

## WHAT WAS THE NATIONAL FILM UNIT?

The National Film Unit (NFU) was a government film unit which operated between 1941 and 1989. It produced hundreds of films, including the newsreel series *Weekly Review* (1941–1950) and *Pictorial Parade* (1952–1971), as well as fictional films, documentaries, promotional material, and instructional films. Topics included war, technology, Māori life, sport, art and architecture, farming, and other aspects of New Zealand life.

Read more:

Archives New Zealand  
[archives.govt.nz/has/audiovisual-collections/national-film-unit](https://archives.govt.nz/has/audiovisual-collections/national-film-unit) and [audiovisual.archives.govt.nz](https://audiovisual.archives.govt.nz)

NZ On Screen  
[nzonscreen.com/collection/national-film-unit-collection](https://nzonscreen.com/collection/national-film-unit-collection)

Te Ara  
[teara.govt.nz/en/documentary-film/page-2](https://teara.govt.nz/en/documentary-film/page-2)

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NZ On Screen  
[nzonscreen.com/collection/national-film-unit-collection](https://nzonscreen.com/collection/national-film-unit-collection) or search National Film Unit on [nzonscreen.com/search](https://nzonscreen.com/search)

Te Ara  
Search National Film Unit on [teara.govt.nz](https://teara.govt.nz)

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