

INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTION

Film Victoria is working with productions to support the implementation of measures to maintain the health and safety of those working across the Victorian screen industry and our team continues to stay in touch with many across the industry to understand how best we can support them during this time.

We are also looking to the future to ensure a fast and efficient recovery for screen production in Victoria.

/ **What is the current state of screen production in Victoria?**

Production businesses and film sets are workplaces and can continue to operate under the current measures. As with all businesses in Victoria, they are required to follow the [latest guidelines](#) regarding social distancing and hygiene measures in the workplace, whether it is in a studio or outdoors.

Melbourne is home to many world-class visual effects and animation studios who have switched to working remotely. Our award-winning writers, script editors, editors, sound designers, composers and more are also still able to work from home. We're always happy to make introductions.

/ **What is Film Victoria doing to support productions at this time?**

Our Locations and Production Services team are supporting projects that are continuing to film. This assistance includes implementing safe work practices within the current social distancing restrictions, sourcing alternative filming locations, and staying on top of changes to film permitting.

We are providing bespoke support to productions that have been delayed to ensure that they can recommence swiftly, including iconic Victorian-made shows such as *Wentworth* and global productions such as *Clickbait*.

For more information, contact locations@film.vic.gov.au or our Industry Support Hotline on +61 3 9660 3215.

/ **What plans are being put in place to assist productions to get back up and running?**

One of the challenges as productions look to return to filming is how to do so with social distancing measures still in place. These measures impact many aspects of a film set – from hair and makeup and catering, to changing camera lenses. We're working with our fellow state and federal screen agencies and industry organisations to develop comprehensive guidelines to support these operations and this puts us in a great position to recover quickly.

We're also already seeing some productions returning to filming which is really positive. Cameras are starting to roll again on popular Melbourne drama *Neighbours*, with 150 cast and crew working in small groups and adhering to current social distancing guidelines.

/ Are you still accepting applications for your incentives programs?

Our grant-based incentives programs for animation, post-production, visual effects and filming are still open for applications. Find out more at film.vic.gov.au/funding/incentives

/ Are you still accepting locations enquiries?

Yes – some of our international colleagues are already contacting us for location galleries, so please reach out if you would like to speak to us about bringing your next project to Victoria.

If you would like to request a location gallery, please contact locations@film.vic.gov.au or our Industry Support Hotline on +61 3 9660 3215.

/ Who do I contact at Film Victoria about incentives and locations?

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