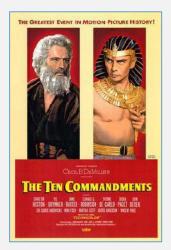


SYDNEY IN 70MM - PART 2 THE BLOW UP







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The **Hoyts Century theatre** was located at 586 George Street (opposite the Hoyts Regent Theatre which showcased the first CinemaScope film *The Robe* on the 9th December 1953). The Century stood on the site of the Crystal Palace Theatre [1912]. The Crystal Palace closed during the depression [1929-1931] and after remodelling where a cinema and offices were

built within the original building structure, reopened as the Hoyts Century theatre on the 26th January 1938 with The Life of Emile Zola.

THEATRE CENTURY HOYTS

MR. PAUL MUNI IN "THE LIFE OF EMILE ZOLA."

THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PHOTOPLAY OF ALL TIME is chosen to open Australia's 1

Anniversary Theatre. Warner Brothers Supreme Screen Achievement Grand Associate E

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and Evening Performance at 8 o'cleek.

RESERVATIONS AT THEATRE ONLY "PHONE, M2241.

The Hoyts Century theatre was refurbished in 1965 with a new 865 seating capacity and equipped for 70mm with Victoria 8 projectors premiering Warner Bros. My Fair Lady on the 28th July 1965.

BOX PLANS NOW OPEN

COMMENCING THURSDAY

of 8 Academy Awards, including first Picture of the year,

"MY FAIR LADY"

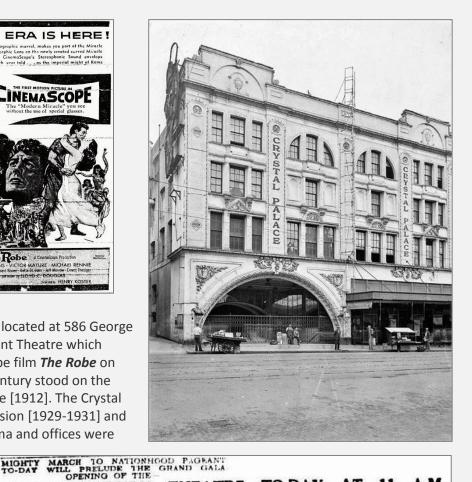
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HOYTS CENTURY THEATRE

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The Hoyts Century theatre closed as a cinema in 1977 with The Sound of Music and Fair Lady as the last 70mm presentations from the 4th August 1977.

CENTURY: "MY FAIR LADY" (G) 70 and "SOUND OF MUSIC" (G) 70m paily "Music" 10.30, 4.45, paily "Music" 1.35, 7.50, Sun, "MUSIC" 2 p.m. "FAIR LADY" 5 p.m. (G) 70mm 3) 70mm



TO-DAY



Compiled by Doug Louden [updated 19/08/16]

The following table are the two *CinemaScope 55* productions. It should be mentioned that (despite their hype) 55mm prints were not used for public presentation of these titles in Australia - nor indeed anywhere in the world. The Sydney screenings were conventional 35mm CinemaScope with 4-track magnetic stereophonic sound. Also included as date reference for this chapter are the CinemaScope, Franscope and Techniscope blow up to 70mm in Sydney during the era Reserved Seating Engagement ...

FILM
Carousel
The King and I - 70mm reissue

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers – 70mm reissue The Bridge on the River Kwai – 70mm reissue

The Longest Day - 70mm reissue

Guns For San Sebastian - Franscope

Raid on Rommel - Techniscope

CINEMA	SYDNEY	70MM	CINEMA
Regent	04/06/56	Not release	ed in 70mm
Regent	13/12/56	10/10/63	Paris
St James	27/09/54	01/11/68	Forum
Lyceum	08/03/58	11/10/73	Mayfair
Embassy	26/12/62	05/06/69	Paris
		10/05/68	Forum
		29/10/71	Barclay







The Regent theatre was located at 487 George Street Sydney and opened on the 9th March 1928 with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer *Flesh and the Devil*. The Regent showcased CinemaScope and in later years, the James Bond films *Dr. No* to *The Man with the Golden Gun* [excluding *Thunderball*]. The Regent closed as a Hoyts cinema on the 11th February 1976 with *Paper Tiger*.

The FIRST James Bond him adventure!

REGENT: "DR NO" TODAY!

From London to the Caribbean he developed the technique of Loven Band art. the art of neurone of a science! Starring SEAN CONTRY, URSULA ANDRESS, JOSEPH ANDREWS, TECHNIQUE OF THE THE SEAN WORLD OF WAIST-OWN dame Treasures amount wax works; SIr Robert Menules—Moveletone, Sessions: 10.40, 1.45, 4.50, B p.m. Recent, 487 George St. Air-conditioned, 26.2487. Plans theatre, D.J.s. SUULHBAN PRESENTATIONS at Horis Ashbeld, Star Bondl Junction, Chaiswood, Manly, Roxy Parramatta, Civic Bankstown, Pataltal Burwayed, Ennure, Savoy Hurstville, And Sat., Mon., Tues., Civic Auburn, For suburban programs and screening details see class. cols., "Sun" and "Mirror."

REGENT: "PAPER TIGER" (NRC) Last Day David Niven. Daily 11.15, 2.10, 5.05, 8 p.m. 487 George St.

CAROUSEL

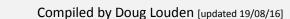
4th June 1956 to 11th July 1956 – Season 5 weeks and 2 days **V**



"CAROUSEL" IN CINEMASCOPE 55 HOYTS REGENT (CITY) AND SUBURBS! 20th Century-Fox proudly presents the first motion picture in the new CINEMASCOPE 55—with Colour De Luxe and the perfect fidelity of gentino Stereophonic Sound. Rodger's and Hammerstein's "CAROUSEL" starring GORDON MARRAE SHIRLEY JONES, CAMERON MITCHELL, You'll hear: "If I Loved You," "June is Bustin' Out All Over," "Solloquy," and more (G). Plus Fecturettes in Cinemascope and Colour: "MELBOURNE—OLYMPIC CITY": "THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE": "CHIPS AHOY": Movicione New, HOYTS REGENT (George Sixed, City). BM2487. At 10.15, 1.30, 4.45, 8 p.m. Plens, Regent, Pating's, Usher's, Australia, Seats may be reserved 12 days sheed, in the Suburbs (last 3) days) at HOYTS STAR, BONDI JUNCTION, FW1047 and FW4027; ARCADIA, CHATSWOOD, JA2832, and HOYTS, MANLY. XU2466—Sessions 1,30 p.m., night 7.45. HOYTS, DRUMMOYNE, WA2009, and HOYTS, CRGW'S NEST, JF4080, at 7.45 p.m., Plans at theories.

CAROUSEL was advertised in CinemaScope 55 at the Hoyts Regent theatre.

CAROUSEL was not released in 70mm ...



THE KING AND I

13th December 1956 to 13th March 1957 – Season 12 weeks and 6 days **V**









THE KING AND I was advertised in CinemaScope 55 at the Hoyts Regent theatre.

THE KING AND I was reissued in Grandeur 70mm on the $10^{\rm th}$ October 1963 at the Hoyts Paris theatre ...



SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS

27th September 1954 to 8th December 1954 – Season 10 weeks and 2 days V







SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS was advertised in

CinemaScope and Perspecta Sound at the St James and Metro theatres.

SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS was reissued in 70mm at the Forum cinema on the 1st November 1968 ...

THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI

8th March 1958 to 15th October 1958 – Season 31 weeks and 4 days V



LYCEUM TODAY! AT 10.30, 2, 7.55 "BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI"

PLANS OPEN 3 Weeks in advance at Lyceum and State Booking Bureau. 3 Sessions delly; 10.30, 2, 7.55. All sents bookable, Mail order bookings (enclosing remittance) to Booking Manager, Lyceum, giving alternative date. Sorry, no Phone Bookings, Prices: ALL DAY SESSIONS: Stalls 5/ and 7/: Lounge 9/. Night Sessions: Week Days, Stalls 6/ and 8/; Lounge 10/. Saturdays, Stalls 7/ and 9/; Lounge 12/. Children half-orice all day senions except Lounge, 8at. Mat. FREE LIST ENTIRELY SUSPENDED.





THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI was released in 35mm

CinemaScope at the Lyceum theatre. The film was reissued in 35mm (advertised 'on the Giant Technirama screen') on the 12th March 1965 at the Barclay cinema and in 70mm on the 11th October 1973 at the Hoyts Mayfair theatre ...



THE LONGEST DAY

26th December 1962 to 10th July 1963 – Season 28 weeks V







THE LONGEST DAY was released exclusively in 35mm CinemaScope at the Embassy theatre.

THE LONGEST DAY was reissued in 70mm on the 5th June 1969 at the Hoyts Paris theatre ...



FOR SAN SEBASTIAN

10th May 1968 to 6th June 1968 − Season 3 weeks and 6 days **V**





GUNS FOR SAN SEBASTIAN was advertised in Franscope and 70mm at the Forum cinema.

GUNS FOR SAN SEBASTIAN was not reissued in 70mm ...

RAID ON ROMMEL

29th October 1971 to 18th November 1971 – Season 2 weeks and 6 days V





RAID ON ROMMEL was advertised in 70mm at the Barclay cinema.

RAID ON ROMMEL was not reissued in 70mm ...

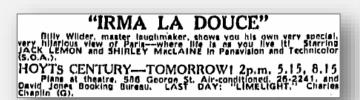
CENTURY THEATRE

The following table are the 70mm films released at the CENTURY ...

FILM	OPENED	CLOSED	WEEKS
My Fair Lady	28/07/65	31/05/67	96
The Bible In the Beginning	01/06/67	01/11/67	22
Camelot	20/12/67	23/10/68	44
Finian's Rainbow	19/12/68	05/03/69	11
The Lion in Winter	20/08/69	06/05/70	37
Young Winston	06/12/72	02/05/73	21
Funny Girl – reissue	21/04/77	25/05/77	5
My Fair Lady and The Sound of Music - reissue	04/08/77	11/08/77	1
My Fair Lady – reissue	12/08/77	24/08/77	2

The longest season 35mm released film at the Century was *Irma La Douce* which opened on the 12th December 1963 and ran for a 83 week season. The longest season 70mm released film was *My Fair Lady* which premiered on the 28th July 1965 and ran for a 96 week season.





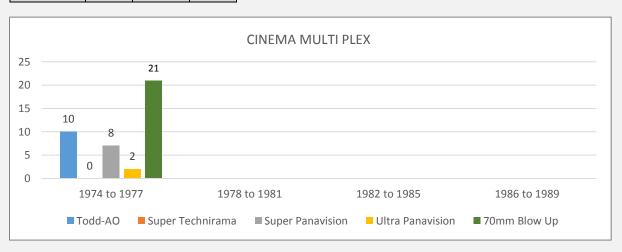


SYDNEY IN 70MM - PART 2

CINEMASCOPE 55

Between 1974 and 1977 there were forty one [41] 70mm releases in Sydney which included thirty three reissues and three new cinema multiplex all of which were equipped to present 70mm. One of the reissued films was presented for the first time in 70mm. *The Great Caruso* screened at the Sydney Opera House and later at Village Cinema City which was the first cinema multiplex opening in the key city of Sydney.

1974 - 1977	70MM	REISSUE	TOTAL	
1974	3	14	17	
1975	3	7	10	
1976	3	4	7	
1977	1	6	7	
TOTAL	10	30	41	



OPENED	FILM	THEATRE	FILM FORMAT	CLOSED	WKS
17/05/74	The Great Caruso	Opera House	Reissue - 70mm Spherical	17/05/74	1
25/07/74	The Three Musketeers	Mayfair	70mm Spherical	16/10/74	12
19/09/74	My Fair Lady	Paris	Reissue – Super Panavision	23/10/74	5
27/10/74	Hello Dolly plus Star!	Village Cinema City	Reissue – Todd-AO	27/10/74	1 Day
03/11/74	The Great Caruso	Village Cinema City	Reissue - 70mm Spherical	03/11/74	1 Day
10/11/74	The Sound of Music	Village Cinema City	Reissue – Todd-AO	10/11/74	1 Day
14/11/74	Sound of Music plus Hello Dolly	Mayfair	Reissue – Todd-AO	18/12/74	5
17/11/74	West Side Story	Village Cinema City	Reissue – Super Panavision	17/11/74	1 Day
24/11/74	Sweet Charity	Village Cinema City	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	24/11/74	1 Day
01/12/74	Seven Brides For Seven Brothers	Village Cinema City	Reissue – 70mm Cinemascope	01/12/74	1Day
06/12/74	2001: A Space Odyssey	Village Cinema City	Reissue – Super Panavision	24/12/74	3
19/12/74	Music + Dolly move over from Mayfair	Paris	Reissue – Todd-AO	24/12/74	1
20/12/74	Earthquake	Forum	70mm Panavision	13/11/75	47
20/12/74	That's Entertainment	Barclay	70mm Spherical	03/04/75	15
20/02/75	It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World	Plaza	Reissue – Ultra Panavision	12/03/75	3
06/03/75	Camelot	Paris	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	21/05/75	11
13/03/75	Grand Prix	Plaza	Reissue – Super Panavision	26/03/75	2
13/03/75	Ben Hur	Mayfair	Reissue – MGM Camera 65	26/03/75	2
27/03/75	The Towering Inferno	Plaza	70mm Panavision	11/02/76	46
03/07/75	The Poseidon Adventure plus Butch Cassidy	Mayfair	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	23/07/75	3
13/08/75	Rollerball	Mayfair	70mm Spherical	15/10/75	9
16/10/75	Rollerball move over from Mayfair	Paris	70mm Spherical	12/11/75	4
31/10/75	Doctor Zhivago	Barclay	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	24/12/75	8
28/11/75	Camelot	Ascot	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	04/12/75	1
04/03/76	Song of Norway	Mayfair	Reissue – Super Panavision	10/03/76	1
14/04/76	Lucky Lady	Plaza	70mm Spherical	09/06/76	7
15/04/76	Deliverance	Village Cinema City	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	27/05/76	6

17/09/76	Airport 77 plus Earthquake	Ascot	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	07/10/76	3
18/10/76	Gone with the Wind	Paramount	Reissue - 70mm Spherical	16/12/76	8
19/11/76	Doctor Zhivago	Forum	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	16/12/76	4
19/11/76	The Ten Commandments	Barclay	Reissue – 70mm Vistavision	30/12/76	5
16/12/76	The Return of a Man Called Horse	Plaza	70mm Panavision	26/01/77	3
17/12/76	Logan's Run	Paramount	70mm Todd-AO 35	10/02/77	8
20/01/77	The Sound of Music	Mayfair	Reissue – Todd-AO	01/02/77	2
20/03/77	West Side Story - Screened twice	Paris	Reissue – Super Panavision	27/03/77	1
21/04/77	Funny Girl	Century	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	25/05/77	5
04/08/77	My Fair Lady and The Sound of Music	Century	Reissue – Super / Todd-AO	11/08/77	1
12/08/77	My Fair Lady	Century	Reissue – Super Panavision	24/08/77	2
27/10/77	Star Wars	HEC	70mm Panavision	01/02/79	66



SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

Only Marlo Lanza could capture the power and range of the voice of the great Caruso, Presented in 70mm and full stereophonic sound.

M.G.M. presents Marlo Lanza in

"THE GREAT CARUSO" — TODAY

Today—one day only! Two sessions, 5 p.m., 8 p.m.,

Prices: 5 p.m., 53, children \$1.50; 8 p.m., 53, Book now as Opera House, Mitchell's (all agencies) and David Jones'.

Please Note: The newspaper ad block on the next page does not advertise *Doctor Zhivago* and *Gone with the Wind* in 70mm. As the advertisement from the 19th November 1976 *Sydney Sun* newspaper cannot confirm if the two films were presented in 70mm, the total count of 70mm releases between 1974 and 1977 does not include these two titles. The last time *Doctor Zhivago* was advertised in 70mm was on the 31st October 1975 at the Barclay cinema and *Gone with the Wind* was last advertised in 70mm on the 1st December 1972 at the Forum cinema.



SYDNEY IN 70MM - PART 2



When CinemaScope showcased in 1953, there were nineteen theatres, six cinema exhibitors and eleven film studios distributing motion pictures in the key city theatres of Sydney.

The following table lists the names of these exhibitors, their associated theatres and aligned distribution in Sydney when CinemaScope opened.

HOYTS THEATRES	Regent	Twentieth Century Fox
	Plaza	Warner Bros
	Century	United Artists
	Embassy	RKO Radio Pictures
	Esquire [Town]	Republic Pictures
	Mayfair	Walt Disney
	Palace	
	Park [Paris]	
METRO THEATRES	St James	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer
	Liberty	
UNION THEATRES	State	Universal Pictures
	Capitol	Columbia Pictures
	Lyceum	Rank [BEF]
	Lyric [Forum]	
	Victory [Rapallo]	
	Palladium [Barclay]	
CARROLL THEATRES	Prince Edward	Paramount Pictures
DAVID CRAVEN	Variety	
DAWSON & SELLECK	Savoy	

As Hoyts Theatres was the distribution exhibitor for Twentieth Century Fox, the first film in CinemaScope, *The Robe*, premiered exclusively at the Hoyts Regent theatre on the 9th December 1953.

After the Hoyts Regent CinemaScope installation, the Hoyts Plaza, Esquire [Town], Mayfair and Century theatres were equipped for Cinemascope. Hoyts remaining city theatres the Palace, Embassy and Park continued to present Spherical productions until their subsequent installation to present CinemaScope.

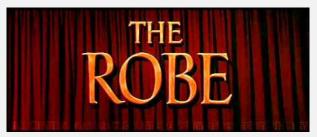
The following advertisements listed in date order are the first CinemaScope films which screened at the key city cinemas for Hoyts theatres in Sydney.

09/12/53	Regent	The Robe
21/01/54	Plaza	How to Marry a Millionaire
15/04/54	Esquire [Town]	The Robe – move over
09/12/54	Mayfair	Women's World
09/06/55	Century	Prince of Players
12/07/56	Palace	The Dark Avenger
07/03/57	Embassy	Loser Takes All
15/03/57	Palladium	Broken Lance - Reissue





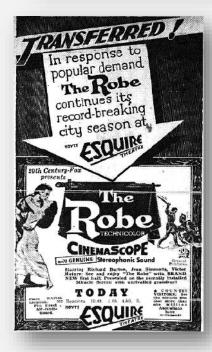




THE ROBE

9th December 1953 to 7th April 1954 – Season 17 weeks V







THE ROBE was transferred to the Hoyts Esquire theatre on the recently installed Miracle Mirror Screen on the 15th April 1954.

Location: 303 Pitt Street. NOW SHOWING: 4 big Sessions daily at 19.40. 1.45. 4.50. 8 p.m. Plans. Theatre, MA6708. (Air-conditioned) COUNTRY VISITORS: See the historic film that more than one milition Australians have acclaimed: CONTINUING ITS RECORD-BREAK-ING SEASON.

45 THE ROBE" at HOYTS ESQUIRE

In CINEMASCOPE and Technicolor: A 20th Century-Fox Production, starring Richard Burton, Jean Simmons, Victor Mature, Michael Rennie Prevented on the recently installed Mirracle Mirror Series—with genuine Copy Copy of the C

HOW TO MARRY A MILLIONAIRE

21st January 1954 to 13th April 1954 – Season 13 weeks and 6 days V



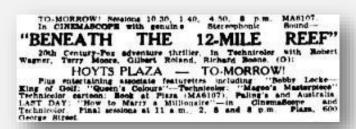


HOW TO MARRY A MILLIONAIRE was followed at the Hoyts Plaza by **BENEATH THE 12 MILE REEF** which appears on the next page as a noteworthy entry into the early releases of CinemaScope ...

BENEATH THE 12-MILE REEF

15th April 1954 to 9th June 1954 – Season 7 weeks and 6 days V





Due to the opening of the film **KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE** in CinemaScope and Perspecta Stereophonic Sound at the St James theatre, **BENEATH THE 12-MILE REEF** from Twentieth Century Fox was the first CinemaScope film advertised with the caption in **Genuine Stereophonic Sound** ...



THE COMMAND

11th November 1954 to 1st December 1954 – Season 2 weeks and 6 days V



TO-DAY! HOYTS PLAZA AND SUBURBS

Simultaneous presentation 6 Hoyts Theatres; Pisza, City, 10.40 1.45,
4.50. 8, MASIO7. In Suburbs at Hoyts Star, Bondi Junct., PW1047;
and Hoyts, Manly, X02468; at 1.30 and 8 p.m. Arcadis, Chatswood,
JA2832, 1.30, 7.45. Hoyts Drummoyne, WA2009; Hoyts, Crow's Nest,
JF4080, nightly 8, Plans Theatres.

"THE COMMAND"—IN CINEMASCOPE

with Ocnuine Stereophopic Sound, In Warnercolor, with Guy Madison,
Joan Weldon (G) Plus Featurettes each theatre.

THE COMMAND from Warner Bros. was lensed in Vistarama and marketed in CinemaScope. **THE HIGH AND THE MIGHTY** was Warner Bros first motion picture lensed in CinemaScope ...



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WOMEN'S WORLD

 9^{th} December 1954 to 16^{th} March 1955 – Season 13 weeks and 6 days \checkmark



73 Castierosch Birect. At 10,50, 1.05, 4.55, B p.m. (Air-cooled.)

NOW AT HOYTS MAYFAIR — MA6387

20th Century-Fox Technicolor triumph, photographed with the revolutioner new assempthic less and the wonder of Centiles 4-TRACK STEREOPHONIC SOUND—

4 WOMAN'S WORLD, CINEMASCOPE

Brilliantly Starring CLIPTON WEBB, JUNE ALLYSON, VAN HEFLIN, LAUREN BACALL, FILED MEGMURRAY, ARLEND DAHL, CORNEL
WILDE GI., PILE FRAUERICE IN CINEMASCOPE ON PARADE, and "PIANO ENCORES"; Movietone News.

WOMEN'S WORLD was the first CinemaScope film released at the Hoyts Mayfair theatre ...



PRINCE OF PLAYERS

9th June 1955 to 6th July 1955 – Season 3 weeks and 6 days **V**



HOYTS CENTURY — CINEMASCOPE "PRINCE OF PLAYERS" — TO-DAY Simultaneously with Hoyts Suburban Theatres. A 20th CenturyFox Production in CinemaScope, with genuine Stereophonic Sound. Specially chosen to introduce CinemaScope to the theatre which has presented so many of Sydney's most distinguished successes. Starting Richard Burton, Magrie McNamara, John Derek, Raymond Massey. In Color De Luxe (G). Plus big supporting programme, including CinemaScope featurette or Girece. "Land of Legend." SCREENING TIMES: Century (BM2241), 10.45, 1.50, 4.55, 8. Hoyts Star, Bondt Junction, FW1047, 1.30, 7.45, Arcadia, Chatswood, JA2832, 1.30, 7.45, Hoyts, Manly, XU2468, 1.30, 7.45, Hoyts, Drummoyne, WA2009, 7.45. Hoyts, Crow's Nest, JF4080, 8 p.m.

PRINCE OF PLAYERS was the first CinemaScope film released at the Hoyts Century theatre ...

THE HIGH AND THE MIGHTY

11th August 1955 to 21st September 1955 – Season 5 weeks and 6 days V



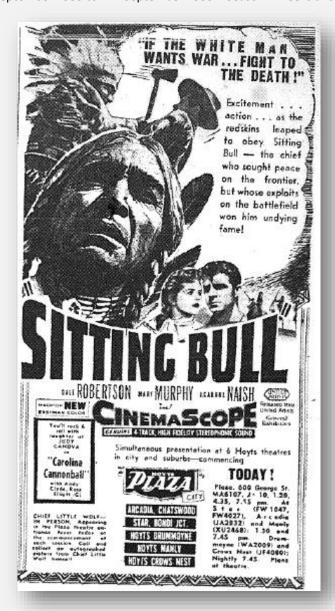
HOYTS REGENT—IN CENEMASCOPE!

THE HIGH AND THE MIGHTY
In CINEMASCOPE and Warnercolor, with genuine Stereophonic Sound. All the fierce drama, passions and suspense
of such a masterplece as "From Here To Elernity"
now brought to the screen with every exciling moment of
Farnest R. Gann's best-estling noved, "The Kigh and The
Mighty," starring JOHN WAYNE, CLAIRE TREVOR,
LARAING DAY, ROBERT STACK, ROBERT NEWTON, JAN
STERLING, DAVID BRIAN (d), Plus; "THE ROYAL
MOUNTIES," in Technicolor: Movieton News, Simultanecus presentation in city and suborbs at Hoyts Regent,
1.30, 4.40, 8 p.m. Plans theatre, Paling S, Ushers, Hotol
George Street, near Town Hall, BM2437, Sessions; 10.15,
1.30, 4.40, 8 p.m. Plans theatre, Paling S, Ushers, Hotol
Street, New Color, Street, New Color, Street, New Color, PW1047
and TW0277, Suburbs as Stat. Bond Junction, FW1047
and TW0477, Suburbs as Stat. Bond Junction, FW10

THE HIGH AND THE MIGHTY was the first Warner Bro's film lensed in CinemaScope. Note the incorrect spelling HOYTS REGENT – IN CENEMASCOPE!

SITTING BULL

1st September 1955 to 21st September 1955 – Season 2 weeks and 6 days V



HOYTS PLAZA — "SITTING BULL"

SITTING BULL was the first United Artist's film lensed in CinemaScope ...

20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA

15th December 1955 to 8th February 1956 − Season 7 weeks and 6 days **V**



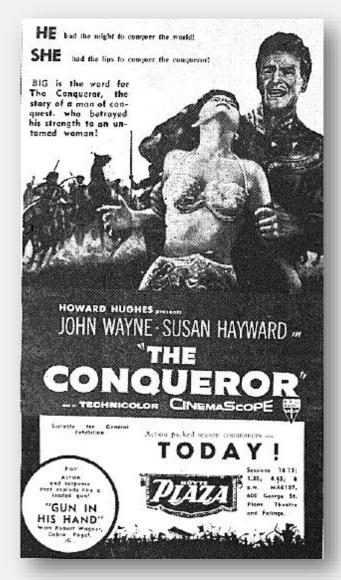
HOYTS PLAZA: 5 SESSIONS DAILY! "20,000 LEACUES UNDER THE SEA" In CINEMASCORE and Trechitcolor, with Stereophorilo Bound. Walt Dianop presents Jules Verne's celebrated underles adventure story on the account Benastional Exciting Specialistic Starting Kirk DOUGLAS, JAMES MASON, FAUL LUKAS, FFIFER LORRE (G). Plus Walt Dimer's "Tool, Whiletle, Plunk and Boum," in Chemascope and Twentcolor, (At B. P. account of the Company of the A.B.O.") ATTEND THE SPECIAL D.40 a.m. SESSION (doors one D a.m.), 5 BB Sessions daily, Nobvi at 9,30 a.m., 12 noon, 2,30 p.m., 5,10 p.m., and B.p.m. Plans at Tasates, MASLET, 600 George Street (air-conditioned) and Paling's.



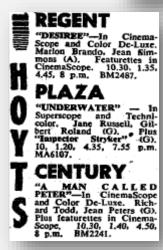
20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA was the first Walt Disney live action feature film lensed in CinemaScope which included on the same programme, the studios first CinemaScope cartoon titled **TOOT**, **WHISTLE**, **PLUNK and BOOM** ...

THE CONQUEROR

2ND May 1957 to 22nd May 1957 – Season 2 weeks and 6 days V



HOYTS PLAZA — "The Conqueror" HE had the might to conquer the world! SHE had the lips to conquer the Conqueror. Starring John Wayne, Susan Hayward to the Conqueror. Starring John Wayne, Susan Hayward Technicolo Armenderia, Agness Moorehead, M. Chemassoppe and Technicolo Pagetal. On Control of the Control



RKO Radio Pictures marketed their wide screen releases in Superscope with *UNDERWATER* as the first film released on the 14th July 1955 at the Hoyts Plaza theatre. *THE CONQUEROR* followed by *THE BRAVE ONE* were the two RKO Radio Pictures films which were lensed in CinemaScope ...

THE DARK AVENGER

12th July 1956 to 25th July 1956 – Season 1 week and 6 days V



HOYTS PALACE — ADVENTURE! "THE DARK AVENCER" — CINEMASCOPE Magnificent adventure and speciacle sweep the Cinemascope Screen as from the days of romance and chivality comes, as in Technicolor and starring ERROL FLYNN, JOANNE DRU, PETER FINGH (0), Plus "Grand National Night," with Nigel Fattles and Mojra Lister (1). Now as 10,25, 135, 4,45, 8 p.m. Plans se Thesites MAGENT; and Paline's.

THE DARK AVENGER was the first CinemaScope film released at the Hoyts Palace theatre ...



It's the Skippy crew together in the most action-packed Australian film ever made.

Skippy and "THE INTRUDERS"

Starring Ed DEVEREAUX, Tony BONNER, Ken JAMES and
Garry PANKHURST. Colour (G).

LAST DAY! — HOYTS PALACE THEATRE
Plus Colour Featurettes, S sessions at 9.30 a.m., 12, 2.40,
5.20 (leature at 6) and 8 p.m. Theatre: 261 Pitt Street, 61-6287.

The Palace theatre in Sydney was located at 255 Pitt Street and opened in 1896 as a live theatre venue. Refurbished in 1923 to accommodate the film presentation, the theatre was later operated by Hoyts Theatres.

The Palace theatre was the sixth Hoyts city theatre in Sydney equipped to present CinemaScope with the reissue of *The Dark Avenger* as its first anamorphic presentation.

The Palace theatre which did not present 70mm, continued to present seasonal live theatre with *The Secretary Bird* as its last production and *Skippy and the Intruders* as the last film presentation closing on 3rd January 1970.

LOSER TAKES ALL

14th February 1957 to 13th March 1957 − Season 3 week and 6 days **V**



EMBASSY — "LOSER TAKES ALL"

HILARIOUS COMEDY ROMANCE

He enjoyed all the fun of the fair sex.
SHE enjoyed all the fun! IN CINEMASCOPE and COLOUR!
Starring GLYNNIS
JOHNS, ROSSANO BRAZZI, ROBERT!
MORLEY (A), Plus
warm-hearted comedy. "AUNT CLARA." Margaret Rutherford,
Ronald Shiner (A), Sessions: 10, 1.20, 4.40, 7.55 p.m. BW1863,
79 Castlereach Street. Plans: Theatre and Paling's.

LOSER TAKES ALL was the first CinemaScope film released at the Embassy theatre ...



EMBASSY: "THE BLACK BIRD" (NRC)

George Segal, 11,15, 2,15, 5,15, 8,15.

79 Castlereach Street, 232 1866. Theatre closes down tonight.

MAYFAIR: "NOTORIOUS" (NRC)

Cary Grant. Ingrid Bergman, Theatre closes down tonight.

73 Castlereagh Street, 232 1377.

The Embassy theatre in Sydney was located at 97 Castlereagh Street and was built on the site of the original Tivoli. The Embassy opened in 1934 as a joint venture with Greater Union and Hoyts.

Situated next door but one to the Hoyts Mayfair theatre, the Embassy was the seventh Hoyts cinema in the key city theatre of Sydney equipped to present CinemaScope with *Loser Takes All* as its first anamorphic presentation.

The Embassy theatre which did not present 70mm, continued as a joint with Greater Union predominately screening contemporary films remaining under the banner of Hoyts theatres with *The Black Bird* as the last attraction closing on 16th February 1977.

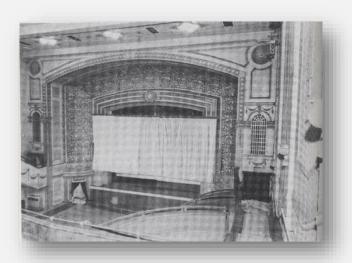
BROKEN LANCE

22nd February 1957 to 28th February 1957 − Season 0 week and 7 days V



PALLADIUM — "BROKEN LANCE" CINEMASCOPE ADVENTURE See again the greatest CinemaScope outdoor adventure of them all! With Suener Tracy, Jean Peters, Robert Wagner, Richard Widmark in Colour De Luxe (G). Together with "DANGEROUS CROSSING," starring Jeanne Crain, Michael Rennie (G), Movictone News, Sessions continuous from 11 a.m. night 7.45. Feature screens at 11.3, 2.25, 5.45, 9.20 p.m., MA5316 George St. Haymarket.

The reissue of BROKEN LANCE was the first CinemaScope film released at the Palladium theatre ...



"SABU AND THE MAGIC RING"

(G). Ideal children's nollday show, starring Sabu and Daria Massey

(G). Plug: Dond! David Jansee, Pattl Page (G) Sess. 11.

(S). MAS783. 681 George Street.

The *Palladium* theatre was located at 681 George Street Sydney on the site originally occupied by the Haymarket theatre [1916]. The theatre was converted into an indoor golf course and reverted back to cinema in 1935 renamed the Civic theatre. In 1938 the Civic was renamed to the Palladium operating as a live theatre and film presentation.

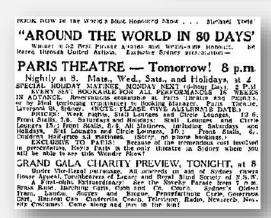
Operated by Hoyts Theatres for a brief two years from October 1955, the Palladium theatre was the eighth Hoyts key city cinema of Sydney equipped to present CinemaScope with the reissue of *Broken Lance* as its first anamorphic presentation.

Returning to stage and screen with Greater Union control from April 1957, the Palladium closed in December 1961 with *Sabu and the Magic Ring* for refurbishment to become the 70mm equipped Barclay cinema reopening on 21st December 1962.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS

2nd October 1957 to 25th November 1959 – Season 122 weeks V







The Hoyts Paris stood on the site of the Australian Picture Palace [1916] renamed the Tatler, then as

the Park and finally as Hoyts Paris in 1954. The Paris theatre was refurbished in 1957 for the premiere of **Around the World in 80 Days** in Cinestage on the 2nd October 1957.

"Cinestage prints were special 35mm anamorphic reductions from the 65mm 24 fps version of the film. The squeeze factor was less than the conventional 'Scope' 2:1 and required varimorph projection lenses."

The Hoyts Paris theatre did not present the CinemaScope 2.55:1 aspect ratio films due to the theatres showcase event of CineStage for *Around the World in 80 Days* and the 70mm films which followed. It was not until the Panavision release of *Taras Bulba* on the 6th June 1963 after the 70mm release of *Exodus* did the Hoyts Paris theatre present a 35mm 2.35:1 aspect ratio anamorphic release print.

SYDNEY IN 70MM - PART 2



When CinemaScope showcased *The Robe* in 1953, the exhibitor Metro Theatres had two key city theatres in Sydney. These were the St James and Liberty.

The St James opened as a live theatre in 1926 and presented Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer films under the direction of Sir Benjamin and John Fuller in 1933.

In 1954 the St James was equipped for CinemaScope and Perspecta Stereophonic Sound with the peculiarity of the screen being erected in front of the original proscenium screen as depicted right and by the document: THEATRE DATA - ST. JAMES

The Liberty opened on the 31st March 1934 with *Only Yesterday* as the first attraction. Operated by Metro theatres in 1937, the Liberty was equipped for CinemaScope with *Rose Marie* as its first film on the 30th August 1954.









ICTURE SIZE - Cinemascope	Front scree 36'6" x 15'	500	ur Screen 16" x 13'6"
Ketroscope		23	x 13'6"
ROJECTION DISTANCE - From ROJECTION ANGLE 23° ROSCENIUM OPENING 25'3"		ar 92*5*	
ISTANCE FRONT ROW TO SCH ISTANCE TO BALCONY HAIL			21*6" 54*6"
	Lounge Ci	rcle	Total
Front Screen 465	242 2	35	942
Rear Screen 712	346	351	1409



The first film advertised in Metroscope was *Deep in My Heart* which opened at the St James and suburban Metro Theatres on the 31st March 1955.

KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE

15th April 1954 to 28th July 1954 − Season 14 weeks and 6 days **V**



Now! At 11, 2, 5, 8. ST. JAMES, M6951

M.G.M.'s First Production in Cinemascope
the magic of PERSPECTA Stereophonic Sound—The NEW Directional
Sound.

"KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE"
In color magnificent with ROBERT TAYLOR, AVA GARDNER,
MEL FERRER (6) Definitely RO increase in prices. Pius M.G.M.'s
Academy Award Winning Musical Masterpiece in Cinemascope—"THE
MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR." Tom and Jerry Technicolor Cartoon—
"POSSE CAT": Aust, and Metro International News.

KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE was the first CinemaScope release at the St James theatre ...

The St James did not present 70mm and closed on the 20th March 1971 with the reissue *The Wizard of Oz*



ROSE MARIE

30th August 1954 to 19th September 1954 – Season 2 week and 6 days V





ROSE MARIE was the first CinemaScope film released at the Liberty theatre ...

The Liberty which did not present 70mm, closed on the 30th January 1975 in conjunction with the adjoining Gala cinema [originally Hoyts News-Luxe] to be demolished for construction of the Greater Union Pitt Centre.



SYDNEY IN 70MM - PART 2



When CinemaScope showcased *The Robe* in 1953, Greater Union had six key city theatres in Sydney. These were the State, Capitol, Lyceum, Lyric, Victory and the Palladium.

Originally called Union Theatres renamed Greater Union in 1932, the exhibitor was a late entry into CinemaScope due in short, to their distribution studios, Universal International and Columbia Pictures limited CinemaScope releases.

Before the first Universal and Columbia Pictures studios CinemaScope productions were released in 1955, Greater Union theatres advertised their other releases *ON THE GIANT WYDASCOPE SCREEN* which in principle meant the film was cropped or masked to look like a wider image to its screen height.

With the State and Capitol theatres as the flagship cinemas for Greater Union, the majority of the CinemaScope films screened at these two theatres included the wide screen presentations in VistaVision with the first *White Christmas* screening at the Capitol theatre simultaneously with the Prince Edward theatre on the 17th December 1954.

The first released CinemaScope film at Greater Union was *Captain Lightfoot* followed by *Sign of the Pagan* both of which were from Universal International and screened at the State theatre.

After the State theatre CinemaScope installation, the Capitol, Lyceum, Lyric and Victory theatres were equipped for Cinemascope. The Palladium was equipped during the theatres lease to Hoyts theatres.

The following advertisements listed in date order are the first CinemaScope films which screened at the key city cinemas for Greater Union theatres in Sydney.

16/06/55	State	Captain Lightfoot
30/09/55	Capitol	The Black Shield of Falworth
13/09/56	Lyric [Forum]	Picnic - Reissue
01/11/56	Lyceum	Walk the Proud Land
01/03/57	Victory	Mister Cory









CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT

 16^{th} June 1955 to 6^{th} July 1955 – Season 2 weeks and 6 days \checkmark



Action and Adventure sweep to State Theatre in Spectacular Cinemascope.

STATE: "CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT"

Rock HUDSON, Barbara RUSH, Jeff MORROW (Tech.)

[6]. Plus: "Naked Alibli," Sterling Hayden, Gloria Grahame (A).

5881. 10.30. 1.40, 4.50, 7.55. Plana: State Bureau (BM2431),

Mala Theatre. 40 Market St. between George and Pitt Streets.

Captain Lightfoot was the first CinemaScope film released at the State theatre ...

SIGN OF THE PAGAN

 9^{th} September 1955 to 29^{th} September 1955 – Season 2 weeks and 6 days \checkmark



REDEX TRIAL FILM — CINESOUND EXCLUSIVE.

STATE: "SIGN OF THE PAGAN"

In CinemaScope, JEFF CHANDLER, JACK PALANCE
With Rits Gam (Tech.), (9). Plus "FOUR GUNS TO THE BORDER," Rory Calhoun, Colleen Miller, (Tech.), (9). 10.5, 1.20, 4.35,
7.55. Book Paling's, Hotel Aust., State Bureau, BM2431, 49 Market St.

Sign of the Pagan was the second CinemaScope film released at the State theatre ...

THE BLACK SHIELD OF FALWORTH

30th September 1955 to 13th October 1955 – Season 1 week and 6 days **V**



CAPITOL: "Black Shield of Falworth"
TONY CURTIS, JANET LEIGH, DAVID FARRAR
(Treh.) (G). Plus: 2nd Hit! "Naked Dawn," Arthur Kennedy
(Treh.) (A). Scas.: 10.15, 1.34, 4.30, 7.48, Plans: State Burenu and
Oalitol, Bla9005. Leoxition: 15 Campbell Street.

The Black Shield of Falworth was the first CinemaScope film lensed by Universal International and the first CinemaScope film released at the Capitol theatre ...

ROUGH COMPANY

28th October 1955 to 17th November 1955 – Season 2 weeks and 6 days V



MIGHTY SAGA OF VIOLENT MEN and their women!

CAPITOL — "ROUGH COMPANY"

Clenn Ford, Barbara Stanwyck, Edward G. Robinson
In Cinemescope and Technicalor (A). 2nd Feature: "TEENAGE

CRIME WAYE" (A), Cinesound Review. Sess.: 10.20, 1,35, 4.46, 7.83.

BOX Plans: State Bureau and Capitol—BASOS—13 Campbell Street.

ROUGH COMPANY was the first Columbia Pictures feature film lensed in CinemaScope ...
Also known as **The Violent Men** in other territories ...

PICNIC

13th September 1956 to 19th September 1956 − Season 0 week and 7 days V

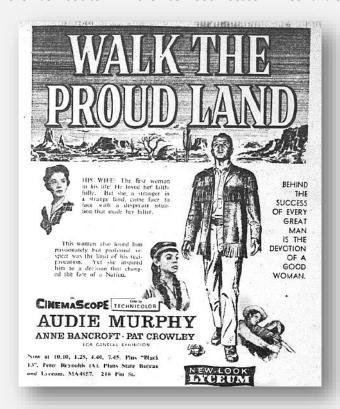


LYRIC "PICNIC" a love story starring William Holden, Kim Novak, Rosalind Russell, in CinemaScope and Technicolor. Plus "Ming Lama," Howard Duff (G), also Three Stooges Comedy, "Bedlam In Paradise." At 10.45, 1.50, 4.55, 7.55, MA4981, Geo, St. near Riv. Sq.

The reissue of **PICNIC** was the first CinemaScope film screened at the Lyric theatre ...

WALK THE PROUD LAND

 1^{st} November 1956 to 14^{th} November 1956 – Season 1 week and 6 days \checkmark



LYCEUM:

"WALK THE PROUD LAND." Again the Planing Pury of Geronimo . He Stood Alone. Starring Audie Murphy and Pat Crowly in CinemaScope and Technicolor (G). Plais "Black 13." Peter Reynolds, Rona Anderson (A) Sessions at 10.11, 1.25, 4.31, 7.47. Plans: State Booking Bureau and Lyceum, MA4857, 218 Pitt Street.

WALK THE PROUD LAND was the first CinemaScope film screened at the Lyceum theatre ...

MISTER CORY

1st March 1957 to 28th March 1957 – Season 3 weeks and 6 days V



VICTORY: "Mister Cory"

From the slums to the big time rackets! Starring TONY CURTIS, Martha Hyer (ChemaScope) (Color) (A). Plus "The Nicht Runner," Ray Danton, Colleen Miller (A). At 10.10, 1.25, 4.40, 7.45, Plans: State Bureau and Victory, MadBild.

MISTER CORY was the first CinemaScope film screened at the Victory theatre ...



The *Victory* theatre was located at 525 George Street Sydney on the site originally occupied by the Colonial No.2 theatre renamed to the Empress in 1913. The Empress was refurbished in 1938 renamed as the Victory theatre opening on the 16th December 1938 with *Pygmalion* starring Leslie Howard.



SYDNEYS LEADING THEATRES PRESENT
SYDNEYS CHIEF CURRENT ATTRACTIONS.

VICTORY

— OPENS TO-DAY WITH "PYGMALION."

SYDNEYS NEW STREAMLIRED THEATRE,
HATTLASER PLAYS TO THE STREAMLING OFFICE PLAYS
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Operated by exhibitor Greater Union Theatres, the Victory theatre was a late entry into CinemaScope due its Academy ratio proscenium and after screen alterations, presented *Mister Cory* as the theatres first anamorphic presentation.

The Victory was refurbished and renamed the Rapallo theatre on the 16th December 1966 with *Carry on Cowboy plus A Home of Your Own* as its first attraction. The Rapallo which do not present 70mm, closed in conjunction with the adjoining Paramount cinema on the 30th June 1983 with *Flying High II: The Sequel* as its last attraction.

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SYDNEY IN 70MM - PART 2

CINEMASCOPE

For the other three key city exhibitors in Sydney, the Variety theatre was destroyed by a fire in 1954 and the Savoy an independent cinema which opened as the Adyar Hall in 1924 renamed the Savoy in 1929 predominantly screened foreign films. The Savoy presented anamorphic motion pictures during the Panavision era and the notable reissue of Walt Disney *Fantasia* on the 20th March 1970. After a fifty week season of *Summer of '42*, the Savoy closed on the 21st December 1972 with *Ulysses* as its last attraction.



The Prince Edward which screened films from Paramount Pictures, showcased *White Christmas* in VistaVision on the 17th December 1954 and its first anamorphic release was the film *On the Double* lensed in Panavision opening on 27th October 1961.







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CINEMASCOPE

The following table is a summary of the first CinemaScope releases for the exhibitor and the studio distribution. *White Christmas* has also been included as date reference as the first film in VistaVision and *Around the World in 80 Days* in Cinestage ...

FILM	THEATRE	OPENED	CLOSED	WEEKS
The Robe – Twentieth Century Fox	Regent	09/12/53	07/04/54	17
How To Marry a Millionaire - First	Plaza	21/01/54	13/04/54	14
Knights of the Round Table – Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer	St James	15/04/54	28/07/54	15
The Robe move over - First	Esquire	15/04/54	12/05/54	4
Rose Marie - First	Liberty	30/08/54	19/09/54	3
Women's World - First	Mayfair	09/12/54	16/03/55	14
White Christmas - Paramount Pictures [VistaVision]	Prince Edward	17/12/54	17/02/55	9
Prince of Players - First	Century	09/06/55	06/07/55	4
Captain Lightfoot - First	State	16/06/55	06/07/55	3
The High and the Mighty – Warner Bros	Regent	11/08/55	21/09/55	6
Sitting Bull – United Artists	Plaza	01/09/55	21/09/55	3
The Black Shield of Falworth – Universal	Capitol	30/09/55	13/10/55	2
Rough Company – Columbia Pictures	Capitol	28/10/55	17/11/55	3
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea – Walt Disney	Plaza	15/12/55	08/02/56	8
The Dark Avenger - First	Palace	12/07/56	25/07/57	2
Picnic [Reissue] - First	Lyric	13/09/56	19/09/56	1
Walk the Proud Land - First	Lyceum	01/11/56	14/11/56	2
Loser Takes All - First	Embassy	07/02/57	13/03/57	5
Broken Lance [Reissue] - First	Palladium	22/02/57	28/02/57	1
Mister Cory - First	Victory	01/03/57	28/03/57	4
The Conqueror – RKO Radio Pictures	Plaza	02/05/57	22/05/57	3
Around the World in 80 Days - Cinestage	Paris	02/10/57	25/11/59	122



The longest season 35mm film released during the 2.55:1 CinemaScope era was *A Man Called Peter* which opened at the Hoyts Century theatre on the 7th July 1955 for a 26 week season. The longest season 35mm released film during the 2.35:1 CinemaScope era was *The Bridge on the River Kwai* which opened at the Lyceum theatre on the 8th March 1958 for a 31 week season.



Two noteworthy films to close on this chapter are the last two films lensed in CinemaScope. *In Like Flint* opened on the 15th June 1967 and *Caprice* opened on the 20th July 1967 at the Hoyts Regent theatre. Fitting that both of these Twentieth Century Fox films opened at the birthplace of *CinemaScope*.