

## AMMPT WESTERN REGION (INC.)



# SIGHT AND SOUND UPDATE

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## GENEROSITY TOWARDS AMMPT

Western Region President John Fuhrmann was almost stuck for words when member David Smith gave the Secretary an envelope which contained a generous financial donation at the last "In Focus Presentation" night. The donation was made by the WA Federation of Film Societies, being residue funds from "The International Film Theatre" Film Society, to AMMPT Western Region for film library preservation and restoration purposes. David and wife Bev were warmly applauded by all those present.

## AMMPT WESTERN REGION AGM

The AGM will be held at 7.30pm at the Fred Bell RSL Hall, 1 Fred Bell Parade, St James on Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>. Official agendas and notice of meeting have been sent to members. Although not mandatory the committee is requesting all people who are nominated for positions to provide a 75 – 100 word statement on their backgrounds for member consideration.

## ROTTNEST TREASURE

Besides being a tourist attraction and popular fishing spot, Rottnest Island is known for its bakery and film shows. The Rottnest Island Picture hall is changing over to digital equipment so after a recent tip off, museum equipment transport coordinator Graeme Lacey and Daryl Binning made two trips to the Island to secure the unwanted equipment for the AMMPT Museum. The help of a bystander was needed to assist with the lifting.

## NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDOWNER – FRED BELL RSL HALL – 7pm

As part of this year's effort to be more inclusive of television buffs in AMMPT activities the final activity for the year will be the Sundowner at Fred Bell RSL Hall. It is hoped there will be a mixing of persons who have been involved in the cinema and television industries as well as past and current AMMPT members. All the indicators suggest this will be a big occasion because the AMMPT website provides the only information currently available to people. As at the 30<sup>th</sup> September 26 persons have registered to attend including former TVW executive Bill Meacham registering from Brisbane. **If you are planning to attend the Sundowner please urgently fill in the form on the AMMPT website. There will need to be a limit placed on attendance.** It is expected there will be an acceptance rush once the TV mailing lists are utilised.

Guest anecdotal speakers are David Hawkes (ex ABC) and Allan (Chubby) Stiles (Grand Cinemas). Ken McKay is arranging a short TV and Cinema video presentations with help from member Derrick Wright. The function is catered for and costs \$15 per head with a cash only bar.

## CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN – 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – 10.30am CYGNET “ KING KONG ”

Our next Classics of the Silver Screen presentation is the 1933 American monster/adventure film directed and produced by Merian C. Cooper. The plot revolves around a film crew which goes to a tropical island for an exotic location shoot and discovers a colossal giant gorilla who takes a shine to their female blonde star. A remake of the film was undertaken in 2005 and the world premiere of a theatre production complete with Wurlitzer Organ is currently on stage at the Regent Theatre in Melbourne. If you have friends and acquaintances who might be interested in attending a show, why not send them this broadsheet or direct them to [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZby\\_hrm75Q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZby_hrm75Q)

See over

## **OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup> – RSL HALL FRED BELL PARADE BENTLEY 7PM for 7.30PM**

### **“Two Veteran Cinematographers”**

The next “In Focus Presentation” will allow people to meet two of WA’s cameramen Peter Goodall and Greg Knight who will tell us about their journey in cinematography and show us some of their work. The event will conclude an excellent year of programme topics for members and the public. The efforts of Keith Rutherford and Bill Gaynor are to be commended as is the behind the canteen work of Graeme Lacey.

### **WHITEMAN PARK**

Since length of tenure at Sunset Hospital may be safe but is not assured except in 6 month blocks the AMMPT Western Region Committee has determined to continue to investigate alternative locations. This should not be interpreted as any discontent with Sunset Hospital as a storage or museum location but rather a recognition that other location options should be available to AMMPT in the event that the State Government decides that our residence did not fit the desired use of the site. The location currently being investigated is Whiteman Park which already has museums onsite for tractors, motor cars, buses, trams and light rail.

### **STATE LIBRARY- MOU - AND MUSEUM**

Discussions have recommenced with the State Library on a memorandum of understanding. In addition, prompted by an invitation from Clare-Frances Craig, Acting Manager Development Service of the WA Museum, requests have been initiated regarding volunteers to help with the AMMPT film library. Following an invitation from Alec Coles the CEO of the State museum, the Film Librarian has initiated discussions with Soula Veryadier, Manager WA Museum – Perth, to explore the potential for showing 16mm films from our collection at the WA Museum.

### **CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN ANNUAL PROGRAM 2014**

Screenings coordinator Jillian Carlson is compiling the Classics of the Silver Screen program for 2014. Since 2014 is the Centenary of the commencement of World War 1 she is considering what could be screened in April, our Anzac Day month, and in November, the month the fleet with Australian troops sailed from Albany.

### **BARRY’S GOLD – Part 3 - Country**

The previous issues of Sight and Sound newsletter Part 2 (a) and 2(b) detailed suburban Perth theatres from editions of 1939 and 1943/44 film trade magazines in the possession of Barry Goldman. Part 3 contains the first of country listings and is as follows:

<b>Locality</b>	<b>Theatre</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>	<b>Seating capacity</b>
Albany	Regent	H.F. Kanzler	760
Albany	Empire	H.F. Kanzler	400
Armadale	Armadale	B.W.Petrie	-
Balingup	West’s Hall	Mrs S.E. West	150
Banksiadale	Centennial Hall	W.A. Redman	250
Big Bell	Palais	Consolidated Theatres Ltd.	600
Boulder	Palace	Goldfields Pictures Ltd.	1100
Bridgetown	Cinema	Goldfields Pictures Limited	500
Bruce Rock	Durham	Mrs. H.M.Lonsdale	200
Bunbury	Mayfair	Goldfields Pictures Ltd.	1200
Busselton	Regal Theatre	Allan Jones	350
Carnarvon	Swansea	H.M. Green	350
Collie	Royal	Goldfields Pictures Limited	1100
Coolgardie	Town Hall	Coolgardie Pictures	318
Cue	Town Hall	Consolidated Theatres Ltd.	250
Cunderdin	Hall	Meckering Road Board	400
Derby	Gardens only	-	-
Esperance	Bijou	L.J. Anderson	230
Geraldton	Radio	A.G. Wheat	860
<b>To be continued with</b>		<b>more country details</b>	