her friend's unflinching support and bold resourcefulness allows her to find the help she needs.



"It's the odyssey of a lost child in poorly charted territory."

Joe Morgenstern, **Wall Street Journal**

★★★★★



Calm with Horses 8:50pm

2019 Nick Rowland UK, Ireland 100min MA15+ English

In the dark underbelly of rural Ireland an ex-boxer has become a feared enforcer for a drug-dealing family. When his ruthless employers order him to kill for the first time, his loyalties are tested.



"A complex emotional ecosystem through which our troubled antihero stumbles in search of his identity."

Mark Kermode, **The Observer**

★★★★★



20 May

2020 Mehdi Barsaoui Tunisia, France, Lebanon, Qatar 95min M Arabic, French

A Son 7:00pm

A car is hit by a stray bullet during an ambush and a boy's liver is punctured. At the hospital, the need for a transplant uncovers a secret that risks the boy's life. As their world falls apart, the subtleties of the parent's shifting emotions are revealed.

"A fascinating, very dark and complex web of moral and ethical decisions."
Jarrod Walker, **Film Ink**



★★★★★



Dark Waters 8:40pm

2020 Todd Hayes USA 126min M English, Korean

A tenacious attorney uncovers a dark secret that connects a growing number of unexplained deaths to one of the world's largest corporations. He risks everything; his future, his family, and his own life to expose the truth.

"Be thankful for dull pluggers armed with only a degree from a no-name-law-school."
Roger Moore, **Movie Nation**



★★★★★



3 June

2020 Florian Zeller UK, France 97min M English

The Father 7:00pm



A mischievous man of 80 lives alone and refuses each nurse that his daughter tries to impose. As his mind begins to unravel and his sense of reality slips away, both father and daughter must contend with an uncertain future and their enduring love.

"It will stay with you for a lot longer than you might like."
Benjamin Lee, **The Guardian**

★★★★★



About Endlessness 8:40pm

2019 Roy Andersson Sweden, Germany, Norway, France 78min MA15+ Swedish



A reflection on life in all its beauty and cruelty. Inconsequential moments take on the same significance as historical events. A kaleidoscope of all that is eternally human, an infinite story of the vulnerability of existence.

"Andersson's films are endlessly rewatchable. To view them is to abolish gravity."
Peter Bradshaw, **The Guardian**

★★★★★



17 June

2021 Michael Dweck, Gregory Kershaw Italy, Greece, USA 84min PG Italian

The Truffle Hunters 7:00pm

A handful of men, 70 or 80 years young, hunt for the rare white Alba truffle deep in the forests of Italy. They're guided by a secret culture and training passed down through generations, as well as by the noses of their cherished and expertly-trained dogs.

"Humor, charm and poignancy in these crusty eccentrics."
David Rooney, **Hollywood Reporter**

★★★★★



Only the Animals 8:30pm

2019 Dominik Moll France, Germany 117min M French

A woman disappeared. After a snowstorm, her car is discovered on a road to a small remote village. While the police don't know where to start, five people are linked to the disappearance, each one with his or her own secret.

"A dark little trifle, whipped up from the sad, strange business of being human."
Danny Leigh, **Financial Times**

★★★★★



1 July

2021 Stephen Johnson Australia 104min English, Aboriginal

High Ground 7:00pm



A policeman loses control of his team during an outback confrontation leading to the massacre of an Indigenous tribe. Leaving in disgust after the crime is covered up, he is forced to return as a bounty hunter 12 years later when a warrior attacks settler properties.

"Make time for it, an absolute banger."
Travis Johnson, **Flicks.com.au**

★★★★★



Babyteeth 8:50pm

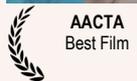
2020 Shannon Murphy Australia 118min M English



A seriously ill teen falls madly in love with a smalltime drug dealer; her parents' worst nightmare. As her first brush with love brings a new lust for life, morals go out the window. She soon shows everyone how to live like you have nothing to lose.

"This film's slightly wayward, maverick spirit is fearless."
Wendy Ide, **The Observer**

★★★★★



15 July

2021 Thomas Vinterberg Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands 117min M Danish, Swedish

Another Round 7:00pm

A teacher feels old and tired. He and three colleagues undertake an experiment to maintain a constant blood alcohol level in everyday life. If Churchill won World War II in a dense fog of spirits, what could the strong drops do for them and their students?

"Waves of ebullience, love, humor and sorrow crash on top of each other."
Katie Walsh, **Chicago Tribune**

★★★★★



Dance with Me 9:00pm

2019 Soroush Sehat Iran 94min Persian

Old friends attend Jahan's birthday only to hear of his fatal illness. Confrontations occur between the current situation and the past. A series of tensions and their reconciliations point to a possible happy future, however death is knocking on the door.

"The birth of another talented and creative Iranian filmmaker."
Bijan Tehrani, **cineequal.org**

★★★★★

