



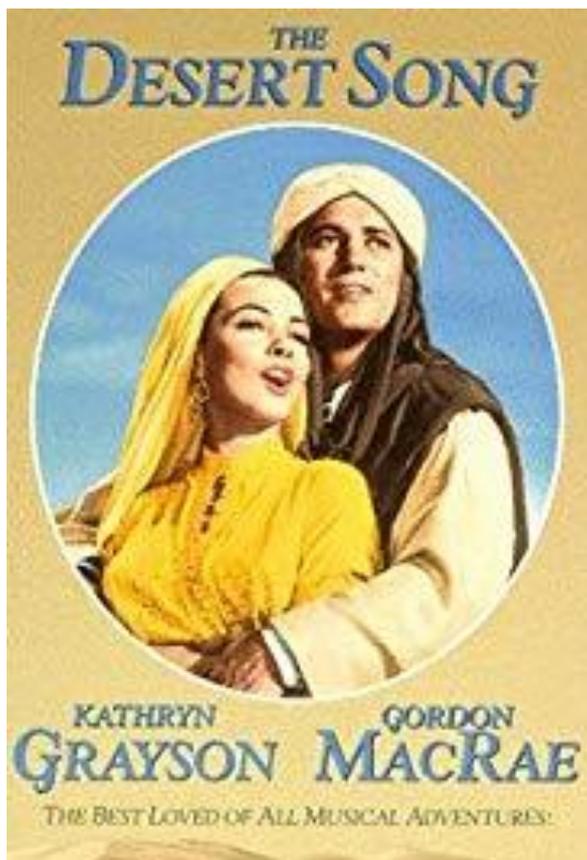
AMMPT WESTERN REGION (INC.)

SIGHT AND SOUND UPDATE

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GRAND CINEMA COMPANY SPONSORSHIP

The wholly owned and locally based Grand Cinema Company has extended its sponsorship of AMMPT Western Region by continuing to make the Grand Cygnet Theatre in Como available for Monday “Classics of the Silver Screen” screenings. The Grand Cinema Company is the longest commercial supporter of our organisation, initially making financial donations and in recent years through use of this heritage art deco cinema. A big thank you is extended to the Grand Cinema Company and Managing Director Allan Stiles. Should any member know of another potential sponsor of AMMPT Western Region (individual or company) please contact the President Agnes Foyster. Bearing in mind we now have Deductible Gift Recipient Status (DGR) granted by the Australian Taxation Office there are tangible personal benefits available to financial donors.



CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN SEPTEMBER 17th – 10.00am GRAND CYGNET THEATRE PRESTON STREET, COMO.

The next Classics of the Silver Screen will be the 1953 Warner Brothers film version of Sigmund Romberg's operetta **THE DESERT SONG**. Film stars Kathryn Grayson and Gordon MacRae top the star-studded cast. The story is a version of plots such as The Scarlet Pimpernel, Zorro and later Superman, where a hero adopts a mild-mannered disguise to keep his true identity a secret whilst he also loves a beautiful and spirited girl. This is the third film made based on Romberg's operetta and the third made by Warner Brothers. It was released in 1953 but was not made in widescreen; at that time Twentieth-Century Fox held the rights to Cinemascope. The 1953 film box office was \$2 million (US).

ANNUAL DINNER

There have been 16 registrations with \$30 payments for the AMMPT Western Region biennial Dinner which is to be held on Wednesday 21st November. The final opportunity to make payment will be at the AGM on Wednesday 17th October. Thirty attendees are needed for this social function to proceed. More details are outlined in the brochure accompanying this newsletter.

2019 AMMPT WESTERN REGION GRAND CYGNET THEATRE PROGRAMME

Classics of the Silver Screen presentations will continue the fourth Monday of each month, except where there is an adjustment due to school or a public holiday. Bearing in mind the general age group of our patrons and cost of living pressures, admission charges are to stay the same. Namely, members \$6.00, senior's card \$9.00 and public \$11.00. Similarly, the current format including pre-show and intermission organ music, a feature film, cartoon, featurette, trailer and uniformed staff will continue to be used. This is a point of difference from other organisations wishing to recognise our past film and cinema heritage.

- February 25th - The Merry Widow - starring Jeanette MacDonald and Maurice Chevalier.
- March 25th - Casanova's Big Night - Bob Hope and Joan Fontaine
- April 29th - The Man Who Never Was - Clifton Webb and Gloria Grahame
- May 27th - Call Me Madam - Ethel Merman and Donald O'Connor
- June 24th - Thank Your Lucky Stars - Eddie Cantor and Joan Leslie
- July 22nd - Picnic - William Holden and Kim Novak
- August 26th - The Picture Show Man - John Meillon and Rod Taylor
- September 23rd - Balalaika - Nelson Eddy and Ilona Massey
- October 28th - Blood Alley - John Wayne and Lauren Bacall
- November 25th - Best Foot Forward - Lucille and Harry James
- December 9th - The Slipper and the Rose - Richard Chamberlain and Gemma Craven



AMMPT Western Region President Agnes Foyster (R) with Rosemary Fitzgerald the Coordinator of Museum Services for the City of Subiaco inspect the portable projector from the AMMPT Paddy Baker collection which was donated to the City.

AMMPT DATA BASE

One of the expectations of a modern museum is that it will offer an online facility which allows for research and access to persons who are geographically distant from it. For many years Mosaic has been the software package proposed for use in cataloguing the AMMPT museum collection. Whilst a few database entries have been made there has been a resistance from potential users to use Mosaic. Committee member Harry Smith identified a free but simpler to use data base software package called Musarch. Extensive examination of Musarch by members including Trevor Kelly, Ken McKay, Peter Foyster, Harry Smith and Keith Rutherford who gave advice to the committee has resulted in the adoption of Musarch. Librarian Beth McKechnie has been quick to use the new data base.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AMMPT Western Region AGM will be held on Wednesday 17th October, Fred Bell RSL Hall, Fred Bell Parade, St James at 7.30pm. Expect to receive an Agenda and other appropriate reports within the timeframe required by the constitution.