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‘Meet Oscar’- A White Glove Event



Come along and see, up close, Australia's first 'Oscar' and the Cinesound Newsreel 'Kokoda Front Line' which won it!

The Friends are very excited to present this first of our special 'Members Only' events, an event with a focus on wartime newsreels that provides privileged access to the NFSA collections icons, under the guidance of curator Meg Labrum.

Participants will be able to get a close up view, and to touch, Australia's first 'Oscar', awarded to producer/director Ken G. Hall in 1942 for the Cinesound Review newsreel #568, "Kokoda Front Line", filmed by Damien Parer.

There will be a meet/greet/chat display of related items/artefacts such as posters and scrapbooks in the exhibition hall, relating to Ken G Hall and Damien Parer. In the theatrette there will be a screening of Kokoda Front Line (10 mins) and the newsreel episode of "The Australian Image" TV series (25 mins) to provide context, introduced by the producer (Ray Edmondson) and (if available) film historian Andrew Pike and former Movietone employee Richard Keys.

Wine/cheese/ nibbles in foyer from 5 pm. Evening starts 5.30 pm and concludes 7pm

BOOK NOW!

Friday 22nd August 5pm-7pm \$15 per head

Members and partners only.

[Click here to book.](#) Bookings essential.

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PRESIDENT RAY'S MESSAGE:

Big changes are afoot at the NFSA as it rearranges its structure and activities to adjust to the rapidly increasing demands of preserving and providing access to digital media. As I write, CEO Michael Loebenstein is in the process of conducting a series of consultations with stakeholders across the country to explain what is happening, and to seek feedback and ideas. Members of the Friends are NFSA stakeholders, too, and YOUR input is invited. You can put your comments on the blog on the Friends website and/or you can email Michael - Michael.Loebenstein@nfsa.gov.au ... but first check out the Draft Strategic Plan at <http://www.nfsa.gov.au/calendar/?type=nfsa-where-we-are-heading> for the background. – *Ray Edmondson*

Coming soon: Another event of interest to our Friends!

6 pm Wednesday 3 September at the National Library Theatre



Free to Friends, a screening of the Ken G.Hall epic biopic about Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith. Made in 1946, 'Smithy' stars Ron Randell in a landmark film in which former Prime Minister Billy Hughes, Smithy's radio operator John Stannage and co-pilot P.G. Taylor play themselves. The plane *Southern Cross* was flown for the last time during the making of this film. You'll be seeing a rarely shown, pristine 35mm print from the NFSA's collection.

Regular Film/Sound Friends events: The Committee has been working hard to arrange, with the NFSA, a series of events that will allow Friends to access the treasures held by the Archive, to explore interesting aspects of the collections and to meet those with similar interest in our wonderful Film and Sound Archive.

Keep an eye out for the announcement of the first of these 'specials'!

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The stunning new NFSA Theatrette where we held our last Special Event – ‘An Evening with Tony Buckley’. If you missed this, you can find a copy of Tony’s thought-provoking speech on our Friends website.

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY! Thirty years ago in 1984 the creation of the NFSA was announced in Parliament by Arts Minister Barry Cohen. We’ll be arranging some special **BIRTHDAY EVENTS** to mark the occasion – more info later!

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