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Attenberg

Athina Rachel Tsangari's striking drama, set in a Greek factory town by the sea, follows 23-year-old Marina, an unpredictable creature whose isolated habitat and limited human interaction have led her to mimic the repetitive behaviour of animals featured in the David Attenborough documentaries she so hungrily devours. Her world is shaped by her father, a modernist architect whose health is decaying as if in empathy with the concrete buildings he designed; and by her promiscuous friend Bella, who provides her with kissing lessons and tantalising accounts of her own sexual adventures. Tsangari (who produced cast member Yorgos Lanthimos' Oscar®-nominated *Dogtooth*, 2009) applies the camera like a magnifying glass, approaching her small sample of human characters with the intense analytical gaze of the film's scientific hero. (The title is a deliberate mispronunciation of Attenborough's name.) Stylistically bold and featuring a finely choreographed performance by Ariane Labed, the film's emotional trajectory intensifies when Marina begins to experiment with desire and is forced to confront her father's mortality.

Australian Premiere



Athina Rachel Tsangari

Filmmaker Guest Athina Rachel Tsangari

Awards Best Actress (Ariane Labed), Venice Film Festival Director's Bio Athina Rachel Tsangari was born in Greece and obtained masters degrees from both New York University and the University of Texas at Austin. She produced Yorgos Lanthimos' films *Kinetta*, the Academy Award-nominated *Dogtooth* and the forthcoming *Alps*. Her other films include *The Slow Business of Going*.

Country Greece

Runtime 95 mins

Language Greek with English subtitles

Director Athina Rachel Tsangari

Screenwriter Athina Rachel Tsangari

Producer Maria Hatzakou, Yorgos Lanthimos, Athina Rachel Tsangari, Iraklis Mavroidis, Angelos Venetis

Cast Ariane Labed, Vangelis Mourikis, Yorgos Lanthimos

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Fri 10 Jun 2:30 PM Event Cinemas 4



POLICE REPORT

Police appeal for information following robbery - Bondi

Police from the Eastern Suburbs Local Area Command are appealing for public assistance following a robbery in Bondi on Monday. About 3.40pm, (Monday 6 June), two men entered a convenience store on Gould Street, Bondi.

The men walked directly behind the counter and grabbed the female shop attendant and pushed her to the ground.

One of the men held her down, striking her to the back of the head, while the second man grabbed the cash register from the counter. The two men ran from the store with the register, getting into the back of a gold coloured Hyundai sedan that was parked in a nearby street.

A woman, who was driving down Warners Avenue at the time, saw the two men running with the cash register and getting into the vehicle. She attempted to stop the offenders by blocking their path with her car. She later told police she saw a further man in the driver's seat of the stolen vehicle, and they all managed to flee the scene.

The two men that entered the store were described as being of a thin build, and aged between 17 and 20, one was Aboriginal in appearance, while the other was Caucasian.

The man who was seated in the driver's seat of the stolen car has only been described as having dark hair and dark skin.

Anyone with information about this matter is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Man injured following police pursuit - Botany

A Critical Incident Investigation Team has been established to investigate the circumstances surrounding a police pursuit overnight. Shortly before 2am yesterday, (Tuesday 6 June), police patrolling the vicinity of Botany Road, Redfern alerted officers, via VKG, of a motorcycle seen travelling through the area at high speed.

Moments later, police attached to the Botany Bay Local Area Command sighted the motorcycle heading south on Botany Road. Officers activated all warning devices in an attempt to pull the motorcycle over. The rider failed to stop and a pursuit was commenced.

As the rider approached the roundabout on Botany Road, near Foreshore Road, he allegedly lost control and mounted the roundabout colliding with a traffic control signpost. The rider suffered serious injuries and was taken to St Vincent's Hospital where he remains in a serious condition.

A crime scene has been established and detectives from the Critical Incident Investigation Team will investigate the full circumstances surrounding the incident.

Man charged over Smithfield stand-off

A man is due to appear in Fairfield Local Court charged after a six-hour stand off at Smithfield overnight.

Police were called to a house in Jane Street shortly after 9.30pm, responding to reports a man was attempting to break into

the building.

Police spoke with a 40-year-old man who was inside the home. An elderly woman was also in the home; both allegedly refused to leave the premises.

A perimeter was established and negotiators were brought to the scene.

About 3.30am police forced their way into the building and arrested the man.

The man has now been charged with five offences relating to this incident:

- Two counts of use carriage service to threaten to kill;
- Two counts of stalk/intimidate intend fear physical etc harm; and
- Destroy or damage property.

The man was refused bail before his appearance in Fairfield Local Court later today.

Trio arrested after rock throwing - Smith Lake

Police have arrested three people following a rock throwing incident and vehicle fire in the Manning Great Lakes Area last night. About 8:50pm, there were a number of rocks thrown at vehicles on the Lakes Way at Smith Lake, causing extensive damage to a Holden Commodore.

Around the same time, Fire and Rescue NSW extinguished a fire to an unattended Mitsubishi Lancer.

Fortunately, no one was injured in the incidents. Police attended and arrested three people following a foot pursuit and search of bushland.

Two men, aged 21, and a 20 year-old man were taken to Taree Police Station and charged with damage property by fire and destroy and damage property.

They have been granted conditional bail to appear at Foster Local Court, on 6 July.

Police investigate skateboarding incident - Lennox Head

Police are appealing for public assistance after a teenager suffered serious injuries in a skateboarding incident on the State's North Coast at the weekend.

Shortly after midnight, Saturday 4 June, two 19-year-old youths left a hotel in Lennox Head and began to ride home on their skateboards.

A third male, believed to be a friend of the two youths, was driving a maroon Ford Laser in the same direction.

In circumstances that are still being investigated by police, it appears the two youths have grabbed the tailgate of the vehicle and were being towed north along Park Lane.

Police have been told one of the youths let go of the vehicle and fell head-first onto the road. He suffered critical head injuries and was taken Lismore Base Hospital before being transferred to Gold Coast Hospital. He remains in a critical condition.

The two other youths that were involved in the accident are assisting police with their investigations. Officers from the Richmond Local Area Command would like to speak with anyone who may have witnessed the incident, or who may have information about this matter, to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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