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Slow films reveal subtleties of Hobart

Unseen perspectives of life in Hobart are set to be revealed in a new creative initiative in the heart of the city.

Slowbart: An ambient film program kicks off **tomorrow evening** and will screen daily for three months, 8am–8pm at The Loop public courtyard at 157 Elizabeth Street.

“Hobart has an easy-going and serene atmosphere that’s unusual for a capital city. The films curated for Slowbart will reveal unusual views of Hobart and our surrounds through the eyes of many creative residents,” University of Tasmania Head of Media Dr Claire Konkes said.

“The films have been curated in the genre of ‘Slow TV’ to show gradually unfolding moments and experiences, designed to be enjoyed by audiences as they wait, pass by, or settle in for the feature films.”

Slowbart curators and emerging filmmakers Victoria Bremner and Heath Willis developed the Slowbart film concept while interning at the City of Hobart as part of their media studies at the University of Tasmania.

“We encouraged filmmakers, artists and content makers of all kinds to scour their hard drives, delve into the depths of their filing cabinets and check under their beds to contribute imagery and film for the program,” Ms Bremner said.

“After viewing it all I carefully selected footage to produce *The Hour of Power*, a one-hour long presentation of short film, animation and documentary, which will be screened each lunchtime until late December.”

The program’s feature film *Slowbart: an ambient film* was also produced from local contributions and scored to original music by emerging composer Finn Clarke. The film is curated by Heath Willis with support from Fraser Johnston of Spectral Media.

“This creative partnership has brought together filmmakers who have sought to capture what makes Hobart unique as a capital city,” Hobart Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds said.

“We are so lucky to live in a city that is surrounded by nature and which provides us with so many opportunities to slow down and appreciate what we have. I congratulate the curators and contributors for bringing this film initiative to life.”

Slowbart: An ambient film program will be officially opened by Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds and Dr Meg Keating (Head of School, Media and Creative Arts, University of Tasmania) tomorrow, Friday 4 October, 5:30–6:30pm at The Loop, 157 Elizabeth street, Hobart. *Slowbart: an ambient film* and *The Hour of Power* will be screened at the launch.

The Loop is an initiative of the City of Hobart through the Creative Hobart strategy in partnership with the University of Tasmania. The schedule is available at theloophobart.com.au/program.

Media opportunity:

Who:

- Victoria Bremner and Heath Willis (Slowbart curators/emerging filmmakers)
- Dr Claire Konkes (Head of Media, School of Creative Arts and Media, University of Tasmania)
- Cr Bill Harvey (Chairman – Community Culture and Events Committee, City of Hobart)

When: TODAY, Thursday, 3 October, 3:30pm

Where: The Loop, public courtyard, 157 Elizabeth Street, Hobart

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