

SIGHT AND SOUND UPDATE

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Irene Annie Stiles

(née Williams)

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From The President.

VALE IRENE STILES

The AMMPT Western Region (Inc.) Committee is sad to report the passing of Irene Stiles, an inaugural Patron of the Association and friend to many current and past members. Irene was the wife of the late Arthur Stiles, the first Manager of the Grand Theatre Company, and mother to Allan, the current Managing Director of Grand Cinemas, and school-teacher Pat. At one time Irene worked in the box office of the now Grand Cygnet Cinema in Como and retained a special fondness for that heritage listed building with its art deco design. For many years she regularly attended the “Classics of the Silver Screen” series sometimes in the company of Pat. Whilst a Patron, Irene made several generous donations to the association and attended our annual dinners, often drawing the raffle. She was a staunch and vocal supporter of the Perth Football Club especially when Allan was playing league football. It can be truly said that Irene was a warm person with a heart of gold and will be missed but remembered fondly by all those with whom she met.

Agnes Foyster (President)



CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN
 SEPTEMBER 23rd - 10.00 AM
 GRAND CYGNET CINEMA
 PRESTON STREET COMO

The next Classics of the Silver Screen will be the MGM musical “**BALALAIKA** “. The 1939 film follows the romance of Russian Prince Peter Karagin and Lydia Pavovna Marakova, a singer and secret revolutionary, set in Imperial Russia on the eve of World War 1. Based on the London stage musical of the same name it stars Nelson Eddy and Ilona Massey. Set in Tsarist Russia in 1914 the film was nominated for Best Sound Recording in the 1939 Academy Awards.

NOSTALGIA

Intuitively we know for most people, aging facilitates a predisposition toward nostalgia. We probably have a preference for our own adolescence and a wish to return to younger days. This underlying philosophy supports our association’s initiative of screening the monthly “Classics of the Silver Screen” series throughout the year. Researchers tell us that as memory fades with age we are susceptible to “nostalgic triggers” such as situations and scenes that are like one’s own experience. Repeated events from the past may be involving school, going to the pictures, seeing the grand-children and Sunday outings, all provide potential triggers for the elderly.

Some of Perth’s voluntary organisations and institutions servicing the aged have recognised the benefit of a nostalgic experience by bringing people to Grand Cinemas Cygnet Cinema for an association screening. Specifically, the Joondalup Platinum Group, Bethanie Group and West Coast Community Centre have been in attendance. Maybe we should be encouraging these groups for our mutual advantage.

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Wednesday 16th October is the date of the Annual General meeting of AMMPT Western Region (Inc.) to be held at the RSL Hall in East Victoria Park. This year is election year so have a think about whom you might like to nominate for a position on the Committee or perhaps consider running yourself. Notices and nomination forms will be going out to members in a couple of weeks so please give consideration to how you can help shape the future of the organisation by taking on a management position.



MEMBERS IN ACTION

A note on our educational presentation and Newsreader Competition at Wireless Hill Museum in Melville on the 25th August.

Member Trevor Kelly is also a volunteer at Wireless Hill and approached us to set up a display of TV equipment earlier in the year.

Left: Student Jasmine Browning reading her script

Volunteer and Committee person Harry Smith added to the concept.

Why not create a Newsreader Competition and promote it to local schools to participate? We could use our recently donated camera equipment from Curtin University.

Thanks to Heather Sophia-Thomson, the Education Officer at Melville who organised and coached 18 participant Primary school children, the day was a huge success, with each participant student getting a personal DVD of their recording created by Harry Smith to promote Pictures in Motion.

Retired ABC newsreader David Hawkes and Heather Sophia-Thomson voluntarily agreed to judge the exceptional talents presented by each student.

The success of the event was made possible not only by Harry and Trevor, but also with the help of volunteers Ross McDonald, John Quicke, new member Tim O'Dea, Clive Woodward, Lorraine Horsley and many others who made the day a great success.

Channel 9 Perth, Bank of Queensland Applecross and Willetton branches also assisted with sponsoring and prizes for the event.



Above: Cameraman Clive Woodward, ready for the next participant, while Judges Heather Sophia-Thomson and David Hawkes compare notes.