



"A COUNTRY WITHOUT DOCUMENTARIES IS LIKE A FAMILY WITHOUT A PHOTO ALBUM" –  
*Patricio Guzman*

## **DOCNZ PRESS RELEASE**

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### **DOCNZ's Opening Night Line-up Announced!**

The first international documentary festival in Australasia will be launched onto the film festival calendar on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

The Opening Night's programme will include the New Zealand premiere of HEROES OF GALLIPOLI - with the Dardanelles expedition filmed by Ellis Ashmead Bartlett & Ernest Brooks in the Anzac beaches area of Gallipoli. This film has been lovingly restored by Weta Digital.

Guests will be invited for drinks & nibbles, prior to the screening, which will be hosted by a celebrity MC.

Festival Director Dan Shanahan says, "The audience are in for something special in HEROES OF GALLIPOLI. It has actual front line footage of fighting at Gallipoli, and the film will show for two nights only!"

Madeleine Chaleyer from the Australian War Memorial Museum will present the old footage alongside the restored footage from Weta Digital studios, plus discussion on the filmmakers and the work undertaken by the restoration team.

"When I presented this at the [Australian War Memorial Museum] I had about 200 in the theatre and they were riveted to their seats." - Madeleine Chaleyer, HEROES OF GALLIPOLI custodian.

The selection panel will be announcing the rest of the films to screen in this festival in late July with the media launch being held three weeks prior to the opening night, on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of August.

Programs will be distributed through cafes and libraries throughout Auckland.

DOCNZ 2005 will take place at Auckland's Academy Cinema, 15-28 September 2005, and at Wellington's Paramount Theatre 29 September – 5 October 2005.

For further information about the DOCNZ Opening Night, please contact Angie Gilbert on Ph 09 473 0848 /021 0446565 or email [an\\_g@clear.net.nz](mailto:an_g@clear.net.nz)

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