

***AUGMENTED* – Background**

Augmented is a short no-budget NZ horror film produced by Gary Davies and Zara Lynch, seasoned house sitters and film makers who have had the good fortune to make short films in some of their house sits - always with the home owners' permission.

Gary had the idea for the story after experiencing Virtual and Augmented Reality on a friend's devices. It is a cautionary tale of the potential perils of immersing oneself in emerging technologies, disguised as a spooky little horror film.

With a team of film making and horror-loving friends willing to donate their time, the film was shot at short notice on Halloween 2019. With no opportunity for rehearsals or shooting tests due to the cast and crew's busy schedules, *Augmented* was shot on the fly with everyone jumping in headfirst to create something spooky and special within just a few short hours.

After a slow start where the team looked to find its feet and establish a working rhythm, everyone did a great job in their respective roles as the ideas and teamwork really started to flow. By the end of the shoot, Gary knew they had something special in the can. Editing and sound designing the film was a creatively satisfying process, and the team are proud to present the end result for audiences to experience around the world.

Note: *Augmented* has a feature length cousin project currently in script format, and Gary looks forward to bringing this larger nightmare to life!