



AMMPT WESTERN REGION (INC.)

SIGHT AND SOUND UPDATE

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MEMBER INTEREST IN TV HERITAGE

The first of two initiatives specifically designed to encourage interest in the television side of AMMPT Western Region activities was conducted on August 21st. Keith Rutherford and Bill Gaynor arranged for Ken McKay, Richard Ashton and Gordon McColl to compile an evening of reminiscences based on Channel 7 television pioneer and philanthropist Sir James Cruthers. There was an excellent presentation of various pieces of film involving Sir James with anchor commentary by Audrey Long and interviews conducted by Gary Carvolth.



(Some of the 47 attendees including John Cranfield from Zenith Music with AMMPT Vice President Ian Stimson)

Following supper Audrey and Gary amused the audience with anecdotes on Sir James. Various other people entered into the spirit of the evening to publically share their experiences with those present.

NOTE: On Wednesday November 20th 6.30pm at the Fred Bell RSL Hall an AMMPT current and former members Sundowner with Television staff. Two short anecdotal speeches, one by David Hawkes (ABC) and the other by a surprise cinema industry speaker will compliment continuous video presentations. Further details will be advertised with the various theatre and television social groups.

AMMPT WESTERN REGION AGM

To accommodate the accounts audit timeframe and some committee members' movements the AGM will be held at 7.30pm at the Fred Bell RSL Hall on Tuesday November 12th. Official agendas and notice of meeting will be formally sent to members. An official approval for an AGM date change has been sought. The committee is requesting all people who are nominated for positions to provide a 75 – 100 word statement on their backgrounds for member consideration.

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CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN – 15th SEPTEMBER – 10.30am CYGNET

“ BROADWAY SERENADE”

Our next Classics of the Silver Screen presentation is a 1939 film that tells the story of emerging show biz stars hoping to make the big time. A love triangle complicates their aspirations. A classic line includes James: *Lambchop, do you remember that wonderful, romantic honeymoon we never had?* Mary: *I remember it as though it were tomorrow.* The movie stars Jeanette MacDonald, Lew Ayres and marked the film debut of Mary Beth Hughes. 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

SEPTEMBER 18th – RSL HALL FRED BELL PARADE BENTLEY 7PM for 7.30PM

“The Magic Lantern”

The next “In Focus Presentation” will explain, illustrate and demonstrate various aspects of the magic lantern and detail its place in the evolution of film and media history. A quartet of Merv Thompson, John Newman, Ian Stimson and Richard Rennie will combine their knowledge and expertise for the evening.

BAD NEWS AND GOOD NEWS

Following much prodding a response has been received from “Mosarts” advising that the AMMPT Western Region submission to establish a museum at the refurbished Mosman Park Memorial Hall was unsuccessful. The reason given was the “business model” for use of the facility had changed and now required an hourly hire rate. This is quite different to the information provided by their president to a group of AMMPT committee who toured the site in December. The good news is that Secretary Peter Foyster modified the Mosarts submission which reached the table of the Sunset Hospital Steering Committee chairman after a meeting with Screenwest CEO Ian Booth by Peter and Agnes Foyster. Following an onsite auditorium inspection it was agreed AMMPT would recommend upgrades and maintenance that would allow for films to be shown in the auditorium. An AMMPT member workshop for ideas is to be held. **Please contact the Secretary immediately on 9496 2802 if you would like to be involved in this brainstorming session or just put forward any ideas.**

BARRY’S GOLD – Part 2(b)

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

Locality	Theatre	Exhibitor	Seating capacity
Nedlands	Broadway and Gardens	Suburban Theatres Pty. Ltd.	700
Nedlands	Windsor and Gardens	Suburban Theatres Pty. Ltd.	800
North Beach	Hall and Gardens	F.A Payne and R. McClure	950
North Perth	Rosemount and Gardens	During and Parker	1100
North Fremantle	Arcadia	F.L Martin and M Corkell	430
Osborne Park	Kookaburra and Gardens	F.A Payne and R. McClure	180
Palmyra	Mayfair and Gardens	Richmond Theatre and Gardens Ltd.	800
Queens Park	Memorial Hall	Perrie and Buckie	300
Rockingham	Hall	S.R Hart	250
Rottnest	Hall	F.H. Lawrence	150
Safety Bay	Hall	Bidstrup and Goodall	290
South Perth	Gaiety	James Stiles	780
Subiaco	Regal and Gardens	Regal Pictures Ltd.	1200
Subiaco	Shenton and Gardens	Shenton Picture Co.	750
Swanbourne	Swanbourne	Suburban Theatres Pty. Ltd.	600
Victoria Park	Broadway	J.R. Johnson	1200
Victoria Park	Amusu and gardens	J.R. Johnson	600
Victoria Park	Savoy	J.R. Johnson	905
Wanneroo	Centenary	A. Crisafulli	98
West Leederville	Empire and Gardens	F.S. Flood	500
To be continued with country details			