

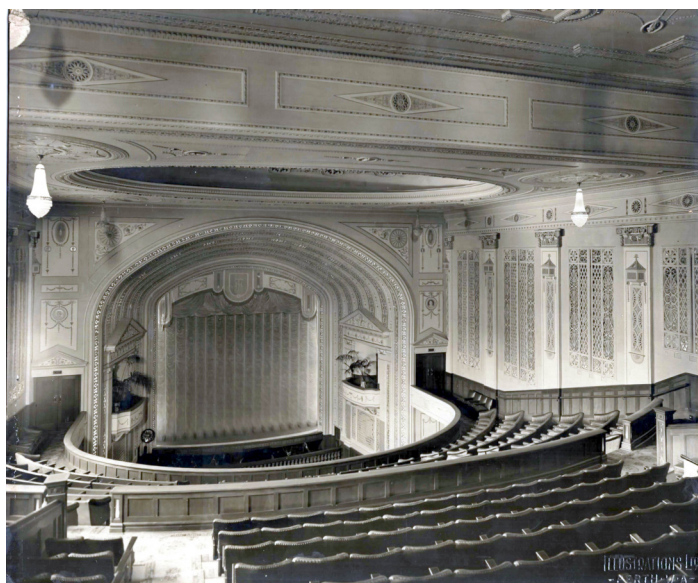
SIGHT AND SOUND UPDATE

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THE REGENT THEATRE

On Saturday 10th September 1927 the Hoyts Regent Theatre opened in William Street Perth, having been built in the shell of the old Queens Hall.

The theatre seated 2000 people and was decorated in colours of Mauve, Cyclamen and Gold, with chandeliers throughout.



The Regent had an orchestra of 15, a ballet and a Wurlitzer Organ.

The opening film was "Three Bad Men", from Fox Films.

On the 6th of April 1929 the first sound on film picture, "The Red Dance", commenced.

October 12th 1929 was the last time the orchestra, ballet and organ played on the programme. The organ remained until the building was demolished.

On May 13th 1938 MGM Theatres took over the lease and the theatre was redesigned in the Art Deco style and rename the Metro.

In 1973 the theatre was closed and demolished.

CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN

Pictures In Motion will be holding fund raising movie screenings at Kookaburra Outdoor Cinema, Allen Road Mundaring during the summer.

The movies screened will be on Thursday nights on the dates listed hereunder.

All movies start at 7:45pm except "Jumbo" which is at 7:30pm, so come along and enjoy classic movies under the stars at Kookaburra Outdoor Cinema.

30th November

DEEP IN MY HEART starring Jose Ferrer & Merle Oberon

14th December

CASABLANCA starring Humphrey Bogart & Ingrid Bergman

18th January

I COULD GO ON SINGING starring Judy Garland & Dirk Bogarde

22nd February

KISMET starring Howard Keel & Ann Blyth

21st March

JUMBO starring Doris Day & Stephen Boyd



MEMBERS AT WORK - JOHN QUICKE

John Quicke was born in Perth in 1939 and brought up on a wheat belt farm 20 miles east of Kulin. John attended Kulin Primary School and then Albany High School. In 1950 he joined the RAAF as an apprentice for full time engineering studies at Melbourne Technical College. In early 1958 John was discharged and returned to Perth and completed his engineering course at Perth Technical College. In December 1959 John was employed as an engineer at TVW Channel Seven where he stayed until 1975, progressing up the ranks to become chief engineer. John saw major changes and developments over the 15 years he was at TVW. The design of TVW's first outside broadcast van, the introduction of videotape, the new studio one and Radio 6IX's new studios at Tuart Hill and the purchase of colour equipment were some of the innovations that occurred on John's watch at Seven. The highlight of John's career was being placed in charge of the building of the Perth Entertainment Centre which, despite all of the challenges in its construction, was successfully completed and Perth gained a fondly remembered iconic building. In his retirement John joined the museum and is a valued member of the team.



FILMS SCREENING IN PERTH, SATURDAY 8th June 1946



PLAZA

"The Way To The Stars"



GRAND

"The Crime Doctor's Courage"



THEATRE ROYAL

"Practically Yours"



HIS MAJESTYS

"Pillow To Post"



CAPITOL

"Tonight and Every Night"

AMBASSADORS

"Bedside Manner"



PICCADILLY

"A Song To Remember"

METRO

"Anchors Aweigh"

