

## Archive Report. October 2024

Volunteers at the archive have been kept busy recording, scanning and filing a large quantity of cinema related ephemera which has recently been donated. Apart from the usual newspaper items recent donations have included a large collection of advertising slides, another large donation of theatre programs, and further movie related sheet music. It is great to be able to build up our collection of these items. Apart from their value in adding to the history of each venue they are well used in displays and functions at PMI. We have also agreed to loan items and set up a display for the Capitol Theatre for their centenary celebrations in November. It's good to be able to share these historic items.

Donations received since the last report:

Keith Lumley - books and CDs  
Harvey Hutchison - collection of glass advertising slides  
John Fitzsimons - large quantity of ephemera (newspaper cuttings and advertising)  
Ross Campbell - quantity of books for sale, and a copy of his book for our library  
Craig Blencoe - Old newspaper advertisements  
Morag Barker - Film mending tape from 20th Century Fox Melbourne office  
Bayside Library - book  
John Budge - newspaper cuttings and advertising  
Alan Webb - quantity of sheet music  
Eileen Durdin - Large quantity of theatre programs

Thanks to these generous donations we have a large stock of books for sale. Our next book sale, in conjunction with PMI, will be held in the ground floor car park on 16th November and we are hopeful of a large crowd. This sale allows us to reach a wider range of potential buyers than our annual Cinefair.

The project of scanning all non photographic items has been completed, but is still being checked to ensure that everything is now digitally recorded.

Several members have visited the archive recently and we again remind anyone who is researching specific projects, or just wishing to reminisce, that the archive is open to them. We are usually there on Wednesday and Thursday mornings but would appreciate a phone call or email first to ensure that someone will be in attendance as our volunteer numbers are down at the moment. Contact details are listed in CinemaRecord.

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