



SMOKESCREEN SETS THE SCENE IN 2024

Lovers of stylish cinema are invited to experience iconic elegance of 11 films as part of the Western Plains Cultural Centre's (WPCC) 2024 Smokescreen series.

Smokescreen offers the Dubbo community a chance to enjoy, celebrate and ponder world-class films in a fun and friendly environment.

Each year, Smokescreen films are selected based on a specific theme and curated by a staff member from the WPCC Cultural Development team.

Local Studies Officer Simone Taylor jumped at the opportunity last year and will again host the Smokescreen series in 2024, with *Scene Stealing Style* as the chosen theme.

"*Scene Stealing Style* looks at how art direction helps bring a story to life visually; how the look and feel of the film adds to the storytelling experience for the audience," Ms Taylor said.

“If you think about your favourite film, it's likely one particular moment stands out, that captures something essential.”

“Think Steve McQueen flying through the streets of San Francisco in his 1968 Ford Mustang from *Bullitt* or the four young schoolgirls leaving for a school picnic at the mysterious *Hanging Rock*. These are moments in film that leave lasting impressions.”

The 2024 Smokescreen series showcases an array of films covering a variety of genres including romance, thrillers, blaxploitation, mystery and horror.

Film enthusiasts can buy a season pass which includes admission to all 11 film screenings and an after-movie buy-one-get-one-free drink voucher at partnering business, The Establishment Bar.

“Those who come along may not have heard of some of the films in the program, but each is iconic and, in its own way, set standards and shaped later generations of filmmaking.”

“Whether you're revisiting old favourites or discovering new films, Smokescreen is a must-see event for any movie enthusiast.”

In line with Council's SPARC Cultural Plan, Smokescreen provides an opportunity to foster community engagement with film that is open and inclusive.

Smokescreen will be held in the Drama Room at the WPCC on the 1st Saturday of each month, starting on Saturday 3 February at 4pm. The cost is \$10 per session, or a season pass to see all 11 films can be purchased for \$75. To view the complete list of films and buy tickets,

visit westernplainsculturalcentre.org/events

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