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Dear Decophile,

By way of keeping in touch until we meet again, the Society will be sending out a monthly email with up coming events and information you may find interesting.



April and May was a busy time for the Society. With the assistance of our Vice President Philip McAllister and Publicity Officer Kevin Jackson we hosted three walking tours as part of the City of Perth Boorloo Heritage Festival.

In May, we accepted an invitation from the owners of the Cygnet Theatre to tour the recently refurbished cinema. Over 40 members attended and the event made the front page of Perth Now (see below).

Included in this email update is information on the proposed redevelopment of the Regal Theatre in Subiaco, links to online Art Deco seminars hosted by our colleagues in the United States and an opportunity to help the Society by purchase some lovely furniture from our long time member, Andrew Carson.

Yours decoratively

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

To our long standing member, Dr Dorothy Perret, who has recently celebrated her 100th Birthday.

Dorothy is an internationally renowned Microbiologist and also a specialist in WA Wildflowers.

In the next email update we will have a biography of Dr Dorothy Perret in recognition of this important milestone.

Boorloo Heritage Festival



Vyonne Geneve and Philip McAllister at the launch of the Boorloo Heritage Festival



Walking tour hosted by the ADMSWA outside the Art Deco Perth Girls School

The Art Deco and Modernist Society played an important role in this year's City of Perth Boorloo Heritage Festival. The Society, due to the commitment and hard work of Philip McAllister, our Vice President and Kevin Jackson, our Publicity Officer, was able to deliver three Art Deco Heritage Walks as part of the Festival.

Each walk focused on different parts of the City (CBD, West & East) and lasted over an hour and a half. All the walks were booked to capacity, making it a great success for the Society and the City of Perth.

In recognition of the Society's contribution to the Festival, as well as our long-term standing as an important voice in Western Australian Heritage, our President was invited to attend the Festival's Launch in April. This event provided the Society with an opportunity to network with other festival participants and to remind all of the critically important role we have played in saving so much of our built heritage in the last 35 years.

Please see below for a link to information about the Boorloo Festival.

Art Deco house for Sale



The home of long standing members of the Society, Leslee Mordaunt and Dave Jones is up for sale.

This grand and gracious Art Deco residence would be familiar to many members of the Society. As did previous owners, Leslee and Dave had often hosted events at their home and especially as part of the 25th Anniversary celebrations of the Society.

The owners have kindly advised the Society of the sale.

Ford Factory

The State Heritage Council is considering whether to recommend to the Heritage Minister entry onto the state register of heritage places the 1929 former Ford Factory in North Fremantle. Members may recall visiting this important heritage place with the Society when it housed Matilda Bay Brewery.

Local heritage advocate, John Dowson, is concerned that the State Heritage Council may not recommend it for heritage listing.

Cygnnet Cinema



ADMSWA members at the tour on the Cygnnet Cinema May 2024

Picture courtesy of Perth Now – Photographer Micheal Wilson

Over 40 members and supporters of the Art Deco and Modernist Society of Western Australia had the pleasure of touring the recently refurbished Cygnnet Cinema (formerly Como Theatre). This event was graciously hosted by the property developer, Australian Property Collective, in collaboration with their heritage advisory firm, Element Advisory.

Adding a touch of nostalgia to the occasion, Garry Leighton, the son of the cinema's original architect and attendee at our very first meeting in 1987, graced us with his presence and shared insightful memories of the establishment's construction.

During the tour, the developer's representative, Brett Jackson, emphasised that while the cinema itself may not be financially viable, the increase in foot traffic it generates would enhance the value of surrounding developments owned by the company. This rationale justified the investment in the refurbishment of the Cinema.

Moving forward, it is crucial for us to monitor future developments and ensure that the cultural significance of this important Art Deco landmark remains intact amid any changes and surrounding developments.

The tour also featured enlightening talks from our President, Vyonne Geneve, Vice President, Philip McAllister and Element Advisory's heritage architect, Alana Jennings.

Regal Theatre

A proposed 9 storey development adjacent to the Regal Theatre will be including a substantial investment in the conservation and improved amenities of the heritage listed Art Deco building.

Members of the Society will be having a careful look at the proposed development and will provide further information in the next email update.

As with the Cygnnet Cinema the issue is going to be how the adjacent developments will impact the heritage significance of the place.