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KIM WILLIAMS SPEAKS ON *DUTY OF CARE* TO INAUGURATE FRIENDS' WALLACE LECTURE SERIES

Prominent media executive and public policy commentator Kim Williams AM will inaugurate the annual Rod Wallace Memorial lecture series for the Friends of the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) in November. His presentation *Why bother? Reflections on the duty of care to Australians' creativity* will be illustrated with a cavalcade of selections from Australia's film, television, recorded sound and radio heritage. Hosted by the Friends, the event is also supported by the NFSA and will be held in its Arc Cinema, commencing at 6 for 6.30 pm on 17 November.

Mr Williams' long involvement in the arts, entertainment and media industries since the late 1970s has included terms as chief executive at each of News Corporation Australia, FOXTEL, Fox Studios Australia, the Australian Film Commission, Southern Star Entertainment and Music Viva. He has held numerous board positions in commercial and public life, including chairman, successively, of the Australian Film Finance Corporation, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Musica Viva Australia, the Sydney Opera House Trust and Commissioner of the Australian Football League. Since 2018 he has served as Chairman of the Thomson Reuters Trustees.

In 2006 Mr Williams was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for services to the arts and public policy formulation in the creative industries. His 2019 paper for the Whitlam Institute, *Whitlam, the Arts and Democracy* is recognized as a comprehensive analysis and historical record of the Whitlam government's achievement in Australian arts policy.

The Friends of the NFSA have established the Rod Wallace Memorial lecture series to commemorate the pioneering achievement of Roderick Wallace AM. During 32 years of service at the National Library of Australia (1945-1977) as an innovator, advocate and mentor, he oversaw the development of its special collections, including film, music and sound recordings, and laid the foundations that would enable eventual the creation of the NFSA as a separate institution in 1984. While the choice of topic is left to the speaker, the lecture series aims to reflect aspects of the preservation and dissemination of the audiovisual heritage.

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For expanded information on Kim Williams and Rod Wallace, go to the Friends website <https://tinyurl.com/3r7axvhy>