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Calling for Volunteers: like to join the Friends Committee or help out?

Dear Members – we now have over 100 in our Friends family and the Committee desperately needs some more help! There are places vacant on the actual Committee – and we would love to be able form sub-committees from willing volunteers to work on different aspects of our programs.

We need volunteers to help out in the NFSA Library (sadly not staffed now because of financial cuts), to man the Friends desk at Sunday Afternoon at the Arc screenings, to help plan and run our Friends' events on an ad hoc or continuing basis.

The NFSA is a National Treasure – the aim of the Friends of the NFSA is to support its operation and allow access to the marvellous collection through regular companionable activities.

Email archivefriends@gmail.com for further information.

**Or come to the AGM Monday, 11.30 am
21st November in the Library at the NFSA**

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*Cinematic Chapman – Here we come!
Canberra's first filmic Odyssey!*

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The Magical Movie Tour- Cinematic Chapman!

As a fabulous finale for our Friends events this year, how about this!

Did you know that all the streets in the Canberra suburb of Chapman are named after Australian film and theatre personalities? It's unique! Come with us as we tour the suburb in comfort, and through expert narration and film clips we will meet the personalities after whom the streets are named. Among them are Roy Rene Mo, Chips Rafferty, Jocelyn Howarth, Joseph Perry, Arthur Tauchert (the original Sentimental Bloke) and many more.

*You have **never** experienced a coach tour like this before! And we guarantee you'll be surprised by some of the revelations!*

The actual tour within Chapman takes about 2 hours, with a half time break for a cuppa and to stretch legs.

First come, first served – seating is limited!

Date: Thursday 8 December, pick up at 10 am – return by 1 pm

Pick up and return point: Cooleman Court

Price: \$5 for Friends, \$10 for others. Booking:

**All stars of Australian Cinema
– in Chapman????!!!**

**Join the Movie tour and solve
the mystery!**



Don't Forget:
Friends of the NFSA AGM 11.30am
Monday 21st November, in the Library
at the NFSA. Come along – we need
you! Info: email archivefriends@gmail.com

Around the traps; The Lithgow Film Society - Ross Adams.

The Lithgow Valley Film Society was formed in 2002 when the Coordinator moved from Cumnock in Western NSW to Lithgow. The city had not had an operating commercial cinema for over 30 years, even though the three original buildings still existed. One had been converted to a fitness gym, another to a concert hall and used for stage shows. The third, the Theatre Royal still has the 70mm projectors, the Dress Circle, stage and screen. The downstairs area was converted for use as a disco and restaurant but has not been in use for some eight years. The nearest commercial cinemas are at Mount Victoria, Katoomba and Bathurst.

The Lithgow Valley Film Society has around 250 members and screens in a converted double shop area owned by Lithgow City Council. A peppercorn rent allows the Society to function economically with screenings every fortnight and often weekly catering for the older members of the community. Andrew Pike. OAM, and the former Mayor of Lithgow, Cr. Maree Statham are Patrons.

The screening policy is a mix of new releases, usually on the first weekend of the month and classic movies on the third weekend. Additional screenings are programmed for special events such as Anzac Day, Australia Day, Queen's Birthday Weekend, Remembrance Day and often mini festivals to celebrate the lives of famous actors.

Guest presenters are also a feature of the society's program and have included Andrew Pike, Richard Keys and Anthony Buckley. Generally on the last Sunday of each month a special documentary program – "artSUNDAY" is run featuring movies that do not appear in mainstream cinemas and in many cases even in film societies. This year quite a few from the Ronin Films catalogue have been screened to record attendances. The "artSUNDAY" sessions are preceded with drinks and savouries as well as an interval where coffee and cakes are served.

The society uses 16mm, 35mm and DVD projection, the latter mainly for new releases. Movie rights are accessed from the major distributors. The Lithgow group is one of only a few in Australia to screen more than once a month and without a break throughout the year. The group has sole use of the shop area which has been converted as a 63 seat cinema with comfortable cinema seats, curtained screen and dimming lights. There is even a chandelier in the auditorium. All ratios can be projected on the 18foot screen which is fabricated from a special reflective material giving a brilliant image. The average attendance is around 30 members with some sessions attracting 50 or more.

Special sessions are run for community groups as fund-raisers and a Pre-Movie Dinner followed by a movie is held quarterly on a Friday evening, using a nearby Motel Restaurant for the meal.

The Lithgow group is a registered member of the Australian Film Societies Federation and members of other registered film societies and cinema-related groups such as "The Friends" are always welcome to attend sessions as visitors.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Coordinator on 02 6353 1897 or by emailing lawsonco@tpg.com.au



FRIENDS! : Don't forget that every Sunday afternoon you can settle in for an *discounted* afternoon of cinematic delights. With an emphasis on the NFSA's collection of 35mm and 16mm treasures, you can enjoy a very special selection of rare, cult, classic, experimental and otherwise neglected treasures of international cinema.

For more information about the program, please check this link:

<http://nfsa.gov.au/calendar/clusters/films-film/>

TO OBTAIN YOUR DISCOUNT:

* Online Ticket Purchase: Go to the TryBooking link - <https://trybooking.com/LAEF> - and select the number of full-priced adult tickets you wish to purchase. Proceed to the payment page where you'll find a DISCOUNT CODE/SPECIAL OFFERS field at the bottom of the page. Enter NFSAFRIENDS in this field and hit APPLY. 50% will then be deducted from full-priced adult ticket(s) ordered and a price of \$7 per ticket will be shown. (NOTE: This will not work if you order Concession Tickets)

Over the Counter: Present your FRIENDS membership card when purchasing your ticket on the Sunday afternoon to receive tickets for \$7.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for people to join our friendly volunteer crew at the NFSA. If you like indexing, or working with databases, or reading film journals, this might be for you as our job is to index film journal articles for an international database. Training will be provided!
WHEN: Wednesdays, 2.30-4.30pm (you can offer weekly, fortnightly, monthly, ad hoc, as suits your schedule)

WHERE: NFSA Library. If you would like to take part or would like to find out more first, please email Sue Terry at archivefriends@gmail.com



Like to keep in touch a new way?



Find the Friends on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/NFSAFriends

Sign up to the NFSA's online newsletter to receive advance notification of NFSA events!

<http://www.nfsa.gov.au/community/newsletters/>

It's worth regularly checking the Friends' website and Facebook page to keep up with what's happening. These will soon be complemented by a new Friends' membership brochure, and a leaflet setting out a potted history of the NFSA

The 2016 Friends of the NFSA Committee:

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