

A photograph of two hikers on a rocky mountain ridge. The hiker in the foreground is wearing a brown hat, a dark jacket, and khaki pants, looking towards the right. The hiker in the background is wearing a dark jacket and a backpack, also looking towards the right. The background shows a vast valley with a forested floor and a prominent cliff face under a clear sky.

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# AUSTRALIA

## TIFF 2011

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Screen Australia is Australia's major film funding agency. We provide investment for the development and production of Australian film, television, documentary and interactive media, as well as resources for industry and business development.

We wish you all the best for a successful and enjoyable TIFF.



## BURNING MAN

WORLD  
PREMIERE

*Burning Man* is the reckless, sexy, funny, moving and ultimately life-affirming story of Tom, a British chef in a Bondi restaurant, who seems to have decided there are no longer any rules he needs to obey.



Starring Matthew Goode (*A Single Man*, *Watchmen*)

**109 mins**

**Drama**

**Writer/Director** Jonathan Teplitzky

**Producers** Andy Paterson, Jonathan Teplitzky

**Exec Producers** Daria Jovicic, Cedric Jeanson, Sam Tromans

**Cast** Matthew Goode, Bojana Novakovic, Essie Davis, Kerry Fox, Rachel Griffiths, Jack Heanly, Kate Beahan

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**Sat 10 Sep 18:15** TIFF Bell Lightbox 1

**Sun 11 Sep 11:15** Scotiabank 7 P&I

**Mon 12 Sep 20:30** Scotiabank 2

**Tue 13 Sep 18:00** Scotiabank 11 P&I

**Sat 17 Sep 15:00** Scotiabank 2



## THE EYE OF THE STORM

When Elizabeth Hunter has a stroke, her son and daughter fly across the world to be at her bedside sparking the family's old frictions and resentments. They struggle to come to terms with who they are, what they mean to each other and how they can best survive one another.



*"A classy, grown-up drama with caustic wit"*  
- Megan Lehmann, The Hollywood Reporter

**INTERNATIONAL  
PREMIERE**

**114 mins**

**Drama**

**Director** Fred Schepisi

**Writer** Judy Morris (adaptation from novel)

**Producers** Antony Waddington, Gregory Read,

Fred Schepisi

**Cast** Geoffrey Rush, Charlotte Rampling,

Judy Davis

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**SPECIAL PRESENTATION  
Screenings**

**Sun 11 Sep 16:30** Winter Garden

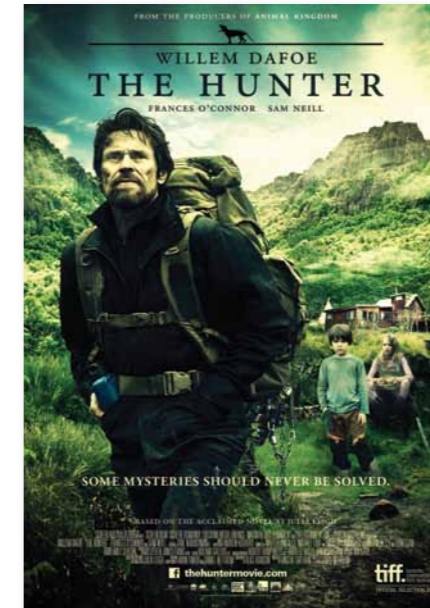
**Mon 12 Sep 13:45** Scotiabank 7 P&I

**Tue 13 Sep 14:30** AMC 6



## THE HUNTER

Based on the acclaimed novel by Julia Leigh, *The Hunter* is a powerful psychological drama that tells the story of Martin (Willem Dafoe), a mercenary sent from Europe by a mysterious biotech company to the Tasmanian wilderness on a dramatic hunt for the last Tasmanian Tiger.



Starring Academy Award® nominee  
Willem Dafoe

**WORLD  
PREMIERE**

**100 mins**  
**Drama / Thriller**  
**Director** Daniel Nettheim  
**Writer** Alice Addison  
**Producer** Vincent Sheehan  
**Exec Producers** Liz Watts, Anita Sheehan, Paul Wiegard  
**Cast** Willem Dafoe, Frances O'Connor, Sam Neill, Morgana Davies

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### SPECIAL PRESENTATION Screenings

**Fri 9 Sep 21:00** Ryerson  
**Sat 10 Sep 08:30** TIFF Bell Lightbox 3 P&I  
**Sat 10 Sep 15:15** TIFF Bell Lightbox 1



## KILLER ELITE

Based on Sir Ranulph Fiennes' 1991 bestselling novel *The Feather Men*, *Killer Elite* stars Jason Statham as an ex-Navy SEAL who is forced out of retirement to save his one-time mentor (Robert De Niro) from a vengeful oil magnate. His mission: kill three assassins, but make each of the jobs look like an accident. Clive Owen co-stars as the man who must make sure this doesn't happen.



Starring Jason Statham, Clive Owen,  
Robert De Niro

**WORLD  
PREMIERE**

**116 mins**

**Action / Thriller**

**Director** Gary McKendry

**Writer** Matt Sherring

**Producers** Steve Chasman, Michael Boughen,  
Tony Winley, Sigurjon Sighvatsson

**Exec Producers** Christopher Mapp, Steven  
Chasman, Matthew Street, David Whealy,  
Peter D Graves

**Cast** Jason Statham, Clive Owen, Yvonne  
Strahovski, Robert De Niro

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**SALES**

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**GALA**

**Screenings**

**Fri 9 Sep 10:00** Scotiabank 1 P&I

**Sat 10 Sep 13:30** Roy Thomson Hall

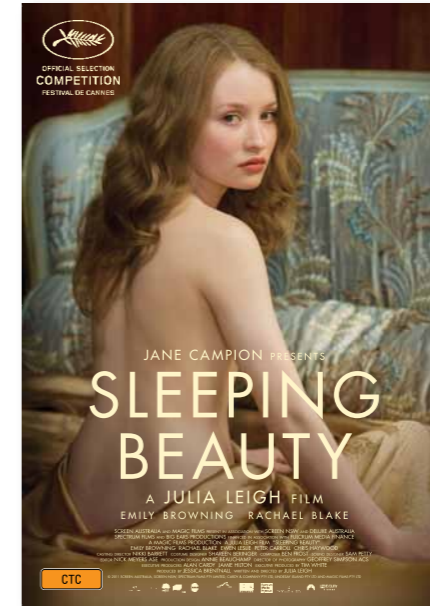
**Mon 12 Sep 19:30** Scotiabank 1



## SLEEPING BEAUTY

"You will go to sleep: you will wake up. It will be as if those hours never existed."

Death-haunted, quietly reckless, Lucy is a young university student who takes a job as a Sleeping Beauty. In the Sleeping Beauty Chamber old men seek an erotic experience that requires Lucy's absolute submission. This unsettling task starts to bleed into Lucy's daily life and she develops an increasing need to know what happens to her when she is asleep.



OFFICIAL SELECTION  
COMPETITION  
FESTIVAL DE CANNES

*"Heartbreaking, tender, terrifying"*  
- Jane Campion

**101 mins**

**Drama**

**Writer/Director** Julia Leigh

**Producer** Jessica Brentnall

**Exec Producers** Timothy White, Alan Cardy, Jamie Hilton

**Cast** Emily Browning, Rachael Blake, Ewen Leslie, Peter Carroll, Chris Haywood

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**SALES**

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**SPECIAL PRESENTATION  
Screenings**

**Tue 13 Sep 10:15** Scotiabank 10 P&I

**Wed 14 Sep 21:30** TIFF Bell Lightbox 1

**Sun 18 Sep 16:00** TIFF Bell Lightbox 3



## SNOWTOWN

When 16-year-old Jamie is introduced to a charismatic man, a friendship begins. As the relationship grows so do Jamie's suspicions, until he finds his world threatened by both his loyalty for, and fear of, his newfound father-figure John Bunting, Australia's most notorious serial killer.



SEMAINE  
DE LA CRITIQUE  
CANNES 2011

*"A triumph"*

- Frank Hatherley, Screen Daily

**120 mins**

**Drama**

**Director** Justin Kurzel

**Writer** Shaun Grant

**Producers** Anna McLeish, Sarah Shaw

**Exec Producers** Robin Gutch, Mark Herbert

**Cast** Lucas Pittaway, Daniel Henshall

[www.snowtownthemovie.com](http://www.snowtownthemovie.com)

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**VANGUARD  
Screenings**

**Sun 11 Sep 16:00** TIFF Bell Lightbox 4 P&I

**Tue 13 Sep 21:00** Ryerson

**Wed 14 Sep 15:15** AMC 5

**Sat 17 Sep 22:00** Scotiabank 4



## THE TALL MAN

INTERNATIONAL  
PREMIERE

When Cameron Doomadgee was found dead in the Palm Island police station, his injuries were like those of someone who'd been in a fatal car crash. The police claimed he had tripped on a step. The Palm Islanders rioted and burnt down the police station. The subsequent trial of Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley – who had been decorated for his work in Aboriginal communities – made headlines day after day, shadowed by Queensland police threatening to strike.

*The Tall Man* tells the gripping story of the trial, of the complex Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley, and of the Doomadgee family as they struggle to understand what happened to their brother.



**80 mins**

**Documentary**

**Director** Tony Krawitz

**Writer** Tony Krawitz (Based on the book *The Tall Man* by Chloe Hooper)

**Producer** Darren Dale

**Exec Producer** Rachel Perkins

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**REAL TO REEL  
Screenings**

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**Thur 15 Sep 20:30** Jackman Hall – AGO

**Sat 17 Sep 10:00** Jackman Hall – AGO

**Sun 18 Sep 18:00** Jackman Hall – AGO

*Atmospheric and gritty true story*



## Bait 3D

In a sleepy beach community, shoppers at an underground supermarket are terrorised by a crazed bandit. Then a monstrous freak tsunami swallows the town. Now the survivors must overcome a threat far more deadly and bloodthirsty – great white sharks.

### Action / Thriller

**Director** Kimble Rendall  
**Writer** Russell Mulcahy  
**Producers** Gary Hamilton, Todd Fellman, Peter Barber  
**Cast** Xavier Samuel, Julian McMahon, Sharni Vinson

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**In Toronto** Hyatt Regency



## The Cup

Damien Oliver is a young jockey who loses his only brother in a tragic racing accident days before the Melbourne Cup. The race fall is hauntingly similar to the way their father died 27 years earlier. After suffering a series of discouraging defeats, Damien teams with Irish trainer Dermot Weld, and triumphs at the 2002 Melbourne Cup in one of the most thrilling finales in sporting history.

### Drama

**Director** Simon Wincer  
**Writers** Eric O'Keefe, Simon Wincer  
**Producers** Simon Wincer, Jan Bladier, David Lee  
**Cast** Stephen Curry, Brendan Gleeson, Daniel MacPherson

[www.thecupmovie.com](http://www.thecupmovie.com)

### SALES

Myriad Pictures  
alice.hobson@myriadpictures.com  
**In Toronto** Le Germain



## A Few Best Men

When David goes to Australia to marry the love of his life, his three best men give a whole new meaning to the phrase 'for better or worse'. The chaos-filled wedding is an hilarious culture clash between his friends and her family – because blood is thicker than water and so are David's mates.

From the writer and producers of *Death at a Funeral*.

### Comedy

**Director** Stephan Elliott  
**Writer** Dean Craig  
**Producers** Antonia Barnard, Gary Hamilton, Laurence Malkin, Share Stallings  
**Cast** Xavier Samuel, Kris Marshall, Kevin Bishop, Tim Draxl, Rebel Wilson, Olivia Newton-John

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## Hail

Dan is in love with Leanne. They were born on the same day – 19 June 1960. They eat together. They live together. They steal together. When Dan's love is suddenly ripped from him, he is reduced to savagery. The past is not a dead thing, but may return, like a hunter, to follow us for a time.



### Documentary / Drama

**Writer/Director** Amiel Courtin-Wilson  
**Producers** Michael Cody, Amiel Courtin-Wilson  
**Cast** Daniel P Jones, Leanne Letch, Dario Ettia

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## Here I Am

Karen is a beautiful woman with a dark past, but she's got potential and she knows it. Upon her release from prison she realises the hardest person to forgive is herself.

### Drama

**Writer/Director** Beck Cole

**Producer** Kath Shelper

**Cast** Shai Pittman,  
Marcia Langton

[www.hereiamfilm.com](http://www.hereiamfilm.com)

### SALES

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## Wish You Were Here

Four friends lose themselves in a carefree South-East Asian holiday. Only three come back. Dave and Alice return home desperate for answers about Jeremy's mysterious disappearance. When Alice's sister Steph returns, a nasty secret is revealed about the night her boyfriend went missing. Who amongst them knows what happened on that fateful night?

### Drama

**Director** Kieran Darcy-Smith

**Writers** Felicity Price, Kieran Darcy-Smith

**Producer** Angie Fielder

**Cast** Joel Edgerton, Teresa Palmer, Felicity Price

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## Goddess

When Elspeth Dickens, young mum of naughty twin boys, installs a webcam in her kitchen, her funny sink-songs make her a cyber-sensation. While her husband James (Ronan Keating) is off saving the world's whales, Elspeth is offered the chance of a lifetime. But when forced to choose between fame and family, the newly anointed internet goddess almost loses it all.

### Musical / Romantic Comedy

**Director** Mark Lamprell

**Writers** Mark Lamprell,  
Joanna Weinberg

**Producers** Richard Keddie,  
Andrena Finlay

**Cast** Laura Michelle Kelly,  
Magda Szubanski, Ronan Keating

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## The King Is Dead!

Max and Therese are happy together and with the world. They move into a new neighbourhood, a nice family on one side and, well, 'interesting' on the other side. But interesting becomes loud, and loud becomes intolerable – and when the intolerable becomes violent and the police are powerless, Max and Therese attempt to solve the problem themselves... A 'nice' comedy about neighbours, amphetamines and large men with baseball bats.

### Comedy / Thriller

**Writer/Director** Rolf de Heer

**Producers** Rolf de Heer,  
Nils Erik Nielsen

**Cast** Dan Wyllie, Bojana Novakovic, Gary Waddell,  
Luke Ford, Anthony Hayes,  
Lani John Tupu

### SALES

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## Drift

Set in breathtaking locations and inspired by the true story of Australia's legendary surfwear moguls, the film chronicles the rise of the world's premiere action sport and the expansion of the laidback surf attitude as a global lifestyle. A story of passion and corruption, friendship and loyalty, deadly addictions and fractured relationships.

**Co-directors** Morgan O'Neill, Ben Nott  
**Writer** Morgan O'Neill  
**Producers** Michele Bennett, Tim Duffy, Myles Pollard  
**Cast** Myles Pollard, Xavier Samuel, Sam Worthington, Lesley-Ann Brandt  
**Sales** TF1 International sales@tf1.fr

## The Kath and Kim Filum

A Fountain Lakes Fairytale! Australia's most famous mother and daughter's whirlwind trip overseas becomes a hilarious and vajazzling tale of love, lust and revolution... What's not to like?

**Director** Ted Emery  
**Writers** Jane Turner, Gina Riley  
**Producers** Rick McKenna, Jane Turner, Gina Riley  
**Sales** Royalty & Distribution Services  
royalanddist@gmail.com

## Lore

Spring 1945. As the German front collapses, the Allied forces take control over Hitler's country. With her Nazi parents imprisoned, 14-year-old Lore is left alone in charge of her four young siblings. Embarking on a journey across the devastated country, the children struggle to survive. And Lore has to learn to trust a person whom she had always been told was the enemy.

Based on the Booker Prize-nominated book, *The Dark Room*.

**Director** Cate Shortland  
**Writers** Cate Shortland, Robin Mukherjee  
**Producers** Paul Welsh, Liz Watts, Karsten Stöter  
**Cast** Saskia-Sophie Rosendahl, Ursina Lardi  
**Sales** Memento Films  
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## Mental

When a philandering politician's wife is committed following a nervous breakdown, he impulsively hires free-spirited hitchhiker, Shaz, to take care of his five misfit daughters. The wild, charismatic Shaz transforms the girls from town jokes into forces to be reckoned with. But when 16-year-old Coral discovers the real reason Shaz has come to town, she must make a decision. Betray the person who changed her life or become just as crazy.

**Writer/Director** PJ Hogan  
**Producers** Jerry Zucker, Janet Zucker, Todd Fellman, Jocelyn Moorhouse  
**Cast** Toni Collette, Liev Shreiber, Anthony LaPaglia, Rebecca Gibney, Kerry Fox  
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**In Toronto** Hyatt Regency

## Not Suitable for Children

A freewheeling 20-something guy learns he will be infertile in a month, so he has to find someone to conceive with before it's too late.

**Director** Peter Templeman  
**Writer** Michael Lucas  
**Producer** Jodi Matterson  
**Cast** Ryan Kwanten, Sarah Snook, Ryan Corr, Bojana Novakovic  
**Sales** Arclight Films  
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## The Sapphires

1968: they're sexy, black, young and talented – and they've never set foot outside Australia. Until, grasping the chance of a lifetime, they're plucked from the obscurity of a remote Aboriginal mission, branded as Australia's answer to The Supremes and dropped into the jungles of Vietnam to entertain the troops.

**Director** Wayne Blair  
**Writers** Tony Briggs, Keith Thompson  
**Producers** Rosemary Blight, Kylie du Fresne  
**Cast** Chris O'Dowd, Deborah Mailman, Jessica Mauboy, Shari Sebbens, Miranda Tapsell  
**Sales** Goalpost Film UK  
tristan@goalpostfilm.com  
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## Satellite Boy

A small boy, Pete, tries to save his home from developers. A story about courage and friendship that reveals how powerful a dream can be... if you don't understand it's meant to be impossible.

**Writer/Director** Catriona McKenzie  
**Producers** David Jowsey, Julie Ryan  
**Sales** Celluloid Dreams  
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## Storm Surfers 3D

The story of big wave Australian surfers Ross Clarke-Jones and two-time surfing world champion Tom Carroll, as they work with surf forecaster Ben Matson to track massive Australian weather systems, hunt down big waves and surf the most dangerous breaks of their careers.

**Directors** Chris Nelius, Justin McMillan  
**Writer** Chris Nelius  
**Producers** Ellenor Cox, Marcus Gillezeau  
**Sales** Firelight  
marcus@firelight.com.au

## Dead Europe

Isaac, a late-20s Greek Australian, spirals out of control when he's forced to confront his own family's cursed legacy on his first trip to Europe – with the continent's haunted past and troubled present pressing in on him.

**Director** Tony Krawitz  
**Writer** Louise Fox  
**Producers** Emile Sherman, Iain Canning, Liz Watts  
**Cast** Ewen Leslie  
**Sales** Wild Bunch  
edevos@wildbunch.eu

## Last Dance

*Last Dance* is a taut human story, torn from today's headlines but touching on themes as old as the human condition itself – faith, freedom, love, loss and hope.

**Director** David Pulbrook  
**Writers** Terence Hammond, David Pulbrook  
**Producer** Antony I Ginnane  
**Sales** Highpoint Media Group  
sales@highpointfilms.uk

## The Last of the Great Apes

The world's great apes are in desperate trouble. Their very survival is under threat. They now have a new champion – someone prepared to stand on the barricades and fight for them.

An IMAX documentary.

**Director** Jeremy Hogarth  
**Writers** Norm Wilkinson, Jeremy Hogarth  
**Producer** Norm Wilkinson  
**Sales** Park Entertainment, NWave (IMAX)  
paul@parkentertainment.com

## The Rocket

A boy who is believed to bring bad luck to everyone around him leads his family and a couple of ragged misfits through Laos to find a new home. After a calamity-filled journey, to prove he's not cursed he builds a giant rocket to enter the most lucrative but dangerous competition of the year: the Rocket Festival.

**Writer/Director** Kim Mordaunt  
**Producer** Sylvia Wilczynski  
**Sales** Memento Films  
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## Save Your Legs!

When cricket obsessed Teddy Brown realises his best mates are growing up and moving on, he grasps at a boyhood dream and leads his mates and their D-Grade team on an audacious tour of India where stumps fly, friendships fray and Ted learns that it's time to start playing shots for himself.

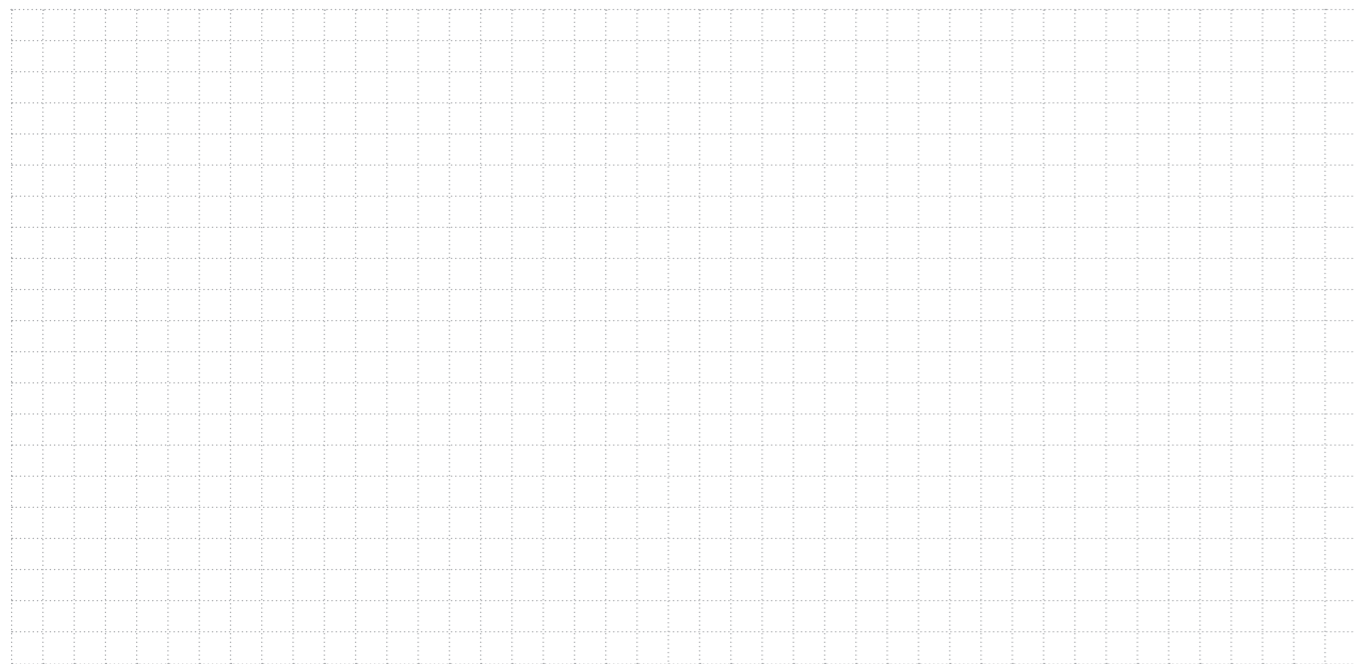
**Director** Boyd Hicklin  
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**Producers** Robyn Kershaw, Nick Batzias  
**Sales** Protagonist  
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## Wolf Creek 2

Mick is back! The Outback once more becomes a place of mind-bending horror, action and suspense as another unwitting tourist becomes the prey for crazed, serial-killing pig-shooter, Mick Taylor.

**Director** Greg McLean  
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