



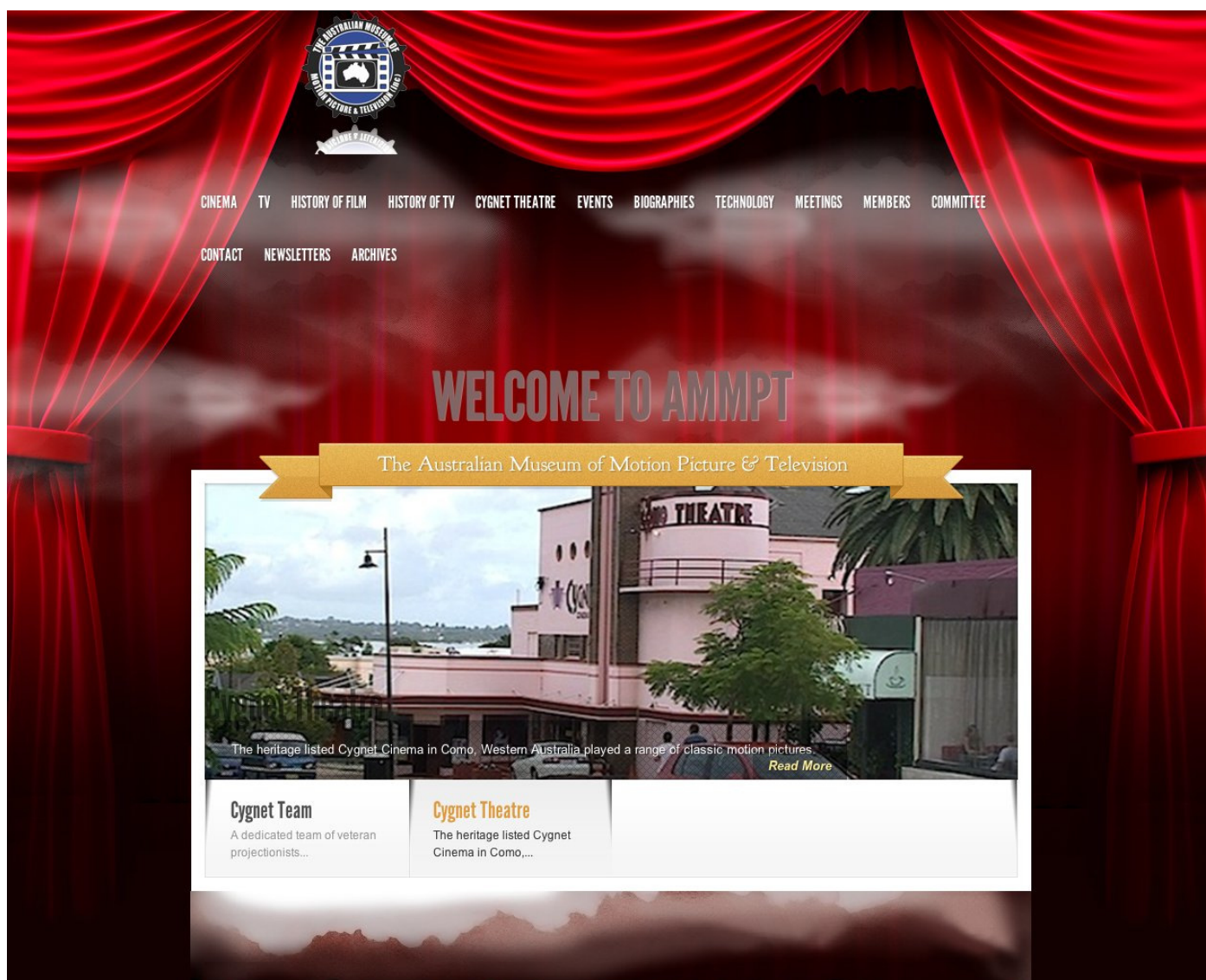
SIGHT AND SOUND UPDATE

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CYGNET WELCOME SLIDE

At its first screening the AMMPT welcome slide produced by Keith Rutherford received a round of applause from the audience of 204 who attended our Classics of the Silver screen presentation of *The Band Wagon*. Cygnet Theatre proprietor and member Graham Kahn was surprised and impressed with what he viewed of the welcome message from the bio box.

NEW WEBSITE COMING



Above is the draft first page of the new AMMPT Website produced by member and webmaster Beth McKechnie. Beth has commenced the arduous task of sifting through years of information on the old website and with help from a sub-committee of Ross McDonald, Ken McKay, Keith Rutherford and John Fuhrmann trying to sort subjects into various categories and separate national AMMPT and AMMPT Western Region historical content. The old AMMPT website is still operational at this time but will eventually be removed from the web.

IN FOCUS PRESENTATION –AUGUST 20th– 7.30pm FRED BELL RSL HALL

The **Sounds of World War 1** presentation from member Richard Rennie had members enthralled at the last In Focus Presentation, to the point of some audience performing very off-key community singing. Our next presentation is on **Art deco Architecture in Perth and Theatres** from well-known historian Yvonne Geneve AO and was organised by member Kim Lesouef.

CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN - 17th AUGUST 10.15am - CYGNET CINEMA

“SINGING IN THE RAIN”

Our next screening is the 1952 MGM film “Singing in the Rain” starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds. It is one of the greatest and most successful musicals ever filmed - filled with memorable songs, lavish routines and Kelly's fabulous song-and-dance number performed in the rain. The plot revolves around the problems faced by film stars in their transition from the silent movie to talkies era. If you have friends interested in attending the show, why not send them this broadsheet or direct them to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZby_hrm75Q Successful screenings at the Cygnet are the life blood of AMMPT Western Region.

CYGNET TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Graham Kahn has advised AMMPT that electrical re-wiring of the cinema to bring it up to the required electrical code standards of today will occur over a 5 week period. This will unfortunately require the cancellation our Classics of the Silver Screen presentation on September 21st which was “Goodbye Mr Chips”. Please make a note of this cancellation on your calendar.

QUEENSGATE THEATRE FREMANTLE CLOSURE - PROJECTORS

By the time you receive this newsletter the Queensgate Cinema in Fremantle will have closed its doors. The 1980s era complex of office block and movie house is set to bite the dust in favour of a six-storey hotel, office and shopping block. Hoyts allowed Graeme Lacey and Roy Mudge to remove 3 projectors which are now stored at Sunset Hospital.

EARLY TV



Member Richard Rennie has donated the first TV imported into Western Australia to AMMPT. The set (a 17 inch Kreisher model) was originally owned by Arthur Pidgeon who was the Kreisher distributor in WA for many years. It was imported in 1957, two years before transmission began in this state. The set is in working condition and was used by Richard in the Fremantle Light and Sound Discovery Centre at the former Fremantle History Museum.

SUNSET WORK CONTINUES

Up to ten members at a time have been attending Sunset Hospital work sessions. As a consequence more efficient storage for memorabilia and equipment has been generated. The display areas for TV and cinema have been commenced. In recognition that much of the equipment is extremely heavy the committee approved the purchase of a small indoor crane and air compressor to complement the existing hand trolley and piano dolly. The air compressor is to be used to remove dust from inaccessible equipment areas. New doors have also been fitted to the licensed area to ensure even greater security.



Museum Curator Roy Mudge and member Alan Beer work on assembling donated projectors. Any person interested in putting in a couple of hours work at Sunset Hospital should ring Graeme Lacey on 9275 6559.