



## **NEWSLETTER NO. 33 OCTOBER, 2015**

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

## **THANKS TO THE FRIENDS – THE NFSA LIBRARY REOPENS!**

Members will be pleased to learn that the NFSA Library is open again – albeit just one afternoon a week at this stage, and staffed by a keen group of volunteers who are also shouldering the task of preparing the NFSA's regular contribution to the International Film Periodical Index maintained by FIAF (International Federation of Film Archives). It's our view that volunteer effort will be of increasing importance to an NFSA under budgetary pressure, and this involvement will grow. The challenge is to find tasks and activities that can be effectively carried out by volunteers in ways that complement the ongoing work of staff members.



If you are in Canberra on a Wednesday afternoon between 2.30 and 4.30pm, come in and say hello. And, if you'd like to join the volunteers, please contact us at [archviefriends@gmail.com](mailto:archviefriends@gmail.com)

## **OUR NEXT FRIDAY WITH FRIENDS EVENT – OCTOBER 30TH**



### **LYN MILLS – ‘ A SOCIAL BUTTERFLY IN BOGONG TERRITORY’**

Join well-known Canberra identity Lyn Mills on a trip down memory lane. Lyn is a former Canberra Times (currently City News) social writer and photographer and has been a feature of Canberra media for many years. In the 1970s and 80s Lyn hosted the ‘David Jones Notebook’ segment on CTC 7 and was involved with many aspects of Canberra life. We’ll hear Lyn’s recollections of this time as well as viewing some of the archive material –a fascinating and at times hilarious look at our past!

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.

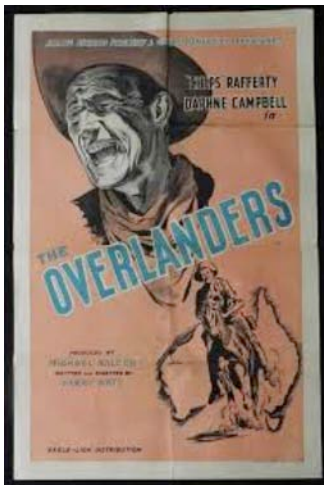
### ***More from President Ray-***

“Friday with Friends” has now become a monthly fixture on the NFSA calendar and we’ve had some highly enjoyable and varied presentations in recent months, each preceded by a well-catered sociable half hour.

***The Events Subcommittee is now preparing a slate of activities for 2016, and ideas for “Friday” events are always welcome. Do you have any? Don’t hold back: put a note on the website or send us an email!***

***Here’s a pictorial catch-up on our August and September events.***

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Film historian Andrew Pike took us on a trip back in time to discuss the wonderful musical soundtrack for the 1946 Australian masterpiece 'The Overlanders'

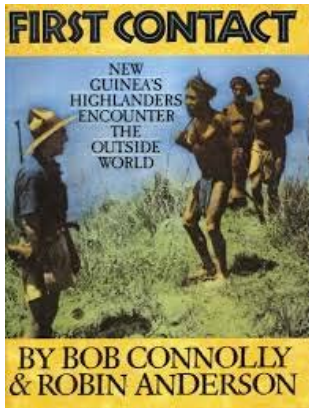


*'The Overlanders' – our Friday With Friends August event with Andrew Pike.*



*In September, the famous documentary maker Bob Connolly introduced his wonderful 'Highlands Trilogy' films about Papua New Guinea.*





**Our Friends audience was captivated by Bob's discussion session and Q & A. And the refreshments were great, too!**

***IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN - ADVANCE NOTICE FOR THE AGM.***

**This year's AGM will be held in the library at the NFSA at 11.30am on Monday 30 November 2015.**

**The agenda, including information about how to nominate for the committee, will be sent to current financial members in November.**

**We will not hold an event with this year's AGM, but we invite all who attend to join us for lunch (at own cost) at a venue in the vicinity of the NFSA."**

# MORE INFORMATION SNIPPETS

Did you know the NFSA is now producing an e-newsletter? You can sign up for it at <http://nfsa.gov.au/newsletters/>

All Friends are invited to attend the Reel McCoy screening of 'The Sentimental Bloke' in the National Library theatre, 5.30 pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Friend's members will be admitted free, and drinks and nibbles will be served. **This will be the final Reel McCoy screening at the NLA – in future all reel McCoy screenings will be in the CMAG Theatre.**

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

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

## ***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 Key's 'Memories of a Film Cameraman'***

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

## **Wed February 2<sup>th</sup> – A Friends’ ‘SPECIAL’**

### **JP McGowan: Hollywood’s first Australian**

David Donaldson talks about the career of JP MacGowan, the trail blazing Australian actor and filmmaker who was a pioneer in Hollywood, laying the path for the likes of Errol Flynn, Chips Rafferty and Peter Finch. Followed by the film **Guns and Guitars** (1938). Lecture 10am, 11am film/Arc/Free to members. Online booking [www.trybooking.com/JJEl](http://www.trybooking.com/JJEl)

***All ‘Friday with Friends’ events 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)***



Thanks to Sabine Freidrich for her lovely views of the building and photos of our social events.



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Friends of the National Film and Sound Archive

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