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### **Sensory Friendly Screening at Euroa Community Cinema**

The Euroa Community Cinema has geared up again these school holidays with plenty of movies on offer for the whole family.

The school holiday matinees are back and better than ever, kicking off with *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle* [PG] on Wednesday 4 April at 2pm and Saturday 7 April at 4pm.

The second matinee is *Coco* [PG], screening on Wednesday 11 April at 2pm and Saturday 14 April at 4pm.

There will also be a Sensory Friendly Screening of *Coco* [PG] on Friday 13 April at 2pm.

Sensory Friendly Films create a more relaxed environment where children can get up and move around, and where the lights will be turned up and the sound turned down.

This is part of Council's efforts to remove barriers faced by families living with autism and other sensory needs when attending general screenings.

Families may like to access the Social Story prior to attending the cinema to help support children in what to expect before they arrive.

A hearing loop is available for patrons with hearing aids, which will be made available by upon request.

There are also plenty of other screenings over the school holidays for adults, including *Padmaavat* [M] (subtitles), *Sweet Country* [MA15+] and *Phantom Thread* [M].

Mayor Amanda McClaren said the Euroa Community Cinema is a valuable social outlet for residents and visitors to the Strathbogie Shire.

"It is so fantastic to see such an important local asset provide the great opportunities that it does for children during school holidays," Cr McClaren said.

"We have an amazing group of volunteers who give so much to the facility and we appreciate all that they do."

For more information about screenings and to access the Social Story for the Sensory Friendly Screening, please visit the Strathbogie Shire website:

<http://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/tourism/euroa-community-cinema/now-showing>

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