



AMMPT WESTERN REGION (INC.)

# SIGHT AND SOUND UPDATE

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## CAN YOU HELP

Can You Help is one of the most popular weekly segments in "The West Australian" newspaper. For the benefit of greater WA cinema history accuracy, the following photo is being shown with a view to readers telephoning Keith Rutherford on 9446 1627 to help identify missing names.



The above photograph was apparently taken on the occasion of the last screening at the Ambassadors just before it's demolition. All of these people worked variously in the cinema industry. Most of them were experienced projectionists or electricians. The group shot was taken in full sun about midday out on the upstairs balcony overlooking Hay Street and just below the external stairs leading to the bio box. Contributors to the legend of individuals were: Roy Mudge, David Goddard, John Woodall, Lyn Huxtable and Greg Harper.

Legend: 1? 2? 3 Hat on Ladder, 4 Bob Staples, 5 Chris Spivey, 6 Frank Wishart, 7?, 8? 9? 10? 11? 12 Harry O'Connell, 13 Les Ingram, 14 John Woodall, 15 Wally Shipman, 16 Bob Jones, 17? 18? 19 Ken Alexander, 20 Bobbie Williams, 21 David Goddard, 22 Jimmy Woods, 23 Reg Starr, 24 Bernie Hartland, 25 Neal Perry, 26? 27 John Devitt, 28? 29? 30 Phil Howie, 31 Gary White, 32 Andy Gourlay, 33 Wally Holden, 34 Alby Buckingham, 35? 36 George Thornton, 37 Ron Trinick, 38? 39? 40 Warwick Sewell, 41 Ken Booth, 42 Bill Manns, 43 Wally Friday, 44 Bill Angwin, 45 Greg Harper, 46 Hedley Sims, 47 Lou Starr, 48 Ken Head, 49 Eric Nichols, 50? 51 Des Abomady, 52 Jack Gynn, 53, Dave West, 54 Norm Carter, 55 Jack Allingham, 56 Lyn Huxtable, 57? 58?

## AMMPT - DEDUCTIBLE GIFT RECIPIENT (DGR) STATUS

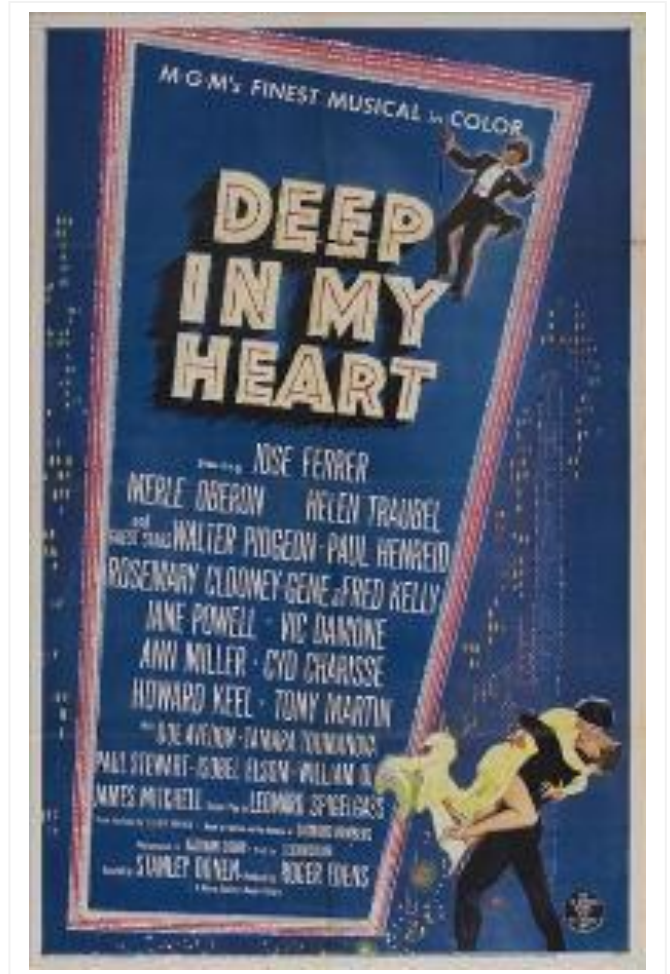
Following contact and discussions with the Australian Tax Office (ATO), AMMPT Western Region Secretary Peter Foyster has completed and lodged an application for DGR status. Once approved people or organisations may donate to AMMPT and claim a tax deduction. The initiative is part of long-term planning by the committee to ensure AMMPT's financial stability. It was also one reason for the constitution changes approved at the 2017 AGM.

## CINEMECCANICA PROJECTOR DONATION

Member John Woodall has donated a Cinemeccanica Victoria X 35-70mm projector to our museum. The projector was one of two installed in 1960 in the Chelsea Cinema in Melbourne formerly the Majestic Theatre opening with a 70mm screening of Porgy and Bess. Greater Union moved the projector in 1974 along Flinders Street to the Forum Theatre (originally the State Theatre). Eventually the projectors were shipped to the Carlton Cinema in Hamilton New Zealand. John who was living in Wellington at the time purchased them from Hoyts NZ and installed them in his house. On returning to Perth he used them for many years in his Atwell home cinema. Amongst his many work placements John was employed by MGM at the Metro Theatre in William Street Perth and by the Ace Theatre company at their drive-in theatres. Many thanks to John for his donation to an ever- growing collection of projectors at the Sunset Museum.



L-R Graham Kahn, Graeme Lacy and John Woodall combining their efforts to move the Cinemeccanica lamp house from John's trailer into the Sunset Museum.



## CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN

**MAY 28<sup>th</sup> – 10.00am – GRAND CYGNET THEATRE PRESTON STREET, COMO.**

The next Classics of the Silver Screen presentation will be the MGM film *Deep in My Heart* starring José Ferrer, Helen Traubel and Merle Oberon. This is a biographical musical film detailing the life of operetta composer Sigmund Romberg, who wrote the music for "The Student Prince", "The Desert Song" and "The New Moon", among others. The film, which takes its title from "Deep in My Heart Dear", a song from "The Student Prince", primarily consists of a series of cameo turns by nearly every significant singer or dancer on the MGM lot at the time. These include dancer Cyd Charisse (dubbed by Carol Richards), Rosemary Clooney (Ferrer's wife), Vic Damone, Howard Keel and Gene Kelly.

## SUNSET MUSEUM TOURS

The next edition of Sight and Sound will include photos from the recent Museum tours.