



Movies over Three Decades

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2023

Number of Over 65's in the world & in NZ

- ▶ 800 000 000 worldwide
- ▶ 824 000 in NZ
- ▶ Double those numbers by 2050

Currently almost 20% of the population in NZ - SENIORS RULE!

Until recently movie producers did not realise the impact of that

Movies in last three decades

- ▶ 1993 - most about youth

Or if old age about:

- Resistance to change, social and emotional death, archaic traditions
- Noble figures philosophising about death
- A figure of fun

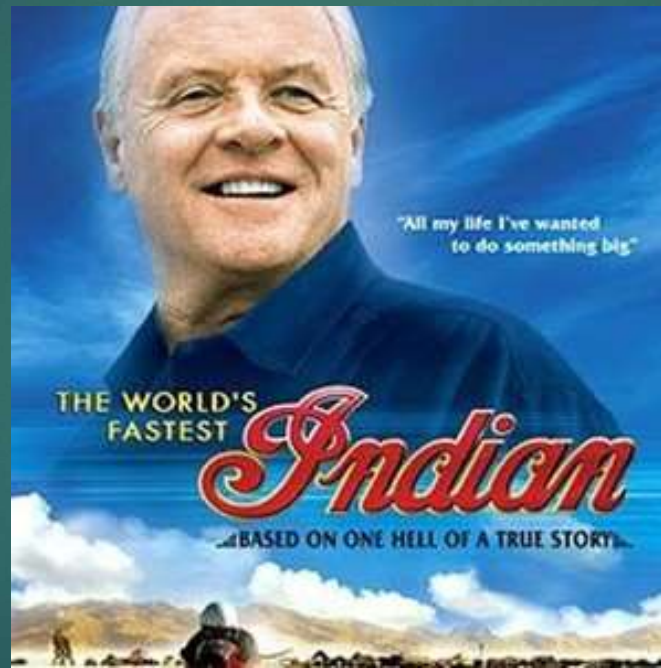
- ▶ 2023 – seniors now main audience

- Range of themes
- Older directors eg Francis Ford Coppola, Clint Eastwood

Comedy



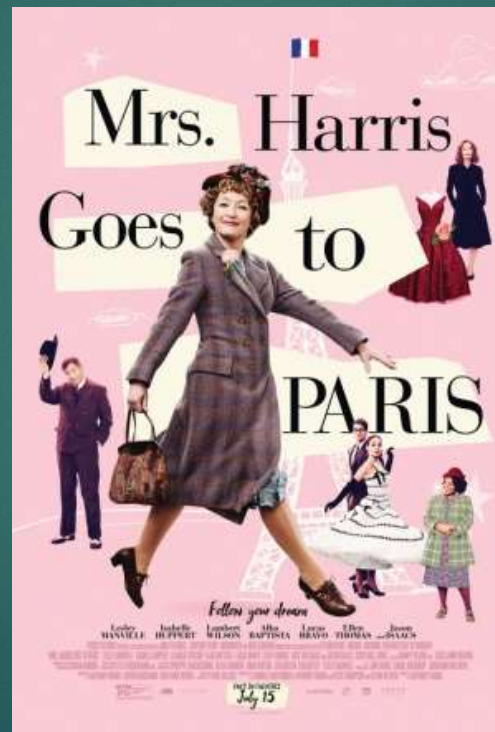
Achievement



Activism



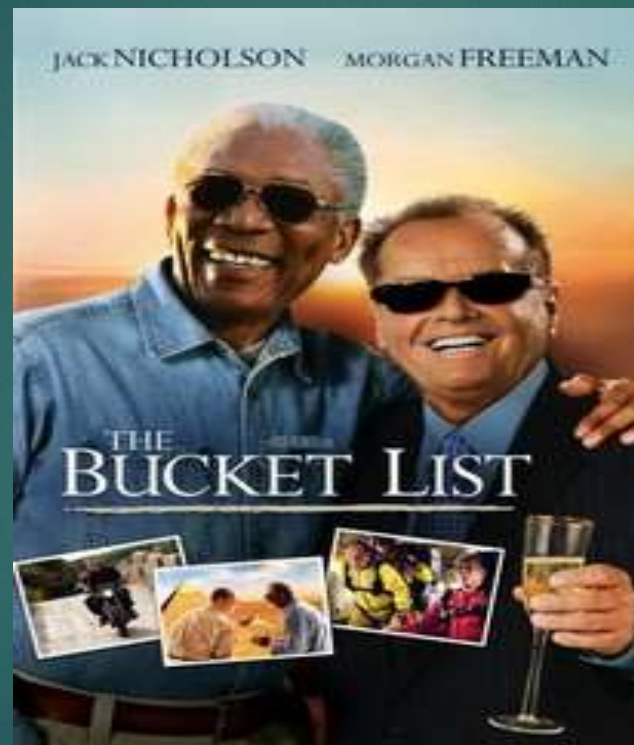
Living the Dream



Handling Mental Health & Dependency Issues



Travel



Disability and Suffering



Relationships and Forgiveness



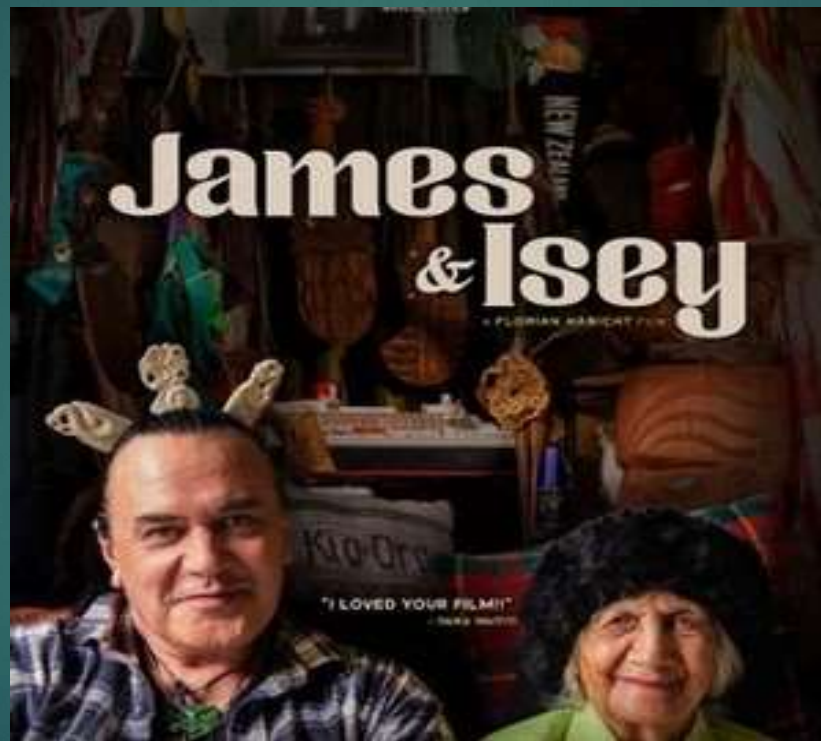
Sexuality



Challenging Wife's Traditional Role



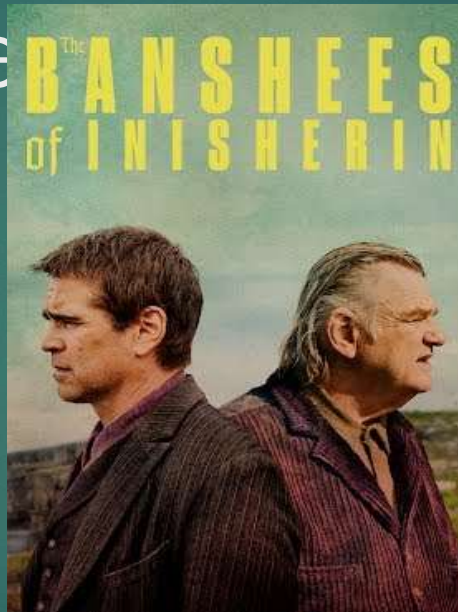
Death and Dying



The Importance of Friendship



Need for Human Connection
and...
Impasse and Re



Summary

- ▶ Movies are reflecting a much more diverse view of older people
- ▶ Some of the learnings:
 - The importance of human connection and having fun
 - New norms for being older
 - Being open to a wide range new experiences and boundaries
 - All activists in our own right
 - We can still achieve amazing things
 - Don't hang onto grudges
 - Deal with assisted dying issues
 - A healthy proportion of health older people refuse to age the way society expects us to!