

THE NORFOLK WAVE RAMA FILM FESTIVAL

The 26th of October is World Sustainability Day, so The Norfolk Wave group decided that would be the perfect date for the inaugural RAMA Film Festival!

With the theme of 'aroha' (love) for our ocean, the film festival truly brought out some wonderful talent and put a glowing spotlight on our Norfolk Island ocean-loving community! And what a great turnout it was, with 150 people and a sellout attendance.

The afternoon started with a delicious fish fry and salads by Sam and Jake Sheridan and as they ate, everyone enjoyed the dulcet tones of Anson King who set a laid-back atmosphere. Meanwhile, the children were entertained by Luna Quattrocchi and Cassidy King with their cool 'eco' Pirate Ship games.



After an early dinner, the crowd moved inside the Parish Centre where the Papahaia Drummers charged up the mana with their electrifying Polynesian rhythms. Lilli King and Millie Murray channeled their Tahitian foremothers with their joyous dancing and Tighe Judd set the RAMA scene with his incredible choreographed dance.



Then, the moment everyone had been waiting for... the film previews. Nine films, each unique and equally brilliant, showcased the array of local creativity and love of the ocean. The Norfolk Wave Campaign would also like to thank the Parish Centre venue, Dee Duncanson for the ocean-themed decorations, and of course, all our brave and clever filmmakers who presented their works for the night!



To everyone involved and everyone who came to the event, we can't tell you in words just how blessed we feel that you are a part of this community. We would also like to express gratitude for the generous support of the Australian Government 'Our Marine Parks Grant' which made this film festival event possible.

It was a wonderful evening, and we are already excited for RAMA Film Festival 2023. Over the next two months, The Norfolk Wave Facebook page will upload one festival film each week, so keep your eyes peeled!

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