



## ***NEWSLETTER NO. 32 AUGUST, 2015***

### **PRESIDENT RAY EDMONDSON'S MESSAGE:**

## **SUCCESS OF 'FRIDAY WITH FRIENDS'**

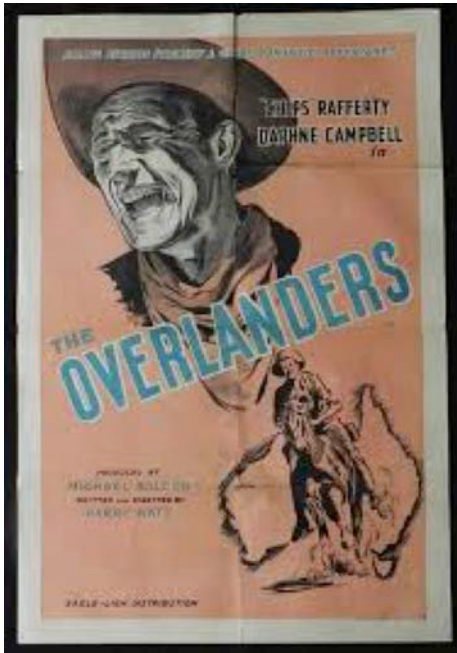
Our monthly "*Friday with Friends*" events are now firmly established. The NFSA is a great place to head just after work for refreshments and socializing before gathering in the theatrette for some unusual and fascinating insights into the NFSA's collection and activities. Our June and July events attracted near capacity houses. **As one guest posted on the Friends' Facebook page, "We had a wonderful time tonight, thank you for organising such fantastic events through the Friends. Really enjoyed the music and the quirky recording traditions of the past."**

On behalf of the Friends, may I congratulate NFSA Board Chair Gabrielle Trainor and NFSA Chief Executive Michael Loebenstein on their reappointment for a further term in their respective roles. The Minister for the Arts Senator George Brandis recently made the announcement and we look forward to their continuing support of the Friends' activities.



**The crowd mingles happily prior to our last 'Friday With Friends' event**

## 2 OUR NEXT FRIDAY WITH FRIENDS EVENT - AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>



Join us at 5.30pm for a 6.00 -7.00 show in the NFSA Theatrette. Drinks and nibbles provided. Free to Friends of the NFSA, gold coin donation for others.

Well-known film historian and critic **Andrew Pike** will discuss the historical importance of **THE OVERLANDERS (1946)** and its role in crystallising the “bushman” character that Chips Rafferty played for the rest of his career. Andrew will show how the distinguishing features of the bushman character were carefully choreographed by British writer-director Harry Watt and will also examine the music score for the film, composed by John Ireland. Ireland, then in his late 60s, wrote only this one film score and it is an early and rare example of rousing heroic music applied to the Australian outback. The vision of both Harry Watt and John Ireland gave us a remarkable film whose values are sometimes hard to register in hind-sight, but in its day had a huge impact, reflected in the film’s popularity world-wide. The talk will be illustrated with short clips from the film and with CD extracts from the soundtrack score.

## CALLING ALL FORMER ARGONAUTS!



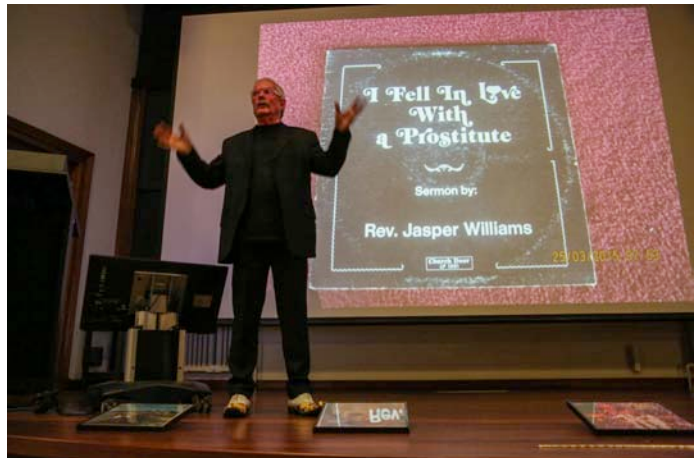
How many former Argonauts are there in Australia? The Argonauts’ page on the Friends’ website has now passed 350 contributions, and counting. Almost nothing survives of this immensely influential ABC radio club, and the recollections of former Argonauts are vital as a means of documenting its place within our audiovisual heritage. If you were a member of the club, and can recall your ship name and number, please visit the page and add your voice and memories. And if you were not – go to the page anyway, and learn why, for decades, this session was such a memorable part of Australian childhood. (For the record, my own ship name and number was Phineas 44.) – **President Ray**



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*Have you missed some of the 'Friday with Friends' Events? Here's a pictorial catch-up for you!*

In **March** David Kilby showed us some of the more astonishing record covers in his collection.



In **June** Sue Terry presented '*A Woman's Job is in the Home*', narrating a selection of cinema and TV ads from the 1920s to the 60s.

In **July** we had a full house for Graham McDonald's cylinder disc technology.





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Graham recorded a brass band and 'Dr Stovepipe' on the spot to show how the cylinder and lacquer disc technology worked.



And of course the Kilby shoes are always an entertainment!



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In **May** Architect Eric Martin took a group of Friends on an architectural tour of our beautiful building.



***Don't forget – four great 'Friday With Friends' coming up!***

***Aug 28<sup>th</sup> – Andrew Pike and 'The Overlanders'***

***Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – Bob Connolly Trilogy*** Bob Connolly and Robyn Anderson spent a decade of their lives sharing the story of first contact between the highland tribes of the PNG and European explorers. **2 pm First Contact / 3.30pm Joe Leahy's Neighbours / 5.30pm refreshments in the Foyer / 6.30pm In discussion with Bob Connolly / 7.30pm Black Harvest**

***Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – Lyn Mills 'A Social Butterfly in Bogong Territory'***

Join well-known Canberra identity Lyn Mills (once host of David Jones Notebook, former Canberra Times, and now City News, social writer and photographer) on a trip down memory lane, looking at some classic and some hilarious scenes of Canberra's past.

***Nov 27<sup>th</sup> – Richard Keys 'Memories of a Film Cameraman'***

Richard Keys, Curator Emeritus with the NFSA, has enjoyed a fascinating career in film. Falling in love with film as a teenager he left university to become a newsreel cameraman.

***All 'Friday with Friends' events (except Sept 25<sup>th</sup>) run from 5.30 to 7.00pm, starting with drinks and nibbles. Free for Friends, gold coin donation for others and early online booking is available (and advisable!) at [www.trybooking.com/IJQX](http://www.trybooking.com/IJQX)***





The Reel McCoy Film Group is a not-for-profit film society that since 1990 has been catering for people interested in cinema, particularly those who would like to see timeless classics and overlooked gems at low cost.

Membership is: \$50 per annum, \$35 for 6 months, or \$20 for 3 months.

Screenings are at 6:00 pm every second Wednesday from February to December. Screenings are divided between **Canberra Museum and Art Gallery** and the **National Library of Australia**. CMAG screenings are usually on the second and last Sundays of each month, at 1:00 *pm*; NLA screenings are usually on the third Wednesday of each month, at 6:00 *pm*.



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