



SIGHT AND SOUND UPDATE

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2014 AGM

The 2014 AMMPT Western Region AGM has been held and resulted in one change to the committee caused by the resignation of Peter Goodall. The meeting was advised that Roy Mudge had been nominated to fill the vacancy and he was duly confirmed elected at the subsequent Committee meeting. At the AGM the President, John Fuhrmann, outlined the achievements for the year which included substantial progress at the Sunset Hospital with commencement of displays. He noted that AMMPT Western Region had purchased a big electronic theatre organ valued at \$11,000 for \$3000 which was also of interest to the Grand Cinemas chain. Exploration by AMMPT into the possible acquisition of land at Whiteman Park for a Museum had been unsuccessful with the WA Department of Planning advising their policy was for the Park to be a museum hub for transport. Committee member Bill Gaynor outlined the AMMPT Western Region constitution was being revised and simplified in line with changes that will meet requirements of the WA Incorporation Act. He expected the revised draft document to be put out to members some time in 2015.

CYGNET THEATRE RE-OPENS AS GRAND CINEMA CYGNET

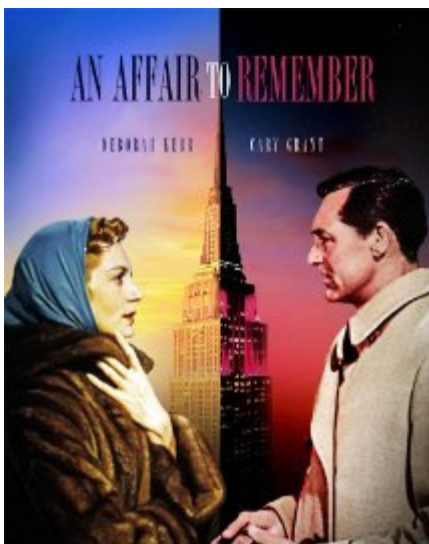
After being dormant for 2 months the Cygnet has re-opened its doors with a number of internal upgrades including a new film sound system, a new organ sound system, new screen, replacement chairs in the stalls and small change to the front foyer. The history of the Grand Cinema chain of theatres in Perth now appears on a number of panels in the front foyer and throughout the building. On November 1st the first Saturday night under new management, the theatre showed the film "Pride" and employed visiting BBC organist Richard Hills to play the AMMPT theatre organ before the show. Mr Hills received a standing ovation for his 40 minutes of intermission music.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (UWA)

The University of Western Australia has a long history of involvement in motion picture projection commencing with its conception of the outdoor Somerville Auditorium in 1927. Since that time other facilities with film projection capacity such as the Octagon and Dolphin Theatres have been constructed on campus. As with theatres around the world, due to digitisation, their 35m equipment is obsolete. Enter member Barry Goldman on behalf of AMMPT who has negotiated the transfer of various items to the Sunset Museum. The first tranche of UWA film equipment was collected by AMMPT in early October.

CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN – GRAND CYGNET – DEC.7th 10.15am

“An Affair to Remember”



Our last film presentation for 2014 is the 1957 20th Century Fox film “An Affair to Remember” starring Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr. This is one of those movies that you can watch again and again due to its sweet nature and its refreshing look at how the world used to be. The film is considered one of the most romantic movies of all time, according to the American Film Institute. The film was a remake of McCarey's 1939 film Love Affair, starring Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer. Contributing to the success of the 1957 film is its theme song, "An Affair to Remember (Our Love Affair)", which had since become a jazz standard. The film could best be summarised as a romantic comedy and its impact can be gauged by it being used as part of the plot in the popular 1999 film Sleepless in Seattle. An Affair to Remember ranks #5 on the AFI love stories list.

RENEWED RECIPROCAL SPONSORSHIP AND MARKETING - 2015

AMMPT Western Region and Stirling Theatre Organ Productions (S.T.O.P.) have renewed their arrangement to advertise activities and provide a complimentary double entry ticket to the others members. S.T.O.P. has silent movies scheduled on 3 occasions with organ accompaniment in 2015.

CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN – 2015

To assist with programming flexibility the “Classics of the Silver Screen” at the Grand Cygnet Cinema will commence at the changed time of 10am. The earlier start time will help with programming. Film dates are:

- Pillow Talk 15th Feb
- Rear Window 15th March
- For me and My Gal 19th April
- Double Indemnity 17th May
- Seven brides for Seven Brothers 21st June
- Gentlemen Prefer Blondes 19th July
- Goodbye Mr. Chips 16th August
- Show Boat 20th September
- Lullaby of Broadway 18th October
- Follow the Fleet 15th November
- Roman Holiday 6th December

2015 IN FOCUS PRESENTATIONS

An annual schedule of presentations will be circulated when finalised.

MORE DONATIONS

Patron Colin Stiles has made good his promise to provide AMMPT two projectors surplus to requirements. Delivery of machines from Warwick and Armadale Grand Cinemas to the Sunset Museum occurred on the 20th November. Meanwhile Barry Goldman provided AMMPT with the Royal Theatre “day book” from 14th January 1938 – 6th February 1941. The book lists the day, the date, the film, the weather, box office take and other factors such as “Metro Theatre” opened Tuesday 27th Sept. 1938. The Royal Theatre financials for the week ending Thursday the 29th September were net takings £244.5.0, tax £38.16.0. Small memorabilia such as this will be welcome additions to the heavy theatre machinery and TV equipment that are also on display at Sunset.



AMMPT WEBPAGE GROWS - WEBMASTER BETH MCKECHNIE

FESTIVE AND NEW YEAR CHEER TO ALL MEMBERS FROM THE WESTERN REGION COMMITTEE