



SIGHT AND SOUND UPDATE

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CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN – 17th FEBRUARY COMMENCEMENT

“Mrs Miniver” starring Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon will commence our 10.30pm Sunday morning 2013 Classics of the Silver Screen series. Former AMMPT member Ken Mckay has produced a 30 minute summary of films to be shown this year which can be seen at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZby_hrm75Q. If you have friends and acquaintances who might be interested in attending a show, why not send them this broadsheet and direct them to this creative publicity initiative.

MEETING 20th FEBRUARY – RSL HALL FRED BELL PARADE BENTLEY 7PM for 7.30PM.

Richard Rennie will speak about G.P Stevens’ 1899 struggle to establish wireless communications between Perth and Rottneest. A video of the presentation will be available for loan to members from the AMMPT library. An interesting array of monthly topics concluding on November 20th has been arranged for 2013. They include “Sir James Cruthers”, “The Projectionists”, and Film and TV staff Reunion”. Additional details will be published in due course.

SUNSET HOSPITAL

The Sunset Hospital facility sub-licence has been received from ScreenWest and signed. All suggested changes from your committee were agreed to by the Department of Building Management and Works. Given that we comply with the sub-licence conditions the term of the AMMPT Western Region use of the facility is open ended. However, we have noticed that should ScreenWest not be granted an extension of their licence there is a flow on implication for our sub-licence. A \$1000 bond is required to be lodged for use of the rent free facility. In recent days the Premier has announced a renovation of Sunset Hospital funded by the sale of some land on the site. ScreenWest staff agreed it was strategic to proceed with the sub-licence, which would then allow short term facility use and support any longer term negotiations if they are required after renovations.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

The resignation of Ross MacDonald from the Western Region committee and as President created a vacancy. Your committee is pleased to advise the vacancy has been filled by Bill Gaynor. Bill has substantial experience in community work and his background in the cinema industry can be found in Sight and Sound No.1.

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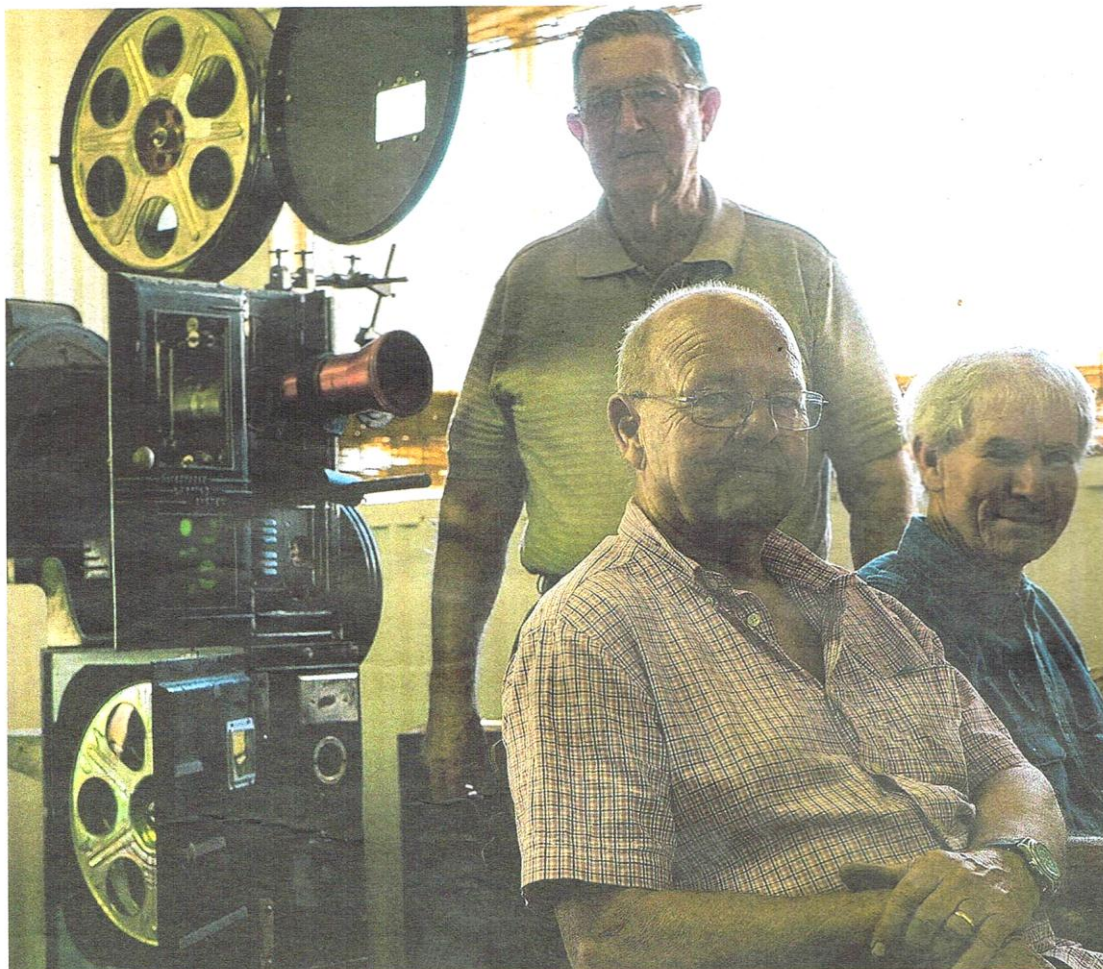
It was announced at the November AGM that AMMPT Western Region had been allocated an ABN by the Australian Taxation Office. Secretary Peter Foyster has been busy to the extent that the organisation has now also been granted an income tax exemption as well as certain FBT and GST concessions which are useful if there is involvement in fund raising events.

FACILITY(S) HUNT IS ON

With the finalisation of arrangements for use of the Sunset Hospital facility for national collection storage the search is on for a venue or venues for display purposes. Although it is a priority that AMMPT Western Region gain exclusive use of a facility this is unlikely and a network of displays in the metropolitan area is initially another option. Preliminary discussions have been held with two Town of Mosman Park Councillors on the future use of the Mosman Park Memorial Hall. The Hall, which was a cinema in the past, is being renovated and expressions of interest for its use are to be called for. We know there is interest in usage being different from that normally found in recreation centres and community halls. Your committee will be putting forward a proposal to the Town which ranges from exclusive to shared use.

BROADSHEET NAME

A number of name suggestions have been received for our broadsheet. They are “Aperture”, “The Lens”, “Western Focus” and “Sight and Sound”. Your committee will give them all due consideration.



Pemberton Picture Theatre's original projectionist George Burford checks out his old projector alongside the theatre's current owner Graeme Morris and Busselton Drive In owner Ron Jones. PICTURE: SANDY POWELL

Historic cinema equipment makes its way back home after 30 years

PIECES of cinema history are being dotted across Manjimup shire, thanks to the Australian Museum of Motion Picture and Television.

Three cinema projectors which were used between Pemberton and Northcliffe in the middle of the 20th century have been returned to region after spending more than 30 years at Busselton.

Two have returned to Pemberton — one to its original home at the Pemberton Picture Theatre,

which is now a cinema-themed motel, and one to the Pemberton Visitor Centre.

Busselton Drive In owner Ron Jones, whose father was partly responsible for bringing cinema to the South West, has been delivering the large pieces of equipment.

"These projectors were built in the late 1930s and the late 1940s, and this one was used until the Pemberton Picture Theatre closed down in 1972," Mr Jones said.

"In the early decades of last century, scattered rural communities relied on the regular visits of the travelling picture show man with his heavy and bulky equipment to catch up on Australian and overseas events on the newsreels he brought with him to support feature films."

Pemberton Picture Theatre owner Graeme Morris said it was fantastic to see the original equipment being returned to the town.

Old Picture Theatre Apartments Pemberton:

C&W Raycophone J3 Projector serial No494 complete with raycophone lamphouse with slide attachment, raycophone valve amplifier and auditorium loud speaker.

Pemberton Discovery Centre:

C&W Raycophone J3 projector serial No495 complete with raycophone lamphouse, raycophone valve amplifier and auditorium loud speaker.

Northcliffe Pioneer Museum:

Identical equipment to Pemberton Discovery Centre except C&W Raycophone J3 Projector is serial No 576.