



SIGHT AND SOUND UPDATE

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A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



AMMPT Library in its rudimentary form located in the basement of member and librarian Trevor Kelly's home. The library is waiting for cataloguing and transport to Sunset Hospital. The contents of the six filing cabinets continue to grow but an inventory of journals, trade magazines and technical manuals has been completed. Persons wishing to give a hand would be welcome.

AMMPT Western Region Member Jillian Carlson coordinated and arranged the 2013 Heritage Month display of equipment and memorabilia with the assistance of Graeme Lacey and Keith Rutherford. Some photos on their way to Sunset Hospital for storage came from Daryl Binning. The display was located on the staircase landing of the Cygnet Theatre with the approval of theatre manager Graham Kahn. Theatre patrons showed great interest.



INTERESTING ITEMS

As equipment is gradually being relocated into storage at Sunset hospital interesting items are being uncovered. An example is 19 sheets of silent movie music donated to AMMPT a number of years ago by a lady in Leonora. If you are aware of anyone in the community who may have this type of silent movie memorabilia please approach them on behalf of AMMPT because this would provide a most useful addition to our library. Silent film accompaniment is an area of interest to the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts and has been a recent major "new" film trend in the USA and eastern states of Australia. Is this a case of back to the future?

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SUNSET HOSPITAL

Coordinator of equipment transport to Sunset Hospital Graeme Lacey reports that gear and memorabilia has been collected from member Eddie Mills' residence and placed in storage. Many thanks to Eddie for putting up with the inconvenience of housing this gear for a number of years. Any other members with equipment for transport are reminded to ring Graeme so scheduling can occur.

There is still an amount of rubbish left from various film productions in the building allocated to AMMPT. Anyone wishing to acquire a couple of large metal crayfish-pots or even larger marker buoys for use or landscaping should contact Graeme Lacey. If there is no interest they will be disposed of when ScreenWest has its next major rubbish removal.

Graeme has been requested to draw up a storage plan for various categories of equipment to streamline long-term storage and facilitate systematic access.

President John Fuhrmann has made it known to ScreenWest that AMMPT Western Region is interested in being a user of the major auditorium at Sunset Hospital. The auditorium has a proscenium with retractable screen and a rudimentary bio box. The area has at various times been used for patient recreation, cafeteria and film production purposes.

BARRY'S GOLD

When interviewed for a recent "Sight and Sound" article Barry Goldman produced an interesting part photocopy of towns, theatres, exhibitors and seating capacity for metropolitan, suburban and country theatres from 1939 and 1943/44 film trade magazines. These will be reproduced in Sight and Sound over a period of editions starting with Perth City.

Theatre	Location	Exhibitor	Seating capacity
Ambassadors	Hay Street	Hoyts Theatres Ltd	1993
Capitol	William Street	General Amusements Ltd	2229
Grand	Murray Street	Grand Theatre Co. Ltd	1139
His Majesty's	Hay Street	Fullers Theatres Pty. Ltd.	1600
Mayfair Theatrette	Hay Street	Mayfair Theatrette	380
Metro	William Street	Metro Goldwyn-Mayer	1464
Plaza	Hay Street	Hoyts Theatres Ltd.	1314
Piccadilly	Hay Street	Grand Theatre Co. Ltd	1023
Royal	Hay Street	Grand Theatre Co. Ltd.	1442

JUNE 19th – RSL HALL FRED BELL PARADE BENTLEY 7PM for 7.30PM

“SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMUNITY MUSEUMS”

The next "In Focus Presentation" by the CEO of the WA Museum Alec Coles will illustrate the role, function and operation of a hands on museum. This will provide an interesting comparison to the presentation earlier this year by Andrew Bowman on web pages and "virtual museums". Both models have implications for AMMPT and the development of its museum. Some 29 people attended the Jack Honnibal presentation on WA cinema history. Jack was previously head of the Audio Visual Branch in the Education Department.

CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN – 16th JUNE – THE GREAT DICTATOR

Our next Classics of the Silver Screen presentation is a 1940 American comedy-drama film starring, written, produced, scored, and directed by silent movie comedian Charlie Chaplin. This was Chaplin's first true talking picture as well as his most commercially successful film. The plot revolves around a battle in the last months of World War I, where the protagonist, an unnamed soldier (known only in the credits as A Jewish Barber), is fighting for the Central Powers in the army of the fictional nation of Tomainia, comically blundering through the trenches in combat scenes. 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?

MOSMAN PARK SUBMISSION

The AMMPT Western Region proposal to be a permanent user with a museum at the Mosman Park Memorial Hall has been drafted. Mosman Park Councillor Libby Eustance has advised that negotiations are being finalised with MOSARTS who have traditionally managed the building. When this is completed interested groups (including AMMPT) will be approached.

Members are invited to view/comment on the proposal by contacting the Secretary on 94962802