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## *Far South Film eNews September 2019*

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### **The stories that bring you back - Sharna Hackett, Mill Film**



VFX Producer for Mill Film, Sharna Hackett, recently returned to the Bega Valley for a short stay. Far South Film's Hiromi Matsuoka and Makushla Bourke caught up with Sharna over lunch and had a chat about how her creative journey has taken her from the Bega Valley to the world.

Sharna started her VFX career in London at DNeg and is currently at Mill Film's new facilities in Adelaide. Mill Film was co-founded by Ridley Scott and his brother Tony Scott in London in 1997, winning an Academy Award for best visual effects in 2000 for *Gladiator*.

Other credits include *Harry Potter & The Philosopher's Stone/Chamber of Secrets*, and *Black Hawk Down*. Mill Film then closed its doors in 2002 before being resurrected by Technicolor in 2018. Sharna has been part of the team for the first Paramount feature with Mill Film, *Dora and*

Sharna & Makushla went to Bega High School together in the early 90's, at a time when there was very little in the way of creative outlets. So as artistic kids in a sport-driven rural school they made our own opportunities with the people and places the Bega Valley had to offer. Sharna spent a lot of her time drawing, writing and working in community radio (Sapphire Radio)

## **I really liked storytelling... that's why filmmaking is such a good fit for me.**

*Tell us how you went from Bega High School to visual effects all over the world.*

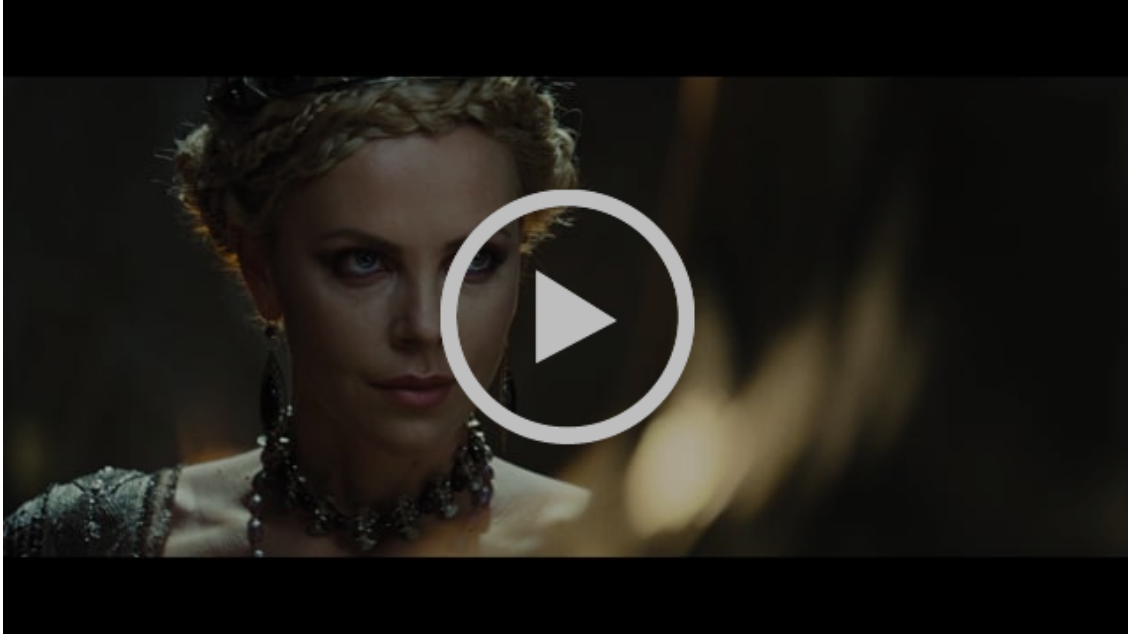
It's one of those things that just happens. Like lots of people, I just wanted to get away from Bega, because it can be a very challenging and claustrophobic place. It was either going to be Sydney or Melbourne, so Jess and I tossed a coin... We ended up in Sydney.

*Seriously? You really tossed a coin?*

We really tossed a coin. Jess (McNeil, visual artist now based in London) went to the Sydney College of Arts, and I went to do a Bachelor of Anything at Sydney Uni. But dissatisfied with the standard liberal arts courses on offer, Sharna moved to Prahran Film College (now Swinburne) and completed a postgraduate degree in Media Arts at RMIT.

**To have any kind of creative career in Australia involves a certain amount of “Sod you, I’m still going to do it.” Bloody-mindedness goes with it.**

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Mill Film Legacy Reel

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## **Congratulations!**

### **Nick & Jess of Ten Alphas are off to Hollywood**

Nick and Jess's short film, *The Road to Vagator*, has already picked up a few awards including winning Short+Sweet Illawarra, which means that it automatically qualifies for Short+Sweet Hollywood 2019 in Los Angeles in September/October.

We were lucky to have Jess & Nick talk about the DNA of storytelling at our networking event at South Tribe in Batemans Bay, courtesy of South East Arts.

[Check out their fantastic film and other work here...](#)



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**Far South Film Special Screening**  
**For lovers of Australian stories and film**

Join us at 6pm on Monday 21 October 2019 at [The Picture Show Man](#) in Merimbula for a screening of *Ride Like A Girl*, directed by Rachel Griffiths, and short films by local film makers.

Far South Film will be hosting the Far South Film Festival in Merimbula in August 2020. This special screening will give you a taste of what's to come and support our newly incorporated association for filmmakers and content creators in the South East Region.

Come along for a great night and support the development of local film making. Only \$20 (includes glass of bubbles!)

[Get your tickets here...](#)



Screening 6pm 21st October at Picture Show Man, Merimbula

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## Welcome to our new members

We had a lot of people sign up as members at our expert talk and networking night -

- Scott Ible
- Luke Kneller
- Annalise Knight
- Isabel Darling

Thanks for joining us and make sure you check out our [website](#) and social pages...

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