

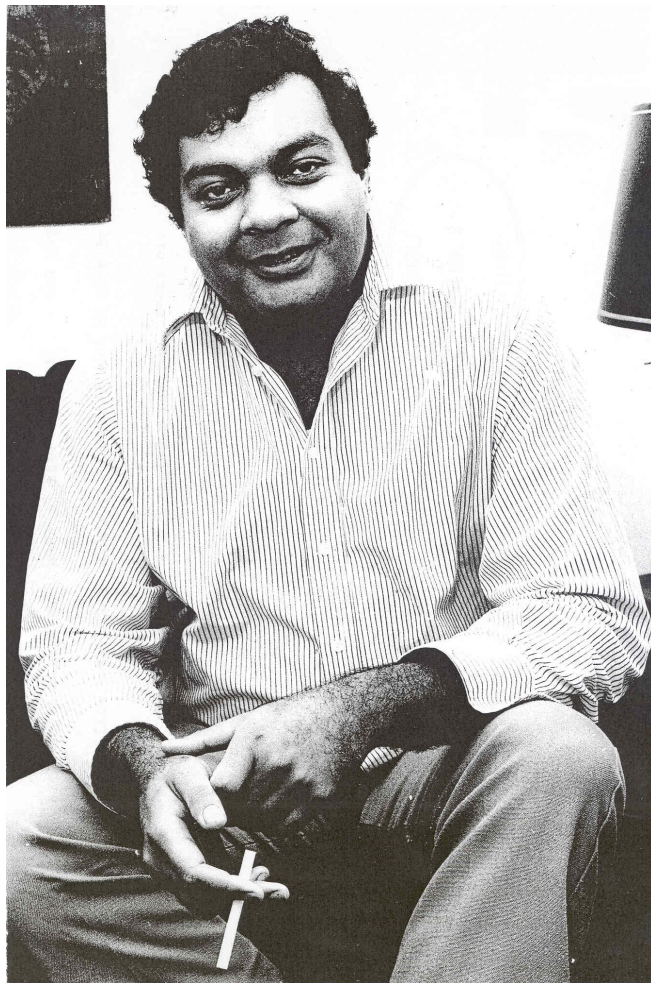
A gathering to celebrate Indigenous
Screen Culture during NAIDOC week

Invitation

Tribute to

John Newfong

3 Nov 1943 – 30 May 1999



An invitation is extended to you to attend at the Tribute to John Newfong ceremony at the Colourised Film Festival 2003 - Screen Change. John Newfong was a notable and honorable member of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community of South East Queensland. He was an Aboriginal activist, commentator, and public servant who left an indelible mark on Aboriginal Affairs.

As a descendant of Ngugi people of the Moreton Bay region in Queensland, he drew much on the history of his people and how they maintained a continuous connection with land and sea despite European settlement. It was from this cultural background that John drew during the course of his life and it sustained him whilst working in Canberra and Sydney and overseas.

As an Aboriginal activist, his long involvement in the Aboriginal movement began in 1961 and ended with his death in 1999. His apprenticeship in Aboriginal affairs was served in the Queensland Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (QCAATSI), where his political mentors included Kath Walker, Hazel Mace, Stan and May McBride, Celia Smith, and Daisy Marchisotti.

It will open with Indigenous Musicians and the Yulu-Burri-Ba Dancers of Minjerribah. **Mary Graham** will speak to the gathering about the significance of our Tribute Ceremony. The **Newfong Family** will address the audience, followed by long time friend and associate **Adrian Atkins** who will provide an account of John Newfong's working life. The ceremony includes the screening of three short Indigenous Films and the Feature Film "Tracker", and Indigenous food will be on sale.

We would be honoured if you could gather with us to pay homage to a member of our community who has made a significant contribution to Aboriginal Affairs.

The Tribute ceremony will be held at Suncorp Piazza South Bank on Thursday 10th July at 7.00pm.