



**PTSD Love Stories documentary to premiere broadcast on ABC
Compass
Sunday 30th May at 8pm**

June 2016 was when Griffith Film School Alumni, Kym Melzer & Arun Ketsirat started collaborating together and filming *Triple Effect – Who Cares for the Carers?* this title changed to *PTSD Love Stories*. 5 years later we are thrilled to announce that [‘PTSD Love Stories’ TV Short will premiere on ABC Compass](#) Sunday 30th May 2021 at 8pm.

Our heart-warming film follows the lives of three female caregivers Katie Tonacia, Kim Hodge and Cathy Sadler whose loved ones are diagnosed with complex PTSD as a result of trauma incurred from working in the Fire, Ambulance, Police and Defence services. Each of the three families highlight different caregiving issues and their stories sheds light on mental health, intergenerational trauma, PTSD, suicide, and stigma in the workplace. The caregivers' families show how they found ways forward to love, care and explore their own identities which can often be lost when caring for others. We are extremely thankful to these beautiful and brave families for sharing their personal trauma stories in the hope of helping others in similar situations. Thank you to our wonderful participant's: Katie, David, Pete, James & Sarah Tonacia & Fenji Stradwick; Kim & Nicholas Hodge; Cathy, Ralph, Sam & Zoe Sadler and Pam & John Corbet.

Huge thanks to Screen Queensland for their generous financial support especially during the difficult COVID-19 year. You can read an article posted by Screen Qld about us [here](#). Thanks also to SQHub community manager Caitlyn Boucher.

Massive thanks to our wonderful team of freelancers for their belief in the film and support in good and tough times. We collaborated with so many talented Queensland crew who are listed below. Thank you everyone, we couldn't have completed this film without you!

Many thanks to Carers Qld, N.T. N.S.W & Tasmania for their continued commitment and support. Exciting news - our feature film *PTSD Love Stories* will be completed in time for Carers Week in October 2021 and we will promote screenings with Q&A with film participants and/or director and producer. Stay tuned!

Heartfelt thanks to our loving family support - Marcus Barber and Rob, Jed & Joseph Melzer. Sincere warm thanks to our parents, siblings and beautiful families, friends & everyone who supported us and helped bring this amazing film to life.

Please join us in celebrating and watch the premiere of 'PTSD Love Stories' film on Compass program Sunday May 30th at 8pm on ABC Plus.

Encore screenings:

Sunday June 6th at 6:30pm on ABC TV

Sunday June 12th on ABC TV at 11:00

and also available on ABC i-view on Demand.

Forever Grateful,

Kym Melzer & Arun Ketsirat

October 2016 Freezing Flashback - photo: Arun & Kym filming at Lake George, NSW and trying to stay warm it was a real challenge for us Queenslanders! Keep an eye out for a series of behind the scenes videos being posted over the coming months.



PTSD LOVE STORIES - CREDITS

Director, Cinematographer & Co-Producer

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