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HERITAGE PERTH HERITAGE DAY

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2009

what's on at...

THE PICCADILLY THEATRE

It's time to celebrate the valuable inheritance our forefathers left us when Heritage Perth Heritage Day showcases our City's history going back many thousands of years before colonisation. It is a unique opportunity for residents and visitors of all ages and cultures to explore the fascinating history and heritage that is - the City of Perth.

As part of the days activities the stunning Art-Deco Piccadilly Theatre will be running a **FREE** screening of an Australian classic silent movie - "**The Sentimental Bloke**".

Made in 1919 the film was derived from the original verse by C.J. Dennis. This is a well known story of a working class larrikin redeemed by the love of a good woman. Filmed in black and white on the streets of Woolloomooloo and other inner city suburbs of Sydney, this classic of the silent era was originally produced for 2000 pounds.

In true style of the era, the screening will be accompanied by pianist Len Brauer. Len has more than thirty years experience as a professional pianist and has accompanied renowned International artists such as Cilla Black, Jerry Lewis and Jose Feliciano.

The theatre was opened 10 March 1938 and built by mining entrepreneur Claude de Bernales. At the time the Piccadilly Theatre reflected the optimism of the desire for enjoyment and entertainment that prevailed at the end of the Depression. It was fitted out with the most modern features and was the first theatre in WA to get air-conditioning.

It was not the largest theatre in Perth, seating only 1,100 people but its decor and amenities drew admiration. The foyers were profusely decorated with red and gold roses, pink gladioli and exquisite varicoloured dahlias and the ladies boudoir came in for special attention, as did the theatre attendants with their short black dresses and white gloves, one discretely tucked into the skirts waistband.

If you want a film experience of yesteryear don't miss "The Sentimental Bloke" at the Piccadilly Theatre. Doors open at **9.45am** and the film commences at **10.30am**.

Heritage Perth Heritage Day is a truly inclusive event with no political agenda, crossing all faiths, nationalities and cultures. Come celebrate Sunday 15 November – Heritage Perth Heritage Day.

For event information telephone 08 9461 3244 for general information go to: www.heritageperth.com

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