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## **Stories in September**

Two short films produced by the Huon Valley Council have been announced as finalists in the 30 Stories in 30 Days competition as part of the Stories in September festival.

Huon Valley Council Commissioner Adriana Taylor says Stories in September is a month long event which celebrates Tasmanian storytellers and uses film, print and audio to highlight their tales.

"The festival will present a collection of stories in daytime sessions at the State Cinema on the 1st of September.

"Two films produced by Council's Youth Outreach Officer Mick Lowenstein as part of the Mobile Youth project have been selected to be shown.

"Mick travelled around the Valley as part of the project enabled by funding from the Tasmanian Community Fund and helped local youth produce 15 short films.

"The two that have been selected to be part of Stories in September are 'What about the girls?' in which a young girl from Huonville muses on her experiences at the local skate park and 'Me, My Life' exploring the thoughts of a young man living in Cygnet and his difficulties interacting with the wider world.

"The festival's founders Andrew Wilson and Helene Thomas, have done an incredible job collecting stories from across Tasmania, and Council are excited to see the creative efforts of two local young people being highlighted to a wider audience.

"These films explore important issues facing youth in the valley and it's a credit to Mick and the storytellers that they've been selected to be part of the festival.

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"If you can't make it to the State Cinema in Hobart on the  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  of September, Council will be hosting Stories in September as part of a regional tour on 30 September in Huonville," Commissioner Taylor said.

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