

## **Wellington Meeting – May 1986**

*From the write up by John McDonald.*

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The gathering was hosted by John Bell with catering by Margaret Bell and family.

Friday night we gathered at Philip Croft's residence in Wainuiomata. The approximately twenty-five attending were most impressed with Philip's set-up, from the cosy theatrette to a roomy well appointed and extremely neat projection box and recording room. Philip entertained us with a variety of super-8 sound films with dual projection. These ranged from comedies, documentaries, feature excerpts and PG tips adverts etc. A lot of chat took place over the magnificent supper provided by his wife, after which we looked at the video film clips of the last meeting at Hastings.

Saturday morning we assembled at John Bell's for the six monthly meeting. John had put a lot of time into preparing his theatrette and had assembled a special display of vintage and historic memorabilia about our hobby. A special area was set aside for film sales/swaps etc and a projector on hand to preview films. This section did steady business all day and a lot of equipment and films changed hands.

Following a cuppa, we then watched a very interesting session of films that John had compiled for us to see. We saw excerpts from vintage features, some travel, some documentaries and even a 3D film complete with glasses. Variety was the keynote and it was great to see the versatility of John's set-up, super 8 sound, 16mm sound and 35mm sound.

A group of us went to the Shaw Saville for a very enjoyable meal and those staying on, returned back to John Bell's theatrette to view a film. A very nice supper completed a very busy day.

Sunday morning some of us visited Michael Woolf's mini museum and collection of player pianos, phonographs etc in Wellington. The meeting ended on a very happy note.