

King of the Coral Sea

NFSA brings back the old fashioned matinee with a new print of this dashing and romantic Chips Rafferty adventure film.

When Ted King, Captain of a pearling lugger, discovers a body floating in the Torres Strait he unearths a dastardly people smuggling plot. Determined to get to the bottom of the mystery he is joined by Jack De Janeiro, his first mate, and Peter Merriman, newly arrived Sydney playboy and owner of the pearling company. Merriman has to prove himself worthy not only to the crew but also to win the affections of Ted's beautiful daughter, Rusty.

Released fifty years ago the film is beautifully shot on location around Thursday Island. Starring the indomitable Chips Rafferty as King, Ilma Adey as Rusty, Rod Taylor (*The Birds*) as De Janeiro and Charles 'Bud' Tingwell as the dashing Merriman. A box office success in its day it stands the test of time as an exciting thriller.

Rated G B&W 99 mins

Director: Lee Robinson 1954

