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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

At our well-attended Annual General Meeting we were able to reflect on a successful year for the Friends, including new ventures such as the monthly CMAG presentations, the bus tours, and our active participation in the Canberra International Film Festival (CIFF) in October/November. A widening roster of volunteers maintained a Friends table in the NFSA foyer throughout CIFF, where merchandise was sold as well as new memberships welcomed. The Friends' healthy financial position enabled us to participate as a sponsor of CIFF, as well as to make a significant cash donation to the NFSA's current film restoration project. If you want to read more, I refer you the President's annual report on the website.

We established early contact in October with the NFSA's new CEO, Jan Muller, and look forward to collaborating with him as he comes to grips in the new year with the considerable challenges facing the institution.

Ray Edmondson

The President and Committee of the Friends wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you enjoy a safe and peaceful holiday break.



Our Summer program is looking great!

Fridays with Friends @ CMAG

We're continuing our very successful program of events for Friends (and the public) in the convenient central location of the Canberra Museum and Gallery in Civic Square.

Friday 19th January 2.30pm

THE PICTURES THAT MOVED: AUSTRALIAN CINEMA 1896-1920



The birth of the Australian film industry coincided with Federation, and this compilation film tracks its first two decades. Directed by Alan Anderson and scripted by Joan Long, it was released in 1968 and was a revelation to audiences. Subsequent "finds" by the National Film and Sound Archive have fleshed out some of the gaps in our early film history, and Ray Edmondson will give an introduction bringing the story up to date.

Friday 9th February 2.30 pm:

THE PASSIONATE INDUSTRY: AUSTRALIAN CINEMA 1920-1930



Directed by Joan Long, this sequel to THE PICTURES THAT MOVED surveys Australian silent films produced during the "roaring twenties", until the advent of sound films and the arrival of the Great Depression swept away the small production companies which had sustained Australia's distinctive presence on the screen, and changed everything. The contextual introduction will include a surprising Canberra connection.

Join us for a coffee in the Museum café before the program

NSFA friends and CMAG members free, or by gold coin donation.

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.

And then, another great Friends event. By popular demand we will again run -

THE MAGICAL MOVIE TOUR- CINEMATIC CHAPMAN!

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 'Mo' Rene, 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 (unless of course you came on our Musical Moncrieff Coach Tour earlier this year!) 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 the legs.

DATE: SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, PICK UP AT 1.30 – RETURN BY 4 PM.

Pick up/return point: **Kambah Shops**. Price: \$10 for Friends, \$15 for others.

Booking: www.trybooking.com/TLKK

Don't delay – our last trip was a sell out!

All stars of Australian Cinema – in Chapman! Who are they? Join us and find out!





A beautiful exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery and an exciting collaboration with the NFSA. Friends are entitled to some great discounts to screenings at the ARC Theatre and the exhibition at the Portrait Gallery.

The National Portrait Gallery has agreed that currently financial members of the Friends of the NFSA can enter the STARSTRUCK exhibition currently on display at the NPG for the same ticket price as their members, that is, for \$8 instead of \$12.

The NFSA has advised that they will offer Friends of the NFSA our 50% discount on tickets deal for ALL screenings in the Starstruck season, regardless of which day they are on, until 22 December this year. (We will advise you of arrangements for 2018, when they are finalised).

You can see the full program for the Starstruck season, and download a pdf of the program, here: <https://www.nfsa.gov.au/events/starstruck-australian-movie-portraits>

However, please note that the NFSA has implemented a new online ticketing system, and we have a new code for obtaining the discount when you buy tickets online.



The new code is NFSAfriends17 - Just enter the discount code when prompted at checkout.

The Friends of the NFSA held its Annual General Meeting on 15th November, 2017, at which the following members were elected to the Committee for 2018:

President: Ray Edmondson
Vice-President: Chris Harrison
Secretary: Sue Terry
Treasurer: Chris Emery
Committee Members: David Kilby, Lindy Ross, Tony Briscoe
Public Officer: Jude Briscoe

CALLING for VOLUNTEERS! 🙌🙌🙌

Are you interested in film culture? Do you like working with databases?

If so you may like to join our little band of volunteers who are indexing film journals, like Metro and Senses of Cinema, for the NFSA's contribution to an international database. Training will be provided! We work on Wednesdays, in the NFSA's gorgeous library from 2.30 to 4.30pm. You can offer weekly, fortnightly, monthly, ad hoc, as suits your schedule.

If this is not your thing, but 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.



Find the Friends on Facebook
[www.facebook.comNFSAFriends](https://www.facebook.com/NFSAFriends)

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:

President: Ray Edmondson, Vice President: Chris Harrison, Secretary: Sue Terry, Treasurer: Chris Emery, Committee: David Kilby, Lindy Ross, Tony Briscoe. Public Officer: Jude Briscoe, Newsletter Editor: Lindy Ross

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