

# Seumas Cooney, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director

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## Background

Born in Timaru, NZ (1974) and grew up in numerous places from Dunedin to Stewart Island; Certificates in Journalism, running a record label, working for DOC (Dept of Conservation), extensive travel and later a course in Film and TV...

## Industry History and Experience

20 years experience in industry (1999) began working as set PA then 3rd & 2nd AD Working solely as a 1st AD since 2003; since then I've worked around 2000 days On Set and around 1500 Prep Days in meetings, scheduling and reconnaissance...

## Film work and 1<sup>st</sup> AD Philosophy

Thorough planning is paramount to any successful shoot. Respect of people and environments, along with a good dose of humour, are the essentials to a well-working set!

## Selection of Work - Feature Films

**Black Christmas (2019)** Blumhouse/Universal, Dir: Sophia Takal, Prod: Adam Hendricks  
*A group of Sorority Girls are stalked by an evil presence Location & Studio, Otago, NZ*

**Harpiks (2018)** Zentropa Productions, Dir: Daniel Borgman, Prod: Katja Adomeit  
*A families isolated island existence turns nightmare Location & Studio, Fyn, Denmark*

**Hunt for the Wilderpeople (2016)** Piki Films, Dir: Taika Waititi, Prod: Carthew Neal  
*An unlikely duo try to escape the law into the wilderness Location shoot, North Island, NZ*

**Love Has No Language (2010)** Dir: Ken Khan; Prod: Prakash Mani  
*A cross cultural love story Location shoot, Auckland, NZ*

**A Song Of Good (2008)** Robbers Dog Films, Dir: Greg King; Prod: Mark Foster  
*A desperate man tries to make his world a better place Location shoot, Auckland, NZ*

## Feature Film Scheduling/Preliminary Scripts

Numerous feature scripts for film financing for local and international producers

## Selection of Work - Television

*By the Balls* (2019) Docu-drama, Rogue Productions  
*Why Does Love?* (2017) Telefeature, Great Southern/TVNZ  
*Auckland Daze* (2013) TVS, Brown Sugar/TVNZ  
*Nothing Trivial* (2012) TVS, SPP/TVNZ  
*Shortland Street* (2002-3) TVS, SPP/TVNZ

## Selection of Work - TVC's

Worked on over 500 television commercials throughout NZ for local and global brands, including...

Products: ANZ, Air NZ, AMI, ASB, BNZ, Bank of Singapore, BMI, Black Yak, BP, 2 Degrees, Codral, The Natural Confectionary Company, Tourism NZ, Mastercard, Tower, Contact, Nissan, Vodafone, ALAC, Stihl, Mitsubishi, VW, Sanitarium, Kia, Anchor, Meridian, Hyundai, Mainland, McDonalds, Holden, Honda, Weetbix, Nintendo, Z, Spark, Ford, Kiwibank, Countdown, New World, NZTA, Eclipse, Cisco, Truvia, Lexus, Burger King, British Midlands, Robinsons, Subaru, Toyota, Mazda, Nestle...