



NEWSLETTER NO. 43 AUGUST 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Friends welcome the re-opening of the NFSA's exhibition hall with "Heath Ledger: A Life in Pictures" on August 10th. It is going to be well worth a visit!

And we have a very special opportunity for Friends to take part – see below!

If you have not yet done so, take a moment to check out the Friends' submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Canberra's National Institutions

<http://www.archivefriends.org.au/images/stories/2018/submission013.pdf>

While one never knows the timeline for such inquiries, nor can the outcomes be anticipated, it does at least mean that issues are put on record. The Deputy Chair of the Inquiry, Gai Brodtman MP, was recently interviewed on ABC Radio National about its progress, and she paid the Friends the compliment of citing our submission as the best of all those that the Inquiry had received.

Check this issue for our forthcoming Friday with Friends events at BOTH NFSA (early evening) and CMAG (afternoons). A varied selection!

Ray Edmondson
President

SPECIAL OFFER TO FRIENDS OF THE NFSA!

We have been offered 20 places to the VIP red carpet opening of the wonderful 'Heath Ledger- A Life in Pictures' exhibition at the NFSA, this Friday night at 5.30pm



The first 20 Friends to contact secretary Sue Terry archivefriends@gmail.com will join the guest list to the official opening of this stunning new exhibition.

Note: this offer is only available to financial members of the FriendsNFSA

***Friday with Friends at CMAG:
Our Afternoon Winter and Spring Programs.
We're continuing our very successful program of events for Friends in the
convenient and central Canberra Museum and Gallery in Civic Square***

Friday 17 August 2.30 – 3.30:

UNKNOWN FRANK HURLEY

Adventurous cinematographer Frank Hurley is best remembered for his extraordinary work in Antarctica and Papua New Guinea, but his career was diverse. He was an official cameraman during World War I and did other freelance work. At Sydney's Cinesound Studio in the 1930s he turned his talents to feature films and travelogues. This will be a presentation of three of his quirky short documentaries *Jewel of the Pacific (Lord Howe Island)*, *The Australian Flight 1919* and *Treasures of Katoomba: a ramble midst crags and dales*. Hurley had an inimitable style, especially when he insisted on doing his own narrations.



Friday 21 September 2.30 – 3.30

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Friday 12 October 2.30 – 3.30:

CANBERRA'S YESTERDAYS

Old Canberra on film: revisit the naming of the city in 1913, then take in a 1934 travelogue inviting tourists to visit their Federal Capital and its "sylvan glades"! Be excited by a 1965 National Capital Development Commission documentary on *The Future Canberra* - which begs the question: did everything turn out as planned?



Friday 16 November 2.30 – 3.30:

MGM - THE GREAT MOVIE SHORTS

'Do it big, do it right, give it class' was the credo of MGM boss, Louis B Mayer, who ran Hollywood's most prestigious studio of the 1930s and 1940s. This standard distinguished its short subjects as well as its feature films, as this selection from the golden age proves: a Pete Smith speciality on "Movie Pests", a John Nesbitt Passing Parade "Of Pups and Puzzles", an Our Gang (aka Little Rascals) comedy and Robert Benchley's classic "A Night at the Movies".



There is plenty of parking adjacent to the Canberra Museum and Gallery in Civic Square, or in the Canberra Centre. The bus interchange is close, too.

Join us for coffee beforehand at the CMAG Café.

NFSA Friends and CMAG members free, or by gold coin donation.

NFSA Restores is an exciting program to digitise, restore and preserve, at the highest archival standards, classic and cult Australian films so they can be seen on the big screen in today's digital cinemas.

The collection belongs to all Australians but it is fragile. Films, tapes, recordings, photographs and costumes can all deteriorate over time and need constant care.

The NFSA is always working to preserve Australia's audio-visual collection and make it available to as many people as possible. The Committee decided it would be appropriate for the Friends of the NFSA to support this important venture with a \$1000 donation.

Individuals may also wish to donate – and can do so at the

NFSA: <https://www.nfsa.gov.au/about/our-mission/support-us/nfsa-restores-campaign>

***We're thrilled to announce that our popular
FRIDAY WITH FRIENDS EVENINGS
are back – at our home, the NFSA!***

FRIDAY 21 September 5.30 – 7.00

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BY POPULAR REQUEST THIS IS A REPRISE OF DAVID'S CMAG (AFTERNOON) SESSION.

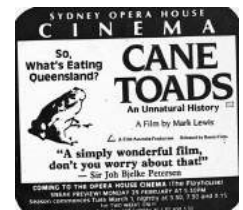


Friday 19 October 5.30 - 7.00

ANDREW PIKE 'ADVENTURES IN THE FILM TRADE'

Andrew Pike will take us on a journey through the Australian film trade, viewed from the perspective of a Canberra-based distributor and exhibitor. As the principal of

distribution company Ronin Films, and the operator of the fondly remembered Electric Shadows cinemas, Andrew's pictorial presentation focuses on what he describes as the "bizarre and forgotten" aspects of the field. There'll be opportunity for questions and answers.



Friday 23 November 5.30 - 7.00

BARRY YORK: REACHING FOR THE STARS

Barry York grew up as a latchkey kid in the industrial suburb of Brunswick, Melbourne. A dedicated television viewer, in 1964, aged 13, he wrote a fan letter to Rod Serling, creator of The Twilight Zone television series. Serling replied with a beautiful black-and-white autographed photo. Thrilled beyond words, and thoroughly inspired, Barry took up his letter writing as a hobby and today has well over a hundred autographed photos sent to him by 'stars' ranging from Bobby Limb and Dawn Lake through to Jim Backus, Ray Walston, John Cleese, Leslie Nielsen and both Ronnies (Barker and Corbett, separately). He will present a PowerPoint of a sample of his autographed photos, each with a story. Oh yes, and he kept the envelopes too - of course!



ANOTHER REPRISE OF A VERY POPULAR CMAG AFTERNOON EVENT

**AND AGAIN, BY POPULAR DEMAND WE ARE RE-RUNNING
ONE OF OUR FABULOUS FRIENDS' EVENTS!**

Musical Mystery Tour of Moncrieff



Join the **Friends of the NFSA** on a mystery coach tour of the new Canberra suburb of Moncrieff (named after famous Australian singer Gladys Moncrieff - 'Our Glad') where all the streets are named after well-known Australian musical identities. Our own well-known musical identity **David Kilby** will be our guide, playing the songs and film clips to accompany his expert commentary as we cruise the streets, spotting celebrity names and stopping en route for afternoon tea.

It's the 'Glad All Over' Sunday Special!

SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER 1.30 -3.30

BOOKING DETAILS OUT SOON

Friends \$5, Public \$10

CALLING for VOLUNTEERS!



Are you interested in film culture?

If you would like to help the committee in some way - perhaps with our events or publicity, for example - we are also interested to hear from you. You may wish to man the desk on NFSA Film Nights, or give introductions to the films shown on these occasions.

To offer your services or to find out more about any of these, please email Sue Terry at archivefriends@gmail.com



The Friends would like to acknowledge the support of the IT firm, Blue Packets, in hosting our website.



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It's worth regularly checking the Friends' website and Facebook page to keep up with what's happening.

The 2018 Friends of the NFSA Committee:

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