

SWANPOOL ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL

PROGRAM

SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2017 SWANPOOL CINEMA

1.00 PM Short films, Welcome and Introductions

1.15 PM Dr Richard David Hames

Chairman and Founding CEO, Centre for the Future

'Burying the 20th Century'

2.00 PM THE AGE OF CONSEQUENCES

80 mins. USA 2016 Director Jared P Scott

A call to action to rethink how we use and produce energy

3.20 PM Afternoon Tea

3.50 PM John Lloyd

Chair of BSFG and Renewable Energy Benalla

4.00 PM Julian Cribb

Australian science writer and author 'Surviving the 21st Century'

4.45 PM 'THE AGE OF STUPID'

89 mins. UK 2009 Director Franny Armstrong
Why didn't we save ourselves when we had the chance?

6.20 PM Dinner

7.20 PM Prof Sharon Beder

School of Humanities University of Wollongong

'Business-Managed Democracy'

8.05 PM 'THE BENTLEY EFFECT'

85 mins. Australia 2016 Director Brendan Shoebridge

The extraordinary tale of a community that defied the gas juggernaut

(9.40 PM FINISH)



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THE AGE OF CONSEQUENCES

80 mins. USA 2016 Director Jared P Scott

The film investigates the impacts of climate change on increased resource scarcity, migration, and conflict through the lens of US national security and global stability. Through unflinching case-study analysis, distinguished admirals, generals and military veterans take us beyond the headlines of the conflict in Syria, the social unrest of the Arab Spring, the rise of radicalized groups like ISIS, and the European refugee crisis – and lay bare how climate change stressors interact with societal tensions, sparking conflict.

THE AGE OF STUPID

89 mins. UK 2009 Director Fanny Armstrong

This ambitious documentary/drama/animation hybrid stars Pete Postlethwaite as an archivist in the devastated world of the future, asking the question: "Why didn't we stop climate change when we still had the chance?" He looks back on footage of real people around the world in the years leading up to 2015 before runaway climate change took place.

THE BENTLEY EFFECT

85 mins. Australia 2016 Director Brendan Shoebridge

Filmed over five years, 'The Bentley Effect' documents the highs and lows of the battle to keep a unique part of Australia free of gas fields. This timely story of a community's heroic stance shows how strategic direct action and peaceful protest can overcome industrial might and political short-sightedness. It celebrates the non-violent 'Eureka Stockade' of our time and chronicles one of the fastest growing social movements we have ever witnessed.







Dr Richard David Hames

Richard is a philosopher-activist, author and knowledge designer. Working at the interface between organisations and society, he is widely considered to be among the world's most influential intellectuals and strategic futurists.

An Australian citizen, educated in Europe and domiciled in Thailand, Richard has been honoured with numerous awards including a French Government Scholarship, a Leverhulme European Fellowship, the Mondadori Professorial Fellowship and the inaugural Lord Attlee Fellowship. He is an elected Fellow of the World Academy of Art & Science.

Richard's second book 'Burying the 20th Century' proposed new and often novel solutions to contemporary dilemmas, such as social inequity and environmental degradation, caused by the way human beings have chosen to live their lives. He continued to explore these themes in his more recent books 'Open Heart - Open Mind' and 'Heresies: Essays on the Future of Humanity'.

Julian Cribb

Julian Cribb is an Australian science writer, the author of nine books and over 8000 media articles. He has received over 30 awards for his journalism in many fields. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and of the Australian National University Emeritus Faculty.

Julian's latest book 'Surviving the 21st Century' looks at humanity's ten great challenges and how we can overcome them - ecological collapse, resource depletion, weapons of mass destruction, climate change, global poisoning, food crises, population and urban expansion, pandemic disease, uncontrolled new technologies and self-delusion. It also explains and integrates the solutions, both at global and individual level.

Prof Sharon Beder

Sharon Beder is an honorary professor in the School of Humanities and Social Inquiry at the University of Wollongong. Sharon's research has focussed on how power relationships are maintained and challenged. She has been named as one of Australia's most influential engineers, included in the Bulletin Magazine's 'Smart 100' list, and received a World Technology Award for Ethics.

She is a prolific author having written 10 books and hundreds of papers and articles. Her books include 'Global Spin: The Corporate Assault on Environmentalism', 'Selling the Work Ethic: From Puritan Pulpit to Corporate PR', 'Power Play: The Fight to Control the World's Electricity', 'Environmental Principles and Policies', 'Suiting Themselves: How Corporations Drive the Global Agenda' and 'This Little Kiddy Went to Market: The Corporate Capture of Childhood'.