



# SIGHT AND SOUND UPDATE

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## IMPORTANT DATE – AGM – OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup> – FRED BELL HALL

As events Annual General Meetings are often shunned by members of all organisations anxious to ensure they are not targeted for some position. This should not stop your attendance at the AGM because you may be targeted anyway to help AMMPT out in some way. An example in new member Gwenyth Craig who assists with the selling of raffle tickets at Classics of Silver Screen shows and actually only came to the Grand Cygnet to watch our films.

## NOTICE OF MEETING

The AMMPT Western Region Annual General will be Held in the Fred Bell Hall in Fred Bell Parade St James at 7.00pm. A film for the “In Focus Presentation” will follow together with usual the free coffee tea and biscuits. An official notification has been sent to members. All office bearer and committee positions are vacant either through resignation or the ending of a two year term of office.



*This better be good*

## PROPOSED “CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN” SHOWS FOR 2016

There will be an AMMPT initiated review of the Wednesday morning Grand Cygnet Cinema screenings with the Grand Theatre Company towards the end of 2015. The possibility of an earlier Sunday morning start will be canvassed which would make parking, transport and related traffic congestion easier for patrons.

The committee has identified the following shows for 2016:

- Wed Feb 24th That's Entertainment
- Wed Mar 23rd The Man Who Came To Dinner
- Wed Apr 27th On The Town
- Wed May 25th Gigi
- Wed Jun 29<sup>th</sup> Silent Movie “The Cameraman” with Organ \*
- Wed Jul 27th Yankee Doodle Dandy
- Wed Aug 24th The Man From Snowy River
- Wed Sep 21st Yes Giorgio
- Wed Oct 26th The Quiet Man
- Wed Nov 23rd Strictly Ballroom
- Wed Dec 14th The Student Prince

\* Subject to negotiation with Brisbane Gallery of Modern organist David Bailey.

## IN FOCUS PRESENTATION –AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm - FRED BELL RSL HALL

The evening's presentation will be by AMMPT member Clive Woodward and is titled “TV in your Museum”. Clive worked at Wesley College and Murdoch University as a media technician, along with contract work for nearly all of Perth's TV stations. He has fond memories of volunteering as a duty technician and cameraman for many an Appealathon. Clive has been instrumental in collecting many of

the TV artefacts at Sunset. His talk will be accompanied by DVD highlights.

## COMMITTEE SNAPSHOT

The AMMPT Western Region committee has been wrestling with constitutional change recommendations and there are differences of opinion on the best courses of action. One matter that will cause considerable administrative work is changing the name from AMMPT (Western Region) Inc. to the Australian Museum of Motion Picture and Television (Western Region) Inc. The question is “what’s in a name?” One answer is immediate public identification, better marketing opportunities and easier understanding of our objectives. The draft constitution has been viewed by a lawyer and deemed acceptable as a document for lodgement with the Department of Commerce for incorporation but must first be approved by the AMMPT National Committee before being considered at a Western Region AGM.

There will be a need to fill the positions of President (John Fuhrmann – not seeking re-election), Peter Foyster (Secretary - resigned) and Agnes Foyster (Treasurer – resigned). Recently the Foyster family pursued a dream and took over the lease of the outdoor Kookaburra Cinema in Allen Road, Mundaring. This is one of the few independent cinemas left operating in Western Australia and well worth supporting.

## AMMPT DINNER AND SHOW - FRED BELL HALL – NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> – 6.30pm

AMMPT members volunteers and guests are invited to a mouth-watering three course dinner followed by film of the spectacular Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show. Tickets are \$25 per head. The final payment for acceptance will be at the In Focus Presentation in Fred Bell RSL Hall on October 21<sup>st</sup>.



## CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN GRAND CYGNET CINEMA WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD 10:00 am SHOWBOAT

The next Classics of the Silver Screen film will be showboat starring Kathryn Grayson, Ava Gardner and Howard Keel. The film is notable for the well-known music hits of Jerome Kern with songs such as Old Man River, Make Believe, Bill and Life on the Wicked Stage. Despite her mother's objections, the naive young daughter of a riverboat captain is thrust into the limelight as the company's new leading lady. The daughter falls in love with a charming but roguish gambler. Their fairytale romance is threatened when his luck turns sour

This is a typical MGM musical and one of their most successful being the third most profitable film in 1951. The film screened at the Metro Theatre Perth in Wiliam Street in December 1951.

## AMMPT WEBSITE AND CINEMA WEB

Webmaster Beth Mckechie reports visitors to the AMMPT website will be rewarded by upgrades to the Cinema Web pages. New photos have been sourced from members Max Bell's and Roy Mudge's drive-in scrapbooks and committee member Bill Gaynor's personal photo album which contains many previously unseen photos of cinemas and drive-ins in Perth.

## REMEMBER

Have your November 18<sup>th</sup> Dinner and Show invitation returned with the \$25 per head charge by October 21<sup>st</sup> at the AGM.