

MEDIA RELEASE

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**RELIVE LIFE IN 50s AND 60s WAIKERIE ON FILM
AT
COLLECTORS/COLLECTIONS: WAIKERIE FILMS
25-27 MAY 2018**

Relive life in 50s and 60s Waikerie at the upcoming three-day event **Collectors/Collections: Waikerie Films** which celebrates Waikerie on film. The large-scale film event will showcase a selection of historical 8mm films made by local residents, and include a series of shop front screenings, video projections on town walls, and a gala film event.

In addition, a highlight of the event will be the screening of Waikerie Filmo Club films made between 1951-1958, a period of time when the club was actively making short artistic films, including such classics as *The Chemist*, *The Body in the Bag*, *Ole in the Road* and *Family Troubles*.

Artists Nadia Cusimano and Paul Gazzola have worked with the Waikerie Film Preservation Group, Waikerie District Historical Society and Open Space Contemporary Arts over a three-year period to connect with locals to create a major film collection for preservation. These films form an integral part in recording the town's cultural history.

"This project reveals how specialization and the personal provides the catalyst for a unique and socially inclusive cultural project about people, local history, diversity and the evolution of the Waikerie community's post war development," said artist Paul Gazzola.

Nadio Cusimano added, "Collectors/Collections: Waikerie Films directly engages with local Waikerie residents to enhance the cultural vibrancy of the greater community and their identity".

Along with the screenings, a three DVD set of collected films and a booklet has been produced which will serve to preserve Waikerie's history for future generations.

"Preserving a unique insight into the history of Waikerie," – Jan Heppner, Waikerie resident and film collector.

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Key Dates:

25 – 27 May – Three day exhibition at the Waikerie Institute, McCoy Street | Waikerie

25 – 27 May – A series of shop front screenings, McCoy Street | Waikerie

25 May – 6 to 9pm | Video projections on Waikerie walls | Francis and McCoy Street, Waikerie

26 May – 7 to 10pm | Gala event and launch of project booklet and three DVD set of edited films

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