



Art Deco and Modernist
Society of Western Australia

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 27th October, 2024
from 2 p.m. at the

Old Observatory's Annex, 4
Havelock Street, West Perth.

Dear Decophiles,

As many of you are aware, the past few weeks have been a flurry of activity with the future of the Windsor Cinema hanging in the balance. Our management committee has asked me to lead the campaign to save this cherished venue, and I have accepted the task with enthusiasm. Further details on our efforts to save this WT Leighton designed landmark are included separately.

I'd like to draw your attention to the stylised artwork on the left, featuring Ron and me along with the Windsor Cinema. It was painted and generously gifted to the Society by our long-time and valued member, Colin Andrews.

You should have already received your invitation to this year's Annual General Meeting. I sincerely hope you can attend, as this AGM will mark my last as President.

Although I had planned to retire at this meeting, I have been encouraged by our Treasurer/Secretary, Karl Haynes, to remain in the role until my 91st birthday next June. Karl has explained that the 100th Anniversary of Art Deco and the beginning of my 10th decade would represent a suitably eminent milestone to mark my retirement from active service.

After some consideration, I have agreed to re-nominate for the presidency on the understanding that our Vice President and Treasurer/Secretary will assume responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Society, while keeping me informed of key developments and decisions.

In this edition of 'Dear Decophiles,' you will find a charming account of our Patron Jean Jenkins and her husband Brian's recent travels through Europe. Additionally, there is information about next year's World Congress in Paris and the annual Art Deco Festival in Napier, New Zealand.

Yours decoratively,

Members of the Art Deco and Modernist Society of Western Australia interested in attending must fill out the Pre-Registration form on the Paris Website and are encouraged to do so quickly, pre-registrations close on the 28th October.



2025 WORLD CONGRESS ON ART DECO IS NOW ACCEPTING PRE-REGISTRATIONS!

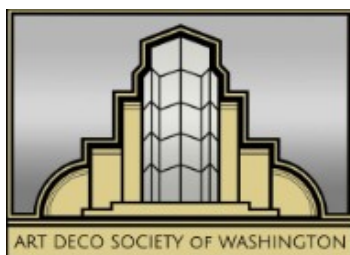
We are delighted to inform you that details of the Paris World Congress on Art Deco taking place in October 2025 are now live on the website. You can learn more about details including dates, costs, preliminary schedules, and access to pre-register by clicking on the link below

PLEASE NOTE: As with all previous World Congresses, registration is handled by the host city society. Accordingly, all registrations and questions will go through the Paris Art Deco Society, so please contact them for any further information or questions you may have.

As you are likely aware, our umbrella organization the International Coalition of Art Deco Societies (ICADS) and Paris anticipate great interest in this Congress; however, there are limitations on the number of slots available for a variety of logistical reasons beyond their control. There are limited spots available for the Pre- and Post-Congresses in Reims and Brussels respectively as well. Accordingly, ICADS and the Paris Art Deco Society have developed a way to manage participation from member societies. Much thought has been given to ensure that seats are distributed fairly to all societies interested in attending. Therefore, the total number of spaces allocated to each society is based on its membership numbers, and priority will be given to active and engaged members serving their societies.

<https://www.paris-artdeco.org/>

Assistance with travel planning can be provided by Society member Massimo Perotti



Art Deco Design & Hollywood Film, By Deborah Sorensen

Members may be interested in watching a virtual presentation organised by the Art Deco Society of Washington on Art Deco and Hollywood.

Please click on the link below to watch the virtual presentation on youtube.

[Art Deco Design & Hollywood Film, By Deborah Sorensen \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXD7jntsMQY)

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-----SAVE THE DATE-----

Art Deco and Modernist Society Annual Christmas Picnic

Sunday 8th December 2024

12.00 to 3.00, Queens Garden, East Perth

West end entrance corner Plain St. / Nelson Crescent East Perth

“Blow some my way”: Jazz Age Women and Cigarette Holders



Online Presentation by the Art Deco Society of New York

Wednesday, November 20 2024

Cigarette holders, while small in size, hold a multitude of history. In the first half of the twentieth century, the rise in popularity of cigarette holders coincided with the women’s rights movement—by the 1920s, smoking for women became a signal of freedom, away from restrictions on how femininity should be defined—as well as improved plastics technology, as costume jewellery became all the rage.

Link to online presentation registration: <https://artdecosocietyofnewyork.wildapricot.org/event-5884359>



MLS HIP ON **HERITAGE**
MOUNT LAWLEY SOCIETY EST. 1977

IT HAPPENED AT PERTH OVAL GUEST SPEAKER: DR PETER GALL

As part of the MLS Guest Speaker Series Dr Peter Gall shares the story of Wing Commander Bert Hinkler’s landing on Perth Oval in 1928 after breaking the record for the London-Darwin solo flight in 15 days and two hours.

Monday 25 November 2024

For more information: <https://www.mountlawleysociety.org.au/coming-up>



Members will recall visiting St John's Court, in Cottesloe. The Society was fortunate to host a number of events in this magnificent Art Deco building, graciously facilitated by its then-owners and long-time Society members, Linda and Colin Andrews. Built in 1934 in the Spanish Mission style, St John's Court stands as a striking example of interwar architecture.

For those interested, further details about the property can be found in the March issue of the Post Newspaper, which has been attached for your convenience. The painting of St John's Court, seen on the left, is by Colin Andrews, who, alongside his many other talents, is an accomplished artist.

Patron Jean Jenkins and husband Brian have recently returned from six weeks in Europe, spending time with relatives and friends in England, Wales and Portugal.

They also enjoyed a cruise on Cunard's splendid Queen Mary 2, circumnavigating the British Isles and visiting ports and cities in England, Scotland and Ireland. Queen Mary 2 has the distinction of being the world's last remaining ocean liner and is fitted out in Art Deco style. Also on board were five members of the Royal Shakespeare Company who provided behind-the-scenes experience of rehearsals and performance, as well as readings from Shakespeare's plays and sonnets.

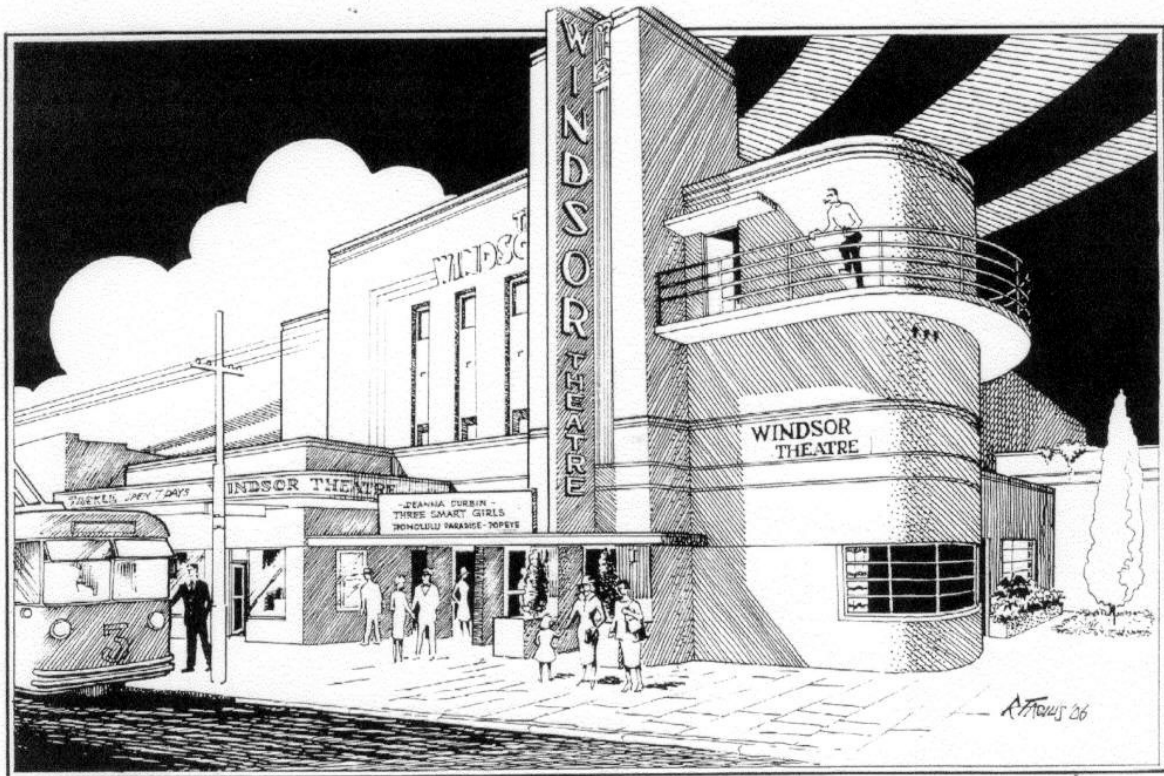


Immediately before the cruise, Jean and Brian spent a week in the Paddington Hilton Hotel in London. Built in the 1850s on the inspiration of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and in the style of Louis XIV and named the Great Western Royal Hotel, it was officially opened by Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, in 1854. A refurbishment in Art Deco splendour was completed in the 1930s, giving Jean and Brian the pleasure of a full Art Deco experience in their beautifully furnished room and the hotel's public areas.

An unexpected and delightful finale to their overseas trip was a chance but brief meeting with ADMSWA member Elizabeth Adkins in Heathrow Airport's busy Terminal 3.



Save the Windsor



The Society's efforts in mobilising support for the Windsor Cinema have had a significant impact since the property was listed for sale. The selling agent has shifted focus from the potential for demolition to highlighting the substantial annual income the cinema currently generates. Additionally, the leaseholders have placed a caveat on the title, signalling their intent to resist relinquishing the lease.

The National Trust of Western Australia, alongside the Society, is raising concerns with the City of Nedlands regarding the failure to include the cinema on the local government's Heritage List. The Society is now exploring avenues to have the Windsor re-assessed for inclusion on the Register of State Heritage Places.

Make sure you visit the Post Newspaper website and our Facebook page to keep an eye on events as they unfold.

Link to the Post Newspaper: <https://postnewspapers.com.au/>

Link to our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ArtDecoSocietyWesternAustralia/>

Membership Renewal

If you have yet to renew your membership please do so now by paying your membership fee directly into the Society's bank account.

Account Name: Art Deco and Modernist Society

BSB: 036034

Account: 140540

Membership fees are Individual \$50, Family \$75, Concession \$40 and Corporate \$200.

Please consider adding a donation to your membership.

ART DECO FESTIVAL **NAPIER**



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13-16 FEB 25

The Art Deco Festival Napier has grown into one of the great festivals of the world. But more than that, it's an acknowledgement of the resilience and spirit of the Hawke's Bay Communities who, in the aftermath of the 1931 earthquake, rolled up their sleeves and rebuilt Napier City, creating the magnificent Art Deco Capital that we celebrate today.

Link for information on the festival: <https://artdecofestival.co.nz/>