



# SIGHT AND SOUND UPDATE

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## INAUGURAL ANNUAL DINNER

An enthusiastic 64 people attended the first ever AMMPT Western Region Annual Dinner. Organisers Keith Rutherford and Roy Mudge promoted and arranged a full programme of socializing, good food and entertainment for attendees. During the evening MC John Fuhrmann kept things moving and people had plenty of time to mingle. Co-patrons Colin Stiles and Irene Stiles (below) as neutral parties drew the winners of the well subscribed annual raffle. Their efforts were captured (see opposite) by member Ken McKay whose camera was given a good workout all night. New President Bill Gaynor thanked people for their attendance and mentioned a number of people who had contributed in some way to the progress AMMPT had made in 2015. The proceedings concluded with a screening of the spectacular 2013 Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show. Tickets to the original show cost up to \$300US but our Annual Dinner attendees including Bev and David Smith from Albany viewed it at a fraction of the cost.



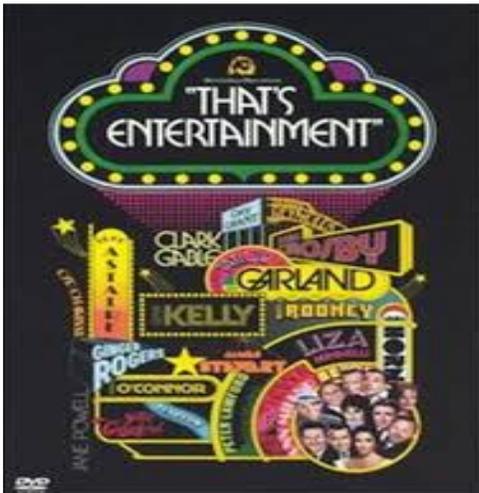
(Photo courtesy – Ken McKay)

## SUNSET DEVELOPMENTS

November 2015 saw the commencement of building demolition at the Sunset Hospital using proceeds from the sale of land incorporating the Matrons Cottage. Building verandas and walkways not part of the original buildings are being removed. The Premier was recently onsite for a television grab. When put to air he confirmed the development purpose of the Sunset Site was for community arts and cultural use. Further that some buildings would be peppercorn leased to community groups in return for renovation and maintenance of these heritage buildings. AMMPT naturally hopes it can acquire one of these leases for museum purposes. Clive Woodward has already cleaned all gutters on the Museum and our onsite workforce has installed two secondhand (Gumtree) replacement air-conditioners.

## CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN

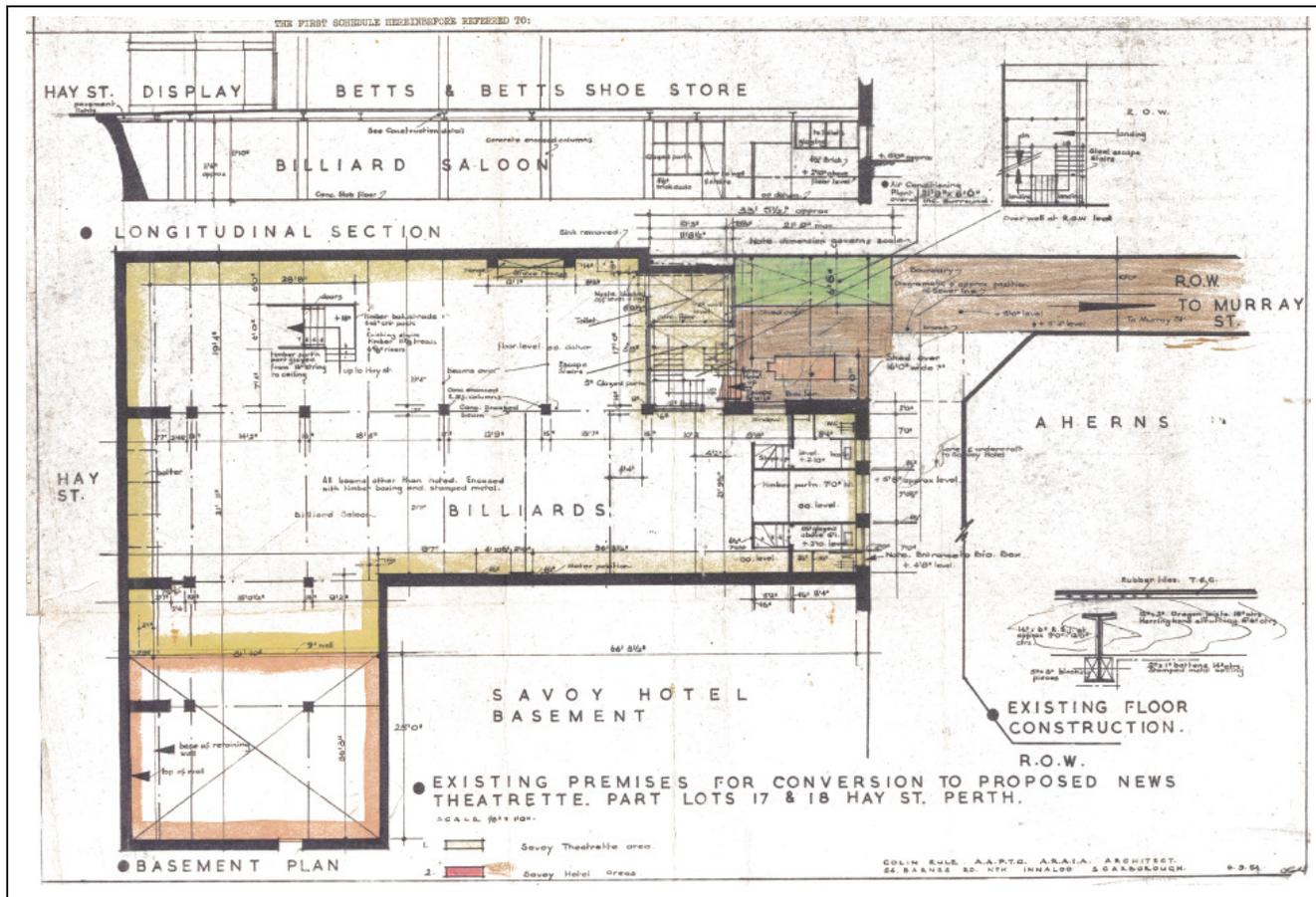
Audience numbers at the Wednesday morning Cygnet screenings are gradually increasing but vary according to the film. The Follow the Fleet screening in December attracted 134 people.



## GRAND CYGNET CINEMA WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24th 10:00 am THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

The next Classics of the Silver Screen presentation will be the 1974 MGM film That's Entertainment featuring a smorgasbord of well-known stars including Frank Sinatra, Gene Kelly, Fred Astaire, Debbie Reynolds, Bing Crosby, Mickey Rooney and Lisa Minnelli plus many others. The film puts the spotlight on MGM's legacy of musical productions from the 1920s through to the 1950s. There are segments culled from dozens of the studios famous films and archival footage from other sources. Much of the film uses MGM's famous backlot at a time when it was being sold to developers.

## FOUND IN A GARAGE –SAVOY THEATRETTE PLANS



In late 2015 former President John Fuhrmann followed-up contact from a Subiaco City Council officer whose parents had taken on a boarder who worked in Perth cinemas. Left in her parents garage was a “Day Book” for the Windsor Theatre plus various lease agreements e.g. Cecil Brothers and the Savoy Theatrette Pty.Ltd. 1977 and Independent Films Distributers with several lessors for the 1953 lease of land at a rate of £108.12.6 a month. All documents are now in the AMMPT Western Region Library. The lesson here is not to throw anything away that is related to our cinema heritage and to ensure AMMPT has an opportunity to preserve memorabilia.

### IN FOCUS PRESENTATION – Dr. Peter Harries – Fred Bell Hall, in Fred Bell Parade, St. James – Wednesday February 17th - 7.30pm

The first in focus presentation will be by the irrepressible Dr. Peter Harries a former TV personality, musician, restaurant entrepreneur and raconteur. There would be few rusted on “sandgraspers” who would not have viewed Peter Harries at STW 9 as part of The Channel Niners Club or his a daily discussion program with Jeff Newman called ‘Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax’. These are but two examples of programmes and segments he was involved with. Dr. Harries obtained his Ph.D. at Curtin University with the thesis “From Local ‘Live’ Production Houses to Relay Stations – A History of Commercial Television in Perth, Western Australia 1958-1990”.

### AMMPT WESTERN REGION 2016 MEMBERSHIP

Membership and associate renewal invoices were sent out to existing members and associate members last December. Fees have been kept at their existing level of \$25 for an individual and \$20 for an associate. If you have not received an invoice please download a membership form from the website or contact the membership officer on 94479837. Membership fees give you a discount to “Classic of the Silver Screen” events and complimentary ticket to a Karrinyup Wurlitzer Organ concert. Encourage your friends and former work colleagues to become a member.