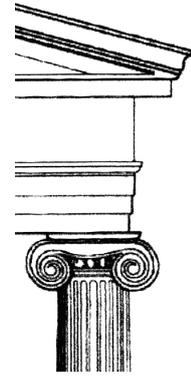


ADFAS Blue Mountains Inc.

# Newsletter

Spring, 2019



Sharryn Ryan  
Chair

On 27 July 2009, ADFAS Lecturer Charlotte Natty, then National Chair of ADFAS, gave the first ADFAS Blue Mountains lecture Discovery, Diggers and Adornment. Ten years on, ADFAS Blue Mountains may have changed committee members, venue, and day of the week but much remains the same – high quality lectures, the ongoing interest of members and those delicious afternoon teas that all take place in the historically significant Wentworth Falls School of Arts. It is a privilege I know we are all well aware of.

To celebrate the first ten years, the committee has organised a special celebration for Monday, 16 September 2019. The event is in two parts, and will be held at two other iconic mountain venues – Mount Vic Flicks at Mount Victoria and Everglades Historic Art Deco House and Gardens at Leura.

At 10.30 am at Mount Vic Flicks we enjoy an ADFAS only screening of a 1977 Australian film-

## *The Picture Show Man.*

Set in NSW in the 1920s, *Pym* (John Meillon) presents silent films to people in the backblocks, with his rebellious son Larry (Harry Hopkins) and dapper piano-player Freddie (Jon Ewart). When the projector breaks down, Pym likes to distract the audience with a song and dance. However, a damned Yankee rival Palmer (Rod Taylor) enters the scene

with a motor-car instead of cart and horse, and the latest gear and a hapless sidekick Lou, who is appropriately played by Garry McDonald. What follows is a mix of adventures involving horses, racing, runaway carriages, flammable film, new-fangled film sound, and some cameo performances from stars such as Judy Morris (who imitates Isadora Duncan). Nostalgic and a great deal of fun, it proves well worth its three Australian film awards for 1977.

At the conclusion of the film, we move to Everglades Garden, 37 Everglades Avenue, Leura for lunch from 1.15 – 3.00 pm where a two course sit down lunch with pre-lunch drinks and canapés has been arranged. For information on how to book you'll need to pick up a Registration Card from the front desk. The day is primarily for ADFAS Blue Mountains members, however guests are welcome so please advise when making your booking.

Registrations close on 1 September 2019. Should you need transport to either event it can be arranged by speaking to a Committee Member. I look forward to seeing you there.

2020 series of lectures covers an amazing variety of subjects including A.A.Milne, Miss Fisher's Wardrobe, The Age of Jazz, Antarctica, and Renaissance Italian Villas and Gardens. It promises to be an outstanding year of eclectic lectures.

One other important annual event is our AGM on Friday, 13 December, Leura Fairways, 6pm. I do hope you will come and support the Committee who has done a sterling job over the past year and afterwards join us for the annual Christmas celebration.

...Sharryn Ryan

### International Proverbs

- Do not look where you fell, but where you slipped. (African)
- A wise man never knows all only fools know everything. (African)
- Only a fool tests the depth of the water with both feet. (African)

## UPCOMING LECTURES

27 September

**Colin Davies** – *'Living without Architecture - the story of the prefabricated home'*

The last two lectures for the year are on a similar topic, but could not be more different. This is the story of the development of prefabricated housing, simple, smart and stylish, and what its exciting future might hold.



25 October

**Anthony Russell** – *'The Power and the Glory of British Country Houses - their Evolution and Changing Role'*

Minutely detailed, exquisitely hand-crafted (and costing a great deal of money to maintain), these so-called country houses, from elaborate cottages to mansions, leave an indelible mark on the British landscape. and tirelessness.



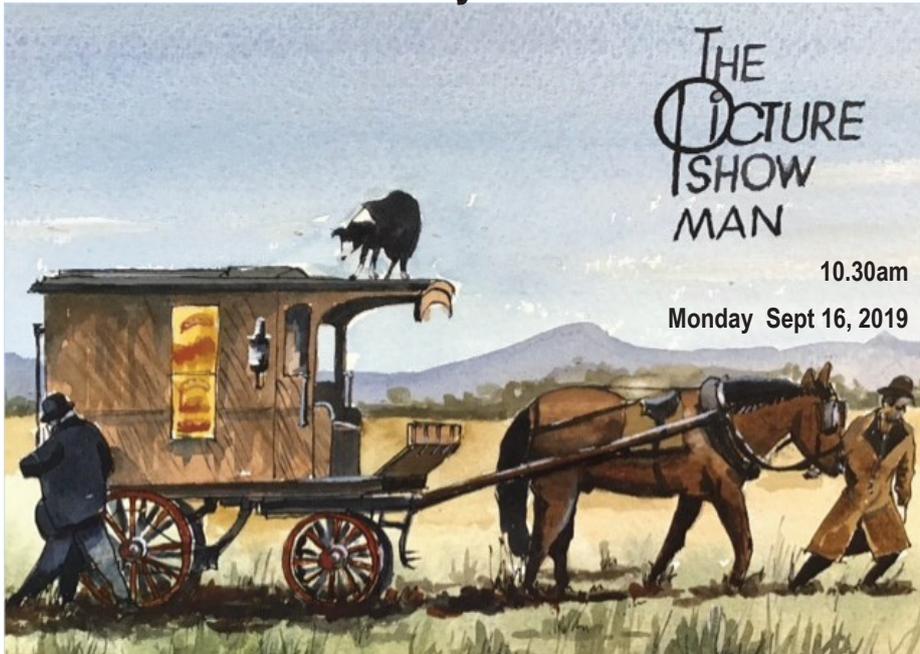
## ADFAS Blue Mountains Annual General Meeting

Friday 13 December 2019 – 6pm

FAIRWAYS

19-21 Fitzroy St, Leura  
Christmas Party  
at the end of the meeting

## ADFAS 10th Anniversary *Mount Vic Flicks*



### **LIGHT and SOUND MAN**

As we enter the Wentworth Falls School of Arts for ADFAS lectures Rob Clyne is already waiting to start the technical side of things. Rob is our audio-visual technician, and tells how digitisation has advanced, even in the seven years he has been our technocrat. With today's high definition short throw projector, Rob can direct from the side and closer to the screen, instead of taking up valuable space in the centre of the front rows.



His problems now are more to do with sorting out the equipment the lecturer provides. Which means for over an hour before proceedings, Rob will be adapting equipment for powerpoint or different brands of laptop, some needing different connections or perhaps he will need to run extra cabling. He also controls the hall lighting as bright light was a problem at the first Blue Mountains ADFAS lecture held in the Grammar School Chapel.

Rob was always interested in photography and film and as a student at Greystanes High ran the school cinema, and later worked at the Edge as Head Projectionist.

He gained a traineeship at Channel 7, working on Australian dramas, news and sport and at North Sydney Technical College he received an advanced diploma in television operations.

So we are in good hands. Having sorted out likely hiccups, Rob can listen to the lectures, and says 'they have certainly opened my eyes over the years, so varied, interesting and different'. As they are for our members, with thanks for Rob's quiet efficiency.

### **AROUND THE MOUNTAINS**

#### **DIANA DOHERTY & FRIENDS**

Blue Mountains Theatre, Springwood  
29 September - 2.30pm

Diana Doherty described as an "Australian legend and one of the country's finest classical musicians" is currently Principal Oboist with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. She will be joined by Alexandre Oguey, Principal Cor Anglais of the SSO and Bernadette Harvey on piano for a delightful classical program by JS Bach, Ennio Morricone (Italian composer who writes for jazz, pop and rock as well as classical music) and Brahms.



Bookings via phone, 4723 5050, or box office, 104-108 Macquarie Rd, Springwood.

### **2020 Lecture Series**

**7 February**

**Susannah Fullerton** – 'A.A. Milne: English author and playwright'

**20 March**

**Catherine Wallace** – 'A Tale of Two Barbaras: Barbara Hepworth and Barbara Tribe'

**17 April**

**Robert Clancy** – 'Antarctica: A Global Village'



**29 May**

**Alan Reid** – 'Phrases and Savings: The Etymology of the City of London.'

**26 June**

**Kathleen Olive** – 'Renaissance Italian Villas and gardens and their afterlife'

**24 July**

**Kate Strasdin** – 'Dress Detective: Miss Fisher's Wardrobe Revealed'



**28 August**

**Dr Caroline Shenton** – 'Packing up the Nation'

**25 September**

**Sandy Burnett** – 'The Age of Jazz'

**30 October**

**Kathy McLaughlan** – 'Urban Noir: Edward Hopper's Nighthawks'

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