

Dear Viewer,

Jackson Sharpe, Writer & Director of *'PUNCHLINE'*, first drafted this story in 2020. Since then, it has been drafted and re-drafted through further collaboration with our Writer & Producer, Chelsea Addison. We first paired as a creative duo during our time at university, and we continue to work together now in our 20s.

It's not just the two of us. We've been truly inspired by an enormous team of like-minded individuals who have joined us in the making of this short film. We worked with over 40 cast & crew thanks to the support of our friends and family who helped us reach our funding goal. With further investment from the two of us, we were lucky enough to offer our cast and crew some financial compensation for all their efforts. Our Instagram account @punchlinefilm which currently has 250+ followers, has also helped us cement our support system and meet other creatives along the production process. Our core team blew us away with their unique talents and passion for storytelling – Editor & Colourist Conor Elder, Cinematographer Alessia Chapman, and Production Designer Charlie Stamatogiannis. We also worked with 'Round the Twist' star from the early 2000s Rudie Chapman, and Sydney Film Fest's 'Rising Talent' 2024 winner Bridget Morrison.

We'd love to share our stories from production with you. We have so many to tell. From sleeping our entire crew in regional Victoria for three nights in the middle of Winter, to shooting in a deceased estate that we were lucky enough to have to ourselves for an entire week, borrowing an aunty's sex swing no questions asked, and somehow convincing Yiayia that we needed to borrow her car for the week.

We have lived and breathed this project since kick off in early 2024, and we're so thrilled to be sharing it with you now. We hope it connects with you as much as it did our cast & crew. We certainly had an incredible time making it.

Thanks again and happy viewing.

Best,

Jackson & Chels

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