

23 September 2025

**26 AUGUST 2025: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

In your email dated 26 August 2025 you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*Please let me know which directors have made a short film with NZFC funding (e.g., through a programme like Fresh Shorts) and then went on to make a feature film with NZFC funding, between 2015 and 2025.*

The data requested is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Please be aware that you have the right, by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review of our response.

Yours sincerely



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## Appendix 1

NZFC Funded Feature Film Title	Director	NZFC funded Short
<b>2026</b>		
Mārama	Taratoa Stappard	Taumanu
<b>2025</b>		
Pike River	Rob Sarkies	Signing Off
Kōkā	Kath Akuhata-Brown	Washday / Laundry
<b>2024</b>		
Taki Rua Theatre - Breaking Barriers	Whetu Fala	The Hibiscus
Head South	Jonathan Ogilvie	My First Brush with the Law / This Film is a Dog / Despondent Divorcee
A Mistake	Christine Jeffs	Stroke
We Were Dangerous	Josephine Stewart-Tewhiu	When We Were Kids / Ani
Ka Whawhai Tonu - Struggle Without End	Michael Jonathan	Hawaikii
The Moon is Upside Down	Loren Taylor	Apis / Hey, Brainy Man
The Mountain	Rachel House	The Winter Boy
The Convert	Lee Tamahori	Thunderbox
<b>2023</b>		
Uproar	Hamish Bennett	Ross and Beth / The Dump
Stylebender	Zoe McIntosh	Day Trip
Bread and Roses 4K Restoration	Gaylene Preston	Mindout / Kai Purakau
Red, White & Brass	Damon Fepulea'i	Karma
<b>2022</b>		
Dame Valerie Adams: More Than Gold	Briar March	I See You
Millie Lies Low	Michelle Savill	Multiple
Punch	Welby Ings	Munted / Boy
Muru	Tearepa Kahi	Multiple
Whetū Mārama – Bright Star	Toby Mills	Te Po Uriuri
Whina	Paula Whetu Jones	A Matter of Time
Nude Tuesday	Armagan Ballantyne	Whistle She Rolls / A Fine Weekend
Mothers of the Revolution	Briar March	I See You
<b>2021</b>		
Juniper	Matthew J Saville	Dive / Hitch Hike
The Justice of Bunny King	Gayson Thavat	Brave Donkey
Poppy	Linda Niccol	Dangerous Ride
Cousins	Ainsley Gardiner / Briar Grace-Smith	Waru / Mokopuna
Shadow in the Cloud	Roseanne Liang	Multiple
<b>2020</b>		
Savage	Sam Kelly	Lambs
This Town	David White	The Couple / I Kill
Guns Akimbo	Jason Lei Howden	The Light Harvester
<b>2019</b>		
Bellbird	Hamish Bennett	Ross & Beth / The Dump
Herbs: Songs of Freedom	Tearepa Kahi	The Speaker / Taua
For My Father's Kingdom	Vea Mafie'o / Jeremiah Tauamiti	Mother Tongue
Merata: How Mum Decolonised the Screen	Heperi Mita	First Horse
Daffodils	David Stubbs	The Handover
<b>2018</b>		
Vermilion	Dorthe Scheffmann	A Funeral
The Breaker-Upperers	Jackie van Beek / Madeleine Sami	Go the Dogs
<b>2017</b>		
Human Traces	Nic Gorman	Here Be Monsters
The Changeover	Miranda Harcourt / Stuart McKenzie	Miranda - Needles & Glass, Stuart - Chinese Whispers
My Year With Helen	Gaylene Preston	Mindout
Inland Road	Jackie van Beek	Go the Dogs
McLaren	Roger Donaldson	Nutcase
Meat	David White	The Couple / I Kill
Gary of the Pacific	The Down Low Concept	Only Son
<b>2016</b>		
The Rehearsal	Alison Maclean	Kitchen Sink / Rud's Wife / Talkback
Poi-E	Tearepa Kahi	The Speaker / Taua
Orphans and Kingdoms	Paolo Rotondo	Maunga Cassino
Hunt for the Wilderpeople	Taika Waititi	Two Cars, One Night / Tama Tu
Mahana	Lee Tamahori	Thunderbox
<b>2015</b>		
Born to Dance	Tammy Davis	Ebony Society
Ever the Land	Sarah Grohnert	Milk of Dreams
Too Much Love aka Belief	David Stubbs	The Handover
Deathgasm	Jason Lei Howden	The Light Harvester

*Films that only received the FF Finishing Grant have been excluded from the list.  
Films that are Te Reo re-versions have been excluded from this list (e.g. Moana).*