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### PICTURES IN MOTION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

President Agnes Foyster reported to attendees on the year's activities. Of great significance was the rebranding of the organisation with the name Pictures in Motion whilst at the same time retaining the legal name AMMPT Western Region (Inc.). This action was taken after receiving advice from a marketing and publicity consultant. The 8-month Picture Palaces of Perth exhibition at Wireless Hill and the associated breakout activities including a children's TV news initiative, a public show and tell, and presentations about cinema and television kept volunteers busy. A \$14,000 grant was obtained from LotteryWest which has resulted in upgraded IT capacity for our Museum database. These community focussed initiatives were supplemented with a successful bi-annual dinner and the much appreciated "Classics of the Silver Screen" series at the Grand Cygnet Cinema. The President thanked retiring committee members Shauna Deane, Keith Rutherford and John Fuhrmann for their contributions over several years. The election of office bearers and committee resulted in the following: President – Agnes Foyster, Vice President – Graham Kahn, Secretary – Peter Foyster, Treasurer – Agnes Foyster, Committee: Roy Mudge, Ken McKay, Harry Smith, Ian Stimson, Tim O'Dea and John Quicke.



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### CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> - 10AM GRAND CYGNET CINEMA PRESTON STREET COMO

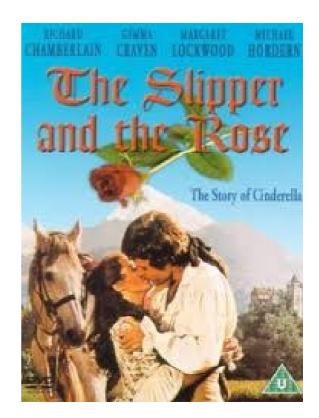
The next Classics of the Silver Screen Presentation will be the 1943 MGM musical comedy Best Foot Forward starring Lucile Ball and featuring the music of the band leader Harry James. The story centres on Lucille Ball, who plays herself against the backdrop of a military academy full of frisky boys. Ball is the reluctant guest of a diminutive cadet, Bud Hooper, who wrote her a "mash note" and invitation to be his date at a school prom. Ball's presence at the school leads to chaos. The film box office totalled \$2.7m in the USA.

### WELL DESERVED

The WA branch of the Australian Cinema Pioneers has announced that our museum Curator Roy Mudge will be recognised as WA Cinema Pioneer of 2019 at a November 21<sup>st</sup> lunch. Roy has been a member of the WA Cinema Pioneers since 1988 **AMMPT NATIONAL – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  At the recent AMMPT NATIONAL Annual General Meeting a unanimous vote from representatives of all regions agreed to cancel the organisation's incorporated status. The various equipment and memorabilia donations to the national body had previously been transferred to the custody of the relevant branches and the Western Region (trading as Pictures in Motion) has undertaken to maintain the existing website and will continue to encourage regions to provide contributions. This action has eliminated duplication of function and confusion on responsibility. It was agreed that the President of AMMPT Western Region would explore the possibility of a letter of agreement to cooperate being signed by all existing regions. This would not involve any constitutional ties or financial obligations but may be to their mutual benefit.

## CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> - 10AM GRAND CYGNET CINEMA PRESTON STREET COMO

The final Classics of the Silver Screen presentation for 2019 will be the 1976 British musical film retelling the fairy tale of Cinderella. Prince Edward wants to marry for love, but the King and court of the kingdom are anxious for the prince to wed no matter what. When the prince meets Cinderella at a ball, he's sure she's the one. and when she loses her slipper upon exiting the dance, the prince is determined to find marry her. Starring Richard and Chamberlain and Gemma Craven and the film was made in Austria. Music is from the composing pens of the Sherman brothers



## **VOLUNTEER SAFETY**

Besides having an insurance policy to protect its volunteers, Pictures in Motion has recently been successful in obtaining a St John Heart Grant to purchase a defibrillator worth \$2000 for the outlay of \$249. A condition of this grant is that the keypad-locked cabinet containing the defibrillator is mounted on an external wall so that it can be accessed 24/7 by the general public. An additional safety initiative will occur with new committee member Tim O'Dea and Trevor Kelly who have undertaken to attend a one day first aid course.

### **THIEF OF BAGDAD**

The final presentation of the Picture Palaces of Perth exhibition at Wireless Hill was an outdoor screening of the 1924 silent film classic The Thief of Bagdad on Saturday evening November 9th. The Thief of Bagdad is an American swashbuckler film starring Douglas Fairbanks. The film is freely adapted from One Thousand and One Nights, it tells the story of a thief who falls in love with the daughter of the Caliph of Bagdad.

# CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS GREETINGS FROM THE COMMITTEE.