



A Long-board Road Trip of Discovery

A FILM BY ANTHONY FRICKER
in association with Dampling Productions

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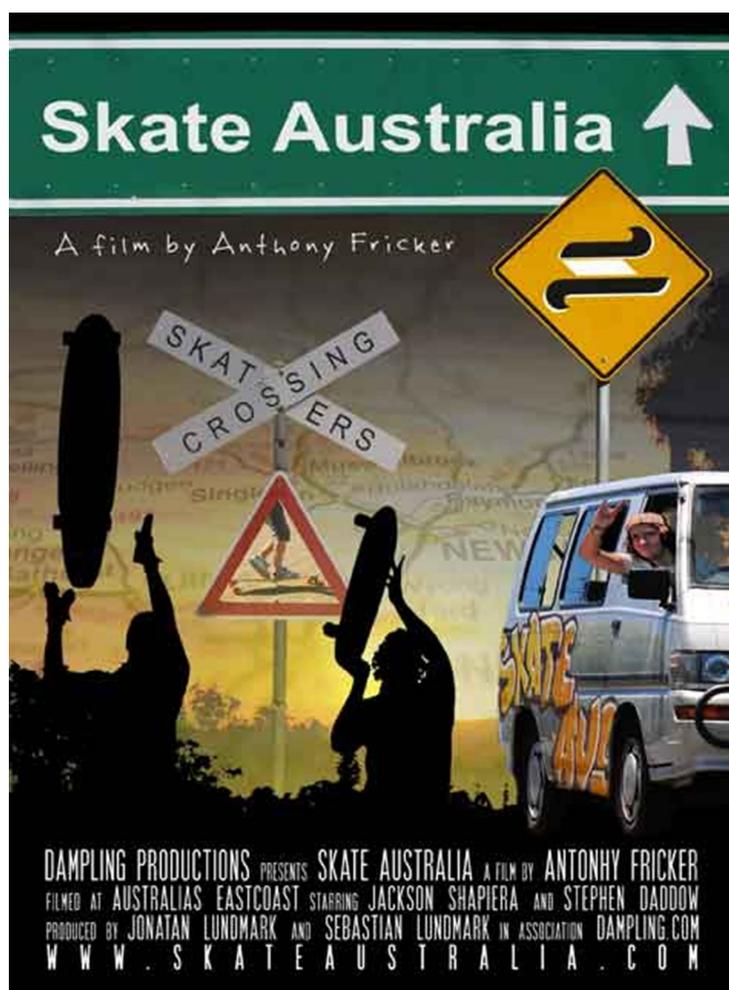
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Synopsis

Skate Australia is a landmark longboard documentary - a unique adventure into the passion and lives of extreme downhill skaters.

It started with the simple idea of traveling the country with our Long boards and within weeks we were rolling with extreme downhill skaters from all over the world. *Skate Australia* documents our road-trip of discovery into this rapidly emerging and varying sport, covering all styles of long boarding: slalom, sliding, dancing and downhill. After skating beaches, mountains and big cities of Australia's East coast our working holiday comes to a climax in Bathurst and the biggest downhill skating event in Australian history, the World Championship in Downhill Skateboarding.



Press

The *Skate Australia* documentary been a long and hard journey, shedding more than its share of blood, sweat and tears. Anthony Fricker, the tremendously passionate director of *Skate Australia*, died on the 2nd of August 2009 as a result of a downhill skateboarding accident while filming for this documentary. The Longboard community was stricken with shock and grief. The Australian film community mourned the passing of a rising talent. Anthony's family wished for his legacy to live on with his dream project *Skate Australia*. It was decided that someone had to finish his dream...

The film was still at a very early stage of post production and there were only two people with enough knowledge of the project to finish it - Swedish twin brothers Jonatan & Sebastian Lundmark from Dampling Productions. Jonatan and Sebastian had been working closely with Anthony. Three weeks after Anthony's funeral they committed to the challenge of completing the production and dedicated a whole year to finishing *Skate Australia* for their beloved and greatly missed friend.

Skate Australia is unique. This documentary is a revelation into the underground sport of Downhill Skateboarding and the lifestyle that revolves around it. There has never been anything like this produced in Australia. For a newcomer to the sport, the first reaction to watching Downhill Skateboarding is absolute amazement and fascination. Skateboarders dressed in full face helmets and leather suits, racing down Mt Panorama in Bathurst at 100km an hour, looking more like super V8 cars than skateboarders, brands an indelible image in one's mind.

The Swedish twin brothers have also produced a 7 minute documentary *Steep Descent*, a touching and insightful back-story of the circumstances surrounding Anthony's death.

Links

[Skate Australia Trailer](#) - 2.40 minutes

[Steep Descent](#) - 7 minutes A short film of the circumstances surrounding Anthony Fricker's death.

Media Links

- Articles surrounding Anthony's death.

[Gold Coast News](#)

[Brisbane Times](#)

[Northernstar](#)

[Screenhub](#)

Co-Director's Statement

by Jonatan Lundmark

I first met Anthony Fricker, the original director of *Skate Australia* at a downhill competition in the lush Blue Mountains just west of Sydney. We made an immediate connection with our shared passion. Having already produced two Longboard skating movies, I was interested in combining my skills with Anthony's and jumping aboard the exciting project *Skate Australia*.

1st August 2009 I had a breakfast meeting with Anthony at my house in Byron Bay, then he set off to skate some near by hills with our mutual friend Dennis Westphal. The next day I received a phone call informing me that there had an accident and Anthony was severely injured.

Camera in hand I set off to film, what I thought would be; yet another adventure for the *Skate Australia* project. While filming outside the Gold Coast hospital I received the news that he wouldn't make it. I was unprepared, shocked and utterly devastated.

Anthony got hooked on the sport of downhill skating the first time he tried it. The feeling of effortlessly gliding down a hill with big soft wheels. The feeling of complete freedom. Despite the sadness of his passing, there was some comfort in knowing he left as a happy man, doing what he loved. Anthony started off the road trip as a filmmaker but finished it as a downhill skater. He was living his dream and my goal is to finish his dream.



Anthony Fricker filming in the Dorrigo Mountains



Production notes

After a 6 month long road trip up and down Australia's East coast filming with 3 cameras, the *Skate Australia* crew captured 150 hours of footage on High Definition video.

This was edited down to a 35 minute version, leaving out several stops of the road trip. Since the movie is targeted towards both skaters and non-skaters, it was important to maintain a high entertainment value throughout the whole movie to please both audiences.

Just days before Anthony passed away he recorded a scripted narration, originally to be used as a rough guideline through the editing process. The fact that it was not the official recording made it a perfect voice over due to it's relaxed and natural feel. There are not many documentaries that have pulled off a "one take" voice-over for a 35 min long documentary.



Biographies of crew

Anthony Fricker 1986-2009

Anthony Fricker is the man behind the project. He worked hard as a Writer, Director and Camera Operator. Anthony had demonstrated his creativity and flair for story-telling early. While still in high school Anthony won his first short film award for "The Saloon", a clay animation. In 2007 Anthony Fricker graduated from the Griffith University in Brisbane, with a Bachelor's Degree in Film and Television. Since then Anthony directed and produced several successful short films, which received several nominations. *Skate Australia* was his first full-length documentary.

Jonatan & Sebastian Lundmark

Twin brothers Jonatan and Sebastian Lundmark currently live in Byron Bay and run [Dampling Productions](#) specializing in action sport films.

Film Festivals (to May 2011)

Byron Bay Film Festival 2011 awarded *Best Byron Bay Film* www.bbff.com.au

Vail Film Festival 2011 www.vailfilmfest.com

Dungog Film Festival 2011 www.dff.org.au

Biographies of cast

Stephen Daddow is the true godfather of long board skateboarding in Australia. At 39 years of age he still dominates both the local and international long board-racing scene, with over 39 gold medals. He also works as a stunt man within the film industry; his latest project was the big budget film Narnia.

Jackson Shapiera is a classic example of the student becoming better than his master, who in this case was Steve Daddow. Jackson is an upcoming young gun from a new school generation of riders. Jackson has most recently competed in the world Championships in Downhill Skateboarding, where he finished at an impressive 2nd place in Germany 17th July 2010.



Full cast and crew

Director
Anthony Fricker

Co-director
Jonatan Lundmark

Writer
Anthony Fricker

Producers
Anthony Fricker, Jonatan Lundmark, Sebastian Lundmark

Executive Producer
John P. Fricker

Editors
Jonatan Lundmark, Sebastian Lundmark, Anthony Fricker

Post production Supervisor
Jonatan Lundmark

Assistant Conforming Editor
Lisbeth Bjornstad

Camera Operators
Anthony Fricker, Gabriel Eliasson

Music Supervisor
Rachael Dean

Sound Mix Engineer
Tom Armstrong
www.strongsounds.com

Sound Design
Dennis Westphal

Narration
Anthony Fricker

Introduction Narration
Stewart Duncan

Narration Recording
Ben Bradley

Motion Graphics
Andreas Raberg

Newspaper Animation
Kurt Nischel
www.nischeldesign.com

3-D Animation
Benjamin Zaugg

Roadmap Animation
Lanny Lesizza Jonatan Lundmark

Colour Grading
Andreas Raberg

DVD Authoring
Andreas Raberg

DVD Menu Design
Edward Samuelsson

DVD Artwork
Austin Moncrieff
www.nitsuaproject.com

Website
Ryan Keable

Music Cue List

Skate Australia strongly supports the local music scene and emerging musicians. All the music in the documentary is from artists based on the east coast of Australia.

"Hook"
STREET SURFIN
Music and Lyrics by
The Traditional Fools
Performed by
The Sulphur Lights
Rohan Dodd
Daniel Dunne
George Browning
www.myspace.com/thesulphurlights

"Pimping the Van"
BUNNYMAN
Music and Lyrics by
A French Butler Called Smith
Performed by
A French Butler Called Smith
Scott French
Brennan Smith
Jake Martin "The Butler"
Liam Dorney "Rasta"
Mark Gibson "Gibbo"
www.myspace.com/afrenchbutlercalledsmith

"Sydney"
LITTLE TIGER
Music and Lyrics by
Micheal Fletcher and James X. Boyd
Performed by
Running Guns
Julien James
Lauren Jenkins
Michael Fletcher
James - X. Boyd
Jeremy Neale
www.myspace.com/runningguns

"Canberra"
SIMON SAYS
Music and Lyrics by
Andy Kovacic & Dylan Marshall
Performed by
Shoebox
Andy Kovacic & Dylan Marshall
www.myspace.com/shoeboxtheband

"The Shire"
GOING ABROAD
Music and Lyrics by
Los Capitanes
Performed by
Los Capitanes
Dave Rodriguez
Tim Kent
Kieran Smits
Nick Lucey
Rob Lee
Julian Barker
Chuck Martin
www.loscapitanes.net

"Getting Ready"
ARTHUR GRAM THE KOMBI VAN MAN
Music and Lyrics by
The Porkers
Performed by
The Porkers
Pete Cooper
Phil 'Bigfil' Barnard
Rodney 'Rocket' Palmer
David 'Gutsy' Gale
Jeremy 'Dr. J' Griffith
Lucian 'Lou' McGuinness
Justin Lipscombe
Courtesy of
Sound System Records
www.theporkers.com

"Slam Section"
TIME TO KILL
Performed by
Fingerprince
www.myspace.com/fingerprincetromso

"Snowy Mountains"
CITIZEN UNIVERSE
Music and Lyrics by
Zahlu
Performed by
Zahlu and the Alchemists of Sound
Zahlu
Cloundhunter
Thierry Fossalle
Jamie Patiugallan
www.myspace.com/zahlu

"Vanton Breaks Down"
BUNNYMAN
Music and Lyrics by
A French Butler Called Smith
Performed by
A French Butler Called Smith
Scott French
Brennan Smith
Jake Martin "The Butler"
Liam Dorney "Rasta"
Mark Gibson "Gibbo"
www.myspace.com/afrenchbutlercalledsmith

"Kincumber"
MARY MARY
Music and Lyrics by
Ofa Fanaika
Performed by
Chocolate Strings
Ofa Fanaika
Altecius Groove
K-pops, Chris McKelliget
Jungles
Matty "Present" C
Saxy Appleby
Nia The Warrior Princess
www.myspace.com/chocolatestrings

"Gold Coast"
Where Do We Go
Music & Lyrics by
Frankie Kimpton
Performed by
Polaroid Fame
Frankie Kimpton
Damain Watts
Mitchel Hill
Zoe Kimpton
Guy Annderton
www.polaroidfame.com

"Dancing"
HEART SEEKER
Music and Lyrics by
Fyah Walk
Performed by
Fyah Walk
Simon Jerrems
Marky Power
Jesse Willaton
Hugh Jones
Stuart Currie
Smurf
Ben "Gfresh" Ganly
Sonia Leeson
www.myspace.com/fyahwalk

"Skate to Work"
YOY!
Music and Lyrics by
The Porkers
Performed by
The Porkers
Pete Cooper
Phil 'Bigfil' Barnard
Rodney 'Rocket' Palmer
David 'Gutsy' Gale
Jeremy 'Dr. J' Griffith
Lucian 'Lou' McGuinness
Justin Lipscombe
Courtesy of
Sound System Records
www.theporkers.com

"Carparks"
MAN WITH A GUN
Music and Lyrics by
The rocketsmiths
Performed by
The rocketsmiths
Dom Miller
Ian Apuli
Luke Hefferan
Dan Michael
Brenty Fitch
Produced by
Magoo and The Rocketsmiths
www.rocketsmiths.com

"Future of Skating"
KARMAGEDDON
Music and Lyrics by
A Delayed Reaction
Performed by
A Delayed Reaction
Ben France
Shaun Fraser
Jake Tredwell
Rick Trewavas
Justin Phillips
Produced by
James Balderston
www.myspace.com/adelayedreaction

"Last Stop"
MEETING PLACE
Music and Lyrics by
Kooii
Performed by
Kooii
Peter Hunt
Lachlan Mitchell
Conan Griffiths
Darcy McNulty
Tom Hinchliffe
Dominic Hede
www.myspace.com/kooii