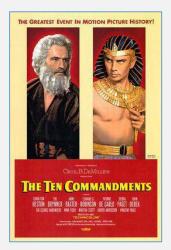


SYDNEY IN 70MM - PART 2 THE BLOW UP







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"WONDERFUL LIFE"

It's farewell to the Ascot



By MICHAEL LAURENCE, Property Editor

The Ascot theatre in Pitt Street, one of the City's few remaining single-screen cinemas, has shown ts last film.

its last film.

The 900-seat theatre is to be extensively renovated at a cost of \$1.2 million as offices and shops. The grand old State Theatre in Market Street is now the City's only single-screen cinema.

The Ascot opened in 1966 with Cliff Richard in 11's a Wonderful Life and learn at the Pair's Honer.

Life and closed with Prizzi's Honor,

The days of the single-screen cinema in Sydney have been numbered since Easter 1974 when

Village opened a three-sema in George Street.

ema in George Street.

The manager of the Ascot for the past eight years, Mr Kevin Taylor, said theatres with up to five screens in the same building could be operated with the same number of staff as a single-screen cinema. Also, the public were offered a choice of films.

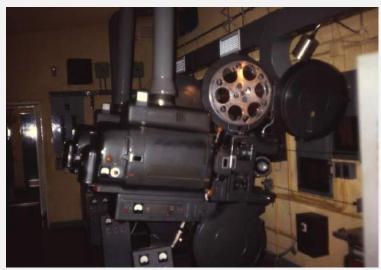
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end.
Walker Developments bought the cinema from Village Theatres late last year for more than \$6 million. The development will include three floors of shops and two floors of offices.



The Ascot Theatre was located at 246 Pitt Street Sydney on the site occupied previously by the appliance store HG Palmers. After a fire in 1965 which destroyed the HG Palmers building, Tom Virgona who operated suburban cinemas in Sydney, acquired the site and built the Ascot Theatre with architects John Roberts Associates.



With a 970 seating capacity and 70mm capability, the Ascot (named by exhibitor Tom Virgona who operated the theatre and who initially planned to premiere My Fair Lady in 70mm) opened on the 12th May 1966 with Wonderful Life. The Ascot first 70mm film was the spherical blow up of Gone with the Wind. The Ascot was acquired by Village Cinemas in 1978 and closed in 1986 with Prizzi's Honor as its last attraction.



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ASCOT THEATRE

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

FILM	OPENED	CLOSED	WEEKS
Gone with the Wind - reissue	25/03/67	13/09/67	25
Doctor Zhivago - reissue	21/12/67	21/02/68	9
Far From the Madding Crowd	21/02/68	10/07/68	20
Hellfighters	13/12/68	24/12/68	2
Spartacus - reissue	26/12/68	06/03/69	10
Sweet Charity *	14/08/69	15/04/70	35
Airport *	15/04/70	21/01/71	39
Ryan's Daughter	21/01/71	23/08/72	83
The Andromeda Strain	25/08/72	21/9/72	4
Never Give An Inch [aka Sometimes a Great Nation]	09/02/73	01/03/73	3
Camelot - reissue	27/11/75	03/12/75	1
Rollerball plus The Taking of Pelham 123 [35mm] - reissue	13/08/76	19/08/76	1
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang - reissue	03/09/76	09/09/76	1
Earthquake plus Airport 1975 [35mm] - reissue	17/09/76	07/10/76	3
The Towering Inferno - reissue	19/10/78	08/11/78	3
Grease plus Xanadu [35mm] - reissue	26/03/81	08/04/81	2



Sweet Charity and **Airport** were only presented in 70mm latter into their season as 70mm prints became



available. *Sweet Charity* was first advertised in 70mm on the 26th February 1970 and *Airport* which was originally planned for release at the 35mm equipped Lyceum theatre, a 70mm print was ordered after the opening of *Airport* which premiered at the Ascot theatre.

Acquired by Village Cinemas in 1978, the Ascot longest season in 35mm was *Don's Party* on the 2nd December 1976 for a 20 week season followed by *Superman The Movie* (a 70mm print was ordered but not used] on the 21st December 1978 for a 19 week season. The longest season 70mm release was *Ryan's Daughter* premiering on the 21st January 1971 for a 83 week season.



The following table are the six 70mm Spherical blow ups which were presented in Sydney during the era of the Reserved Seating Engagement [1952 to 1974] ...

FILM
Gone with the Wind - reissue
The Jolson Story - reissue
Too Late the Hero
The Great Caruso - reissue
The Three Musketeers
That's Entertainment

SYDNEY	70MM	CINEMA
30/04/40	25/03/67	Ascot
19/12/46	02/07/70	Astra
	08/04/71	Paris
03/08/51	17/05/74	Sydney Opera House
	25/07/74	Mayfair
	20/12/74	Barclay
	30/04/40 19/12/46	30/04/40 25/03/67 19/12/46 02/07/70 08/04/71 03/08/51 17/05/74 25/07/74

Including the Ascot theatre, there were six theatres on Pitt Street in Sydney located between Market and Park Streets during the Reserved Seating Engagement era.



The *Palace* theatre was situated at 251 Pitt Street Sydney. The theatre and adjoining Tattersalls Hotel was built in 1896 by George Adams. A venue of vauldeville and variety acts, the Palace was operated



by Hoyts Theatres for many years, screening minor first run titles and double features. It was often leased out for live shows, the last of which was *The Secretary Bird* from 18th September 1969. The Palace closed as a cinema on the 3rd January 1970 with the Australian feature *Skippy and the Intruders*.

The *Liberty*, formerly known as the Grand and Rialto, was situated at 232 Pitt Street Sydney. A narrow seated auditorium with stalls and circle, the Liberty was operated by Metro theatres from 7th July 1937 prior to the inclusion within Greater Union circuit of cinemas on 1st July 1971. Next door to the *Liberty* was a small 'art house' which opened as the *Gala* on 22nd December 1950 with *The House I Live In*. The venue opened on 9th September 1938 as a newsreel theatrette, the Newsluxe. Independently operated by the Jones Family, it advertised with Greater Union's State and Wynyard newsreels, and then as the Gala ran independent advertisements. Hoyts Theatres had a silent interest in the business through Grosvenor Investments, which had also for a time operated the Palace. The Liberty [last film *Robin Hood*] and Gala [last film *Between Wars*] closed on 30th January 1975 for the construction of the Greater Union Pitt Centre.



The *Lyceum*, formerly known as the Lyceum Hall and the Hoyts Lyceum theatre, was situated at 210 Pitt Street Sydney. The Lyceum was plagued by numerous fires with the last on the 25th February 1964 destroying the building. Reopening with *Doctor In Clover* on 10th June 1966, the New Lyceum with 35mm projection premiered numerous major attractions including Half a Sixpence, Oliver! and Winning. Only *Oliver*! had a Sydney reissue in 70mm. The following pages lists the eight films which screened exclusively as Reserved Seating Engagements [in 35mm] at the Lyceum.

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A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

13th April 1967 to 7th October 1967 − Season 25 weeks and 2 days **V**

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A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS previewed in 35mm Spherical at the Lyceum Theatre on the 13th April 1967.

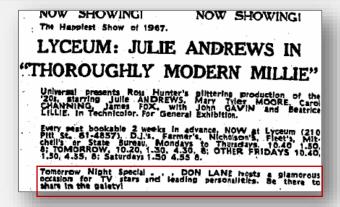
The film was the first of eight Road Show releases at the Lyceum after the theatres reopening.

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS and the seven films which followed, were not presented in 70mm at the Lyceum Theatre ...

THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE

19th October 1967 to 5th June 1968 – Season 32 weeks and 6 days V





THOROUGHY MODERN MILLIE previewed in 35mm Spherical with Australian Personality Don Lane in attendance on the 20th October 1967 at the Lyceum Theatre.

THOROUGHY MODERN MILLIE was presented in 70mm as a US Reserved Seating Engagement ...

HALF A SIXPENCE

25th July 1968 to 24th October 1968 − Season 13 weeks and 0 days V



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The tiggest bloomin' musical of 'em all.

LYCEUM: "HALF A SIXPENCE"

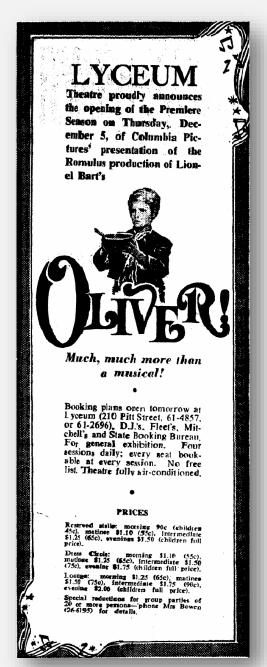
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HALF A SIXPENCE previewed in 35mm Panavision on the 25th July 1968 at the Lyceum Theatre. **HALF A SIXPENCE** was presented in 70mm at the Astoria in London on the 21st December 1967 ...

OLIVER!

4th December 1968 to 11th October 1969 – Season 44 weeks and 3 days **V**







LYCEUM: "OLIVER" TOMORROW (THURSDAY)

Columbia Pictures presents the Romulus Production in Panerislan and Technicolor, starring Ron Moody as "Pagin," Oliver Reed as "Bill Sikes," Harry Secombe as "Mr Bumble" and shani Wallis as "Mency," with "Oliver" played by Mark Lester and "The Artful Dodger" played by jack Wild, For General Exhibition.

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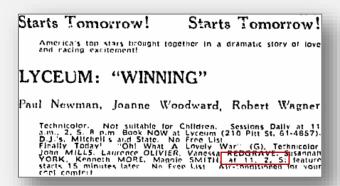
OLIVER! previewed in 35mm Panavision on the 4th December 1968 at the Lyceum Theatre.

OLIVER! screened in 70mm at the Odeon Leicester Square on the 26th September 1968 and was reissued in 70mm at the Hoyts Centre in Sydney on the 30th April 1981 ...

WINNING

18th December 1969 to 16th April 1970 – Season 17 weeks and 0 days **√**

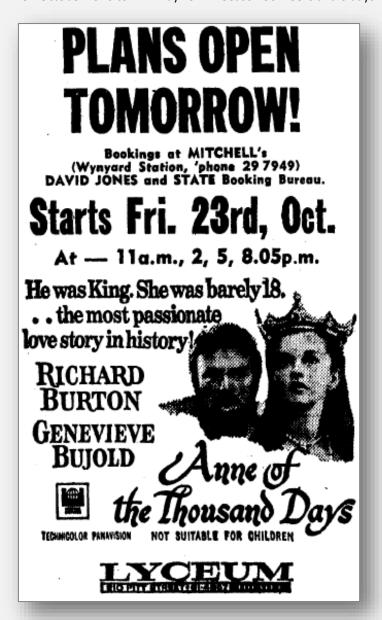




WINNING premiered in 35mm Panavision on the 18^{th} December 1969 at the Lyceum Theatre. **WINNING** was presented in 70mm at the Casino Cinerama in London on the 9^{th} October 1969 ...

ANNE OF THE THOUSANDS DAYS

23rd October 1970 to 27th May 1971 – Season 30 weeks and 6 days V



He was king. She was barely 18. And in their thousand days may played out the most passionate love story in history

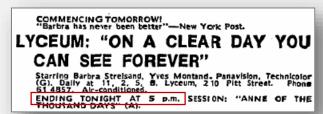
Lyceum: 'Anne of the Thousand Days'
Richard Burton as Henry VIII, Genevieve BUJOLD as Anne Boleyn. (Not suitable for children.) In Technicolor. 4 Sessions daily at 11, 2, 5, 8,05. Book NOW at Lyceum (210 Pitt Street, 61 4857), D.J.'s. Mitchell's or State. Feature occupies entire program. No Free List. Air-conditioned for your comfort.

ANNE OF THE THOUSAND DAYS premiered in 35mm Panavision on the 17th October 1970 at the Lyceum Theatre. **ANNE OF THE THOUSAND DAYS** was presented in 70mm at the Odeon Leicester Square on the 23rd February 1970 ...

ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN SEE FOREVER

27th May 1971 to 26th August 1971 – Season 13 weeks and 0 days V



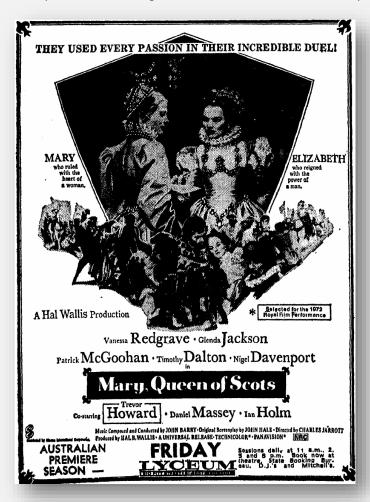


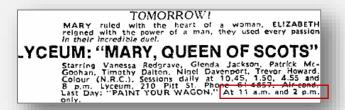
ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN SEE FOREVER premiered in 35mm Spherical on the 27th May 1970 at the Lyceum Theatre.

ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN SEE FOREVER was presented in 70mm as a US Reserved Seating Engagement ...

MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS

21st April 1972 to 24th August 1972 - Season 17 weeks and 6 days V





MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS premiered in 35mm Panavision on the 20th April 1971 at the Lyceum Theatre.

MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS premiered in 70mm on the 22nd December 1971 in California as a US Engagement ...

LYCEUM THEATRE IN 70mm

After the closure of the 70mm equipped key city theatres the Paramount, Forum and Barclay, the exhibitor Greater Union removed two of the three Kalee 21 with AR9 mag head 35mm projectors from the Lyceum theatre and replaced them with two Cinemeccanica Vic 8 projectors [seconded from a closed drive in] to present 70mm while the new four screen and 70mm equipped multiplex on George Street was being built.

After the installation of 70mm at the Lyceum theatre, two 70mm blow ups were presented. Young Sherlock Holmes [Spherical] opened on the 19th December 1985 and *Top Gun* [Super 35] which had previewed at the Pitt Centre and State theatre, opened at the Lyceum theatre on the 31st July 1986.

Lyceum Theatre Destroyed By

A fire yesterday caused an estimated £200,000 damage when it destroyed the Lyceum Theatre, part of the Central Methodist Mission in Pitt Street.

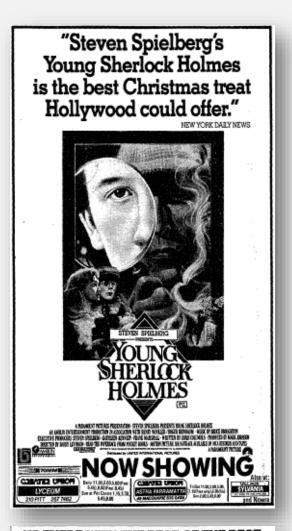
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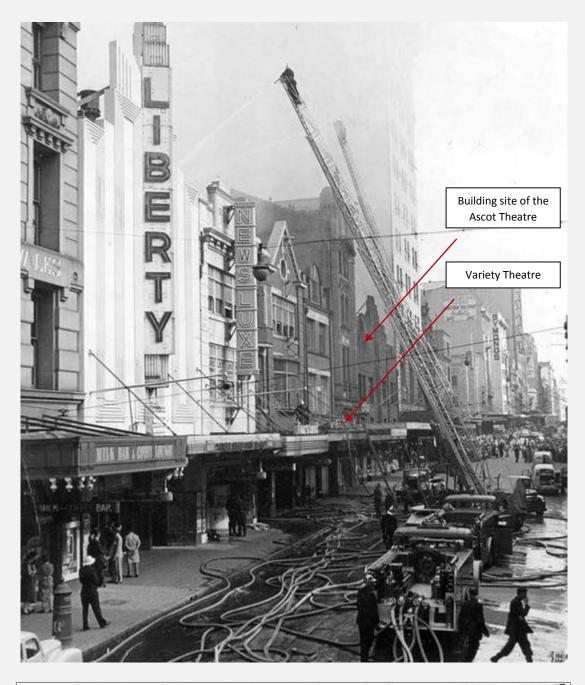
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Thank you to David Coles who assisted with the description of the six theatres on Pitt Street, Sydney







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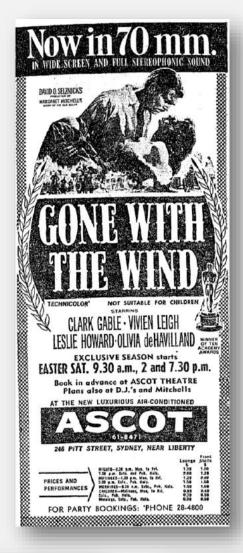
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The Variety Theatre which was located at 238 Pitt Street Sydney, opened on the 28th September 1934 advertised as *Sydney's Most Modern Theatrette*. The 287 seated newsreel theatre screened a continuous programme of short films, newsreels and serials. In later years, the Variety became a revival cinema screening studio classics and double features. The Variety closed on the 24th December 1954 from a fire on the stage which destroyed the theatre and adjoining offices.

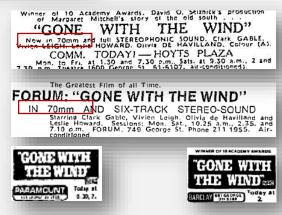
The following six pages are the 70mm Spherical blow ups which were presented in Sydney during the era of the Reserved Seating Engagement [1952 to 1974] ...

GONE WITH THE WND

25th March 1967 to 13th September 1967 – Season 24 weeks and 4 days **V**







GONE WITH THE WIND premiered in 35mm at the St James and Liberty theatres on the 30th April 1940. **GONE WITH THE WIND** was first reissued in 70mm at the Ascot theatre on the 30th November 1967 followed by the Hoyts Plaza theatre on the 28th March 1968 and then the Forum cinema on the 1st December 1972.

The Paramount cinema also presented **GONE WITH THE WIND** on the 18th October 1976 and the Barclay cinema on the 4th August 1978. Both of these cinema bookings did not advertise **GONE WITH THE WIND** in 70mm...

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THE JOLSON STORY

2nd July 1970 to 15th July 1970 – Season 1 weeks and 6 days V



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JOY - FILLED SPECTACLE IN SUPERB TECHNICOLOR

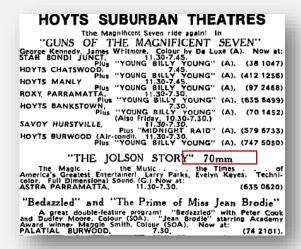
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with all the GREAT ring rings and the lines of the world's greatest entertainer.

THE JOLSON STORY, starring Larry Parks. Evelyin Keyses (Q), Plus Peaturettee

Sections at 10 45, 1.55, 3, 7.55. Reserve State Booking Bureau—M2797.

THE JOLSON STORY was originally released in 35mm at the State theatre on the 20th December 1946. **THE JOLSON STORY** was reissued in 70mm at the Astra Parramatta on the 2nd July 1970 ...



TOO LATE THE HERO

8th April 1971 to 5th May 1971 – Season 3 weeks and 6 days **V**





TOO LATE THE HERO was advertised in 70mm at the Hoyts Paris theatre. The film was not reissued in 70mm ...

THE GREAT CARUSO

17[™] May 1974 to 17[™] May 1974 – Season 1 day **V**



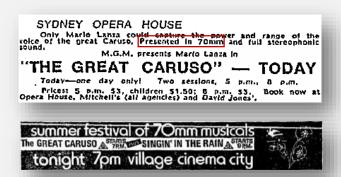
St. James, Liberty, Minerva, Metro (Manly)

TO-DAY! — "THE GREAT CARUSO"

Gals opening to-day at all four Theatres of MARIO LANZA and
ANN BLYTH in M.O.M's Technicolor story of the world's greatest
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time. Plus M.G.M. Tom and Jerry Their. Cartoon, Tech. Traveltalk,
Metro News, etc. Box plans at 8t. James (M6061), Liberty (MA8068),
Minerva, Orwell Birrett, King's Cross (FL1221), and Metro, Ocean
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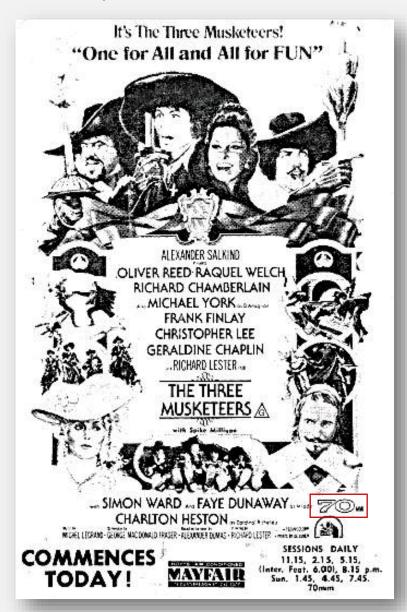
THE GREAT CARUSO was released in 35mm at the St James, Liberty and Metro suburbs on the 3rd March 1951.

THE GREAT CARUSO was advertised and reissued in 70mm at the Sydney Opera House and for a one session Sunday performance at the new Village Cinema City multiplex on the 3rd November 1974 ...



THE THREE MUSKETEERS

25th July 1974 to 17th October 1974 − Season 12 weeks **V**



MAYFAIR: "THE THREE MUSKETEERS" (G)
1.45, 4.45, 7.45, 73 Castlereagh Street, 232 3 277.

THE THREE MUSKETEERS was advertised in 70mm at the Hoyts Mayfair theatre.

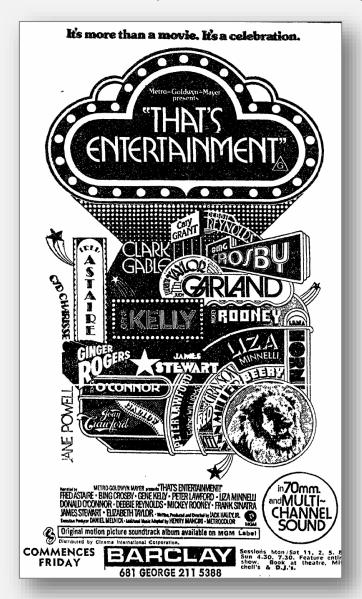
A special note here from David Coles, **THE THREE MUSKETEERS** was the closing night attraction in 70mm for the 1974 Sydney Film Festival at the State theatre on the 7th June 1974 ...

BARCLAY: "THE FOUR MUSKETEERS" (NRC)
Sessions: Mon -Sat 11, 2, 5 (feature 5 50), 8, Sun. 2, 5
Phone 211 5388

THE FOUR MUSKETEERS opened at the Barclay Cinema in 35mm on 22nd August 1975 for a 6 week season. A third film in the franchise, THE RETURN OF THE MUSKETEERS was released in 1989.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

20th December 1974 to 3rd April 1975 - Season 14 weeks and 6 days V





THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT was advertised in 70mm at the Barclay Cinema. The film was reissued as a 70mm double feature with **THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT PART 2** on the 10th December 1980 at the Forum cinema ...

GREATER UNION THEATRES Booking Inquiries at Theatre, Mitchell's and David Jones'. Theatre Party Bookings (20 or more) Phone 26 6195, 2 0653. PITT CENTRE 1: "BUGSY MALONE" (G). Sessions: Mon.-Sat. 11, 2, 5, 8, Sun. 2, 5, PITT CENTRE 2: "THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT PART 2" (G). Sessions: Mon.-Sat. 10,45, 1,45, 4,45, 7,45, Sun. 1,45, 4,45, / PITT CENTRE 3: "CADDIE" (M). Sessions: Mon.-Sat. 11,15, 2,15, 5,15 (leat. 5,54), 8,15, Sun. 4,15, 3,12.

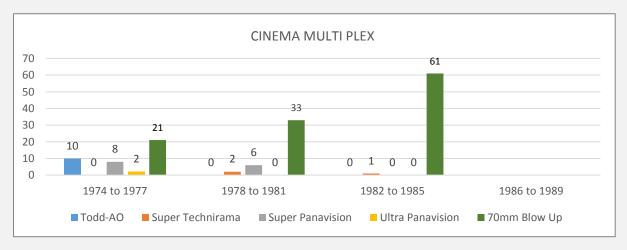
THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT PART 2 originally opened in 35mm at the Pitt Centre multiplex [cinema 2] on the 17th December 1976. The third film in the franchise, THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT PART 3 also in 35mm, was released in 1994.

SYDNEY IN 70MM - PART 2

SPHERICAL BLOW UP

Between 1982 and 1985 there were sixty two [62] 70mm releases in the key city theatres and multiplex of Sydney which included thirty two [31] reissues. Two of these reissues were presented for the first time in 70mm. *Sleeping Beauty* and *Napoleon* [only the last reel] screened exclusively at the State theatre.

1982 - 1985	70MM	REISSUE	TOTAL
1982	9	3	12
1983	2	6	8
1984	7	16	23
1985	13	6	19
TOTAL	31	31	62



OPENED	FILM	THEATRE	FILM FORMAT	CLOSED	WKS
29/04/82	Star Wars	Hoyts Centre	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	16/06/82	7
07/05/82	Sleeping Beauty	State	Reissue – Super Technirama	27/05/82	3
24/05/82	Napoleon – last reel in 70mm	State	Reissue – 70mm Spherical	29/05/82	1
10/06/82	Quest for Fire	Hoyts Centre	70mm Panavision	28/07/82	7
06/08/82	Poltergeist	Paramount	70mm J-D-C Scope	24/02/83	29
06/08/82	Raiders of the Lost Ark – move over	Barclay	70mm Panavision	02/12/82	17
11/08/82	Rocky III	Hoyts Centre	70mm Spherical	26/01/83	24
12/08/82	Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan	State	70mm Panavision	21/10/82	10
25/11/82	E.T. – The Extra Terrestrial	State	70mm Spherical	23/06/83	30
03/12/82	Pink Flyod – The Wall	Barclay	70mm Panavision	03/03/83	13
09/12/82	Annie	Hoyts Centre	70mm Panavision	02/03/83	12
09/12/82	The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas	Paramount	70mm Panavision	17/02/83	10
05/05/83	The Empire Strikes Back	Hoyts Centre	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	17/08/83	15
10/06/83	Poltergeist plus Raiders of the Lost Ark	Barclay	Reissue – 70mm J-D-C Scope & Panavision	30/06/83	3
01/07/83	Gone with the Wind	Barclay	Reissue – 70mm Spherical	04/08/83	5
02/09/83	2001: A Space Odyssey	Barclay	Reissue – Super Panavision	29/09/83	4
29/09/83	Rocky III plus Raiders of the Lost Ark	Ascot	Reissue – 70mm Spherical & Panavision	05/10/83	1
26/10/83	The Return of the Jedi	Hoyts Centre	70mm J-D-C Scope	11/04/84	24
09/12/83	Brainstorm	Pitt Centre	70mm Panavision	19/01/84	6
08/03/84	The Right Stuff	Village Cinema City	70mm Spherical	06/06/84	13
03/05/84	Greystoke – the Legend of Tarzan	State	70mm Super Techniscope	06/06/84	5
07/06/84	Greystoke – move over	Pitt Centre	70mm Super Techniscope	15/08/84	10
08/07/84	Star Wars Trilogy	Hoyts Centre	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	08/07/84	1 Day
14/07/84	Star Wars Trilogy	Hoyts Centre	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	15/07/84	2 Day
19/07/84	Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom	State	70mm Panavision	11/12/84	21
21/07/84	Star Wars Trilogy	Hoyts Centre	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	22/07/84	2 Day
28/07/84	Star Wars Trilogy	Hoyts Centre	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	29/07/84	2 Day
05/08/84	Star Wars Trilogy	Hoyts Centre	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	05/08/84	1 Day

16/08/84	Greystoke – move over	Village Cinema City	70mm Super Techniscope	21/11/84	14
29/11/84	Raiders of the Lost Ark	Hoyts Centre	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	12/12/84	2
06/12/84	Gone with the Wind	Pitt Centre	Reissue – 70mm Spherical	12/12/84	1
13/12/84	Gremlins	State	70mm Spherical	20/03/85	14
13/12/84	Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom-move over	Pitt Centre	70mm Panavision	20/02/85	10
14/02/85	Amadeus	Hoyts Centre	70mm Panavision	20/11/85	40
21/03/85	Gremlins – move over	Village Cinema City	70mm Spherical	18/09/85	26
21/03/85	2010	State	70mm Panavision	03/04/85	2
04/04/85	2010 – move over	Pitt Centre	70mm Panavision	05/06/85	9
06/06/85	Starman	Hoyts Centre	70mm Panavision	21/08/85	11
08/08/85	Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome	State	70mm Panavision	06/11/85	13
15/08/85	Lifeforce	Hoyts Centre	70mm J-D-C Scope	18/09/85	5
22/08/85	Cocoon	Hoyts Centre	70mm Spherical	18/12/85	17
26/10/85	Star Wars Trilogy	Hoyts Centre	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	27/10/85	2 Day
02/11/85	Star Wars Trilogy	Hoyts Centre	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	03/11/85	2 Day
07/11/85	Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome – move over	Village Cinema City	70mm Panavision	05/02/86	13
05/12/85	Santa Claus	Hoyts Centre	70mm J-D-C Scope	05/02/86	9
12/12/85	Silverado	Hoyts Centre	70mm Super Techniscope	15/01/86	5
19/12/85	Young Sherlock Holmes	Lyceum	70mm Spherical	05/03/86	11
19/12/85	Rocky IV	Hoyts Centre	70mm Spherical	19/03/56	13

Please Note: As the advertisements from the 1st July 1983 and 6th December 1984 **Sydney Sun** newspaper cannot confirm if the reissue of **Gone with the Wind** was presented in 70mm, the total count of 70mm releases between 1982 and 1985 does not include these two release dates. The last time **Gone with the Wind** was last advertised in 70mm was on the 1st December 1972 at the Forum cinema.





Move Over: The table above includes the 70mm print as a move over to other key city theatres and city multiplex in Sydney. These move overs are still being researched and if in fact they were presented in 70mm at all venues. Until these titles have been confirmed, the dates of move over will remain listed within this table.

SYDNEY IN 70MM - PART 2



When Superscope showcased in 1955, there were four principle exhibitors in the key city of Sydney.

The following table lists those four exhibitors and their aligned key city cinemas of Sydney.



Hoyts Theatres who released Twentieth Century Fox first film in CinemaScope, *The Robe*, was also the exhibitor for RKO Radio Pictures in Sydney and showcased *Underwater* at the Hoyts Plaza theatre on 14th July 1955 as the first film released in *Superscope*.

The following is a brief summary on Superscope. Howard Hughes who gained control of RKO Radio Pictures in 1948, engaged the Tushinsky Brothers, Irving and Joseph, to develop an alternative widescreen process to CinemaScope.

Superscope employed flat spherical photography with cropping and 2x1 anamorphosis applied in the laboratory. Initially the format had an aspect ratio of 2:1 which meant that the print image was not full width, and a pillar boxed aperture was required in the projector. After a short time the cropping was increased to give a full image and a 2.35:1 aspect ratio. These films were advertised as Superscope 235 and RKO-Scope. With no anamorphics in photography there was some improvement in image quality with better depth of field – but this was offset somewhat by the reduced area of negative utilised.









Thank you to David Coles and Brian Walters who assisted with the explanation of Superscope

HOYTS PLAZA THEATRE



The Hoyts Plaza theatre in Sydney presented seven Superscope films between 1955 and 1958 with **UNDERWATER** as the theatres first presentation. The Hoyts Plaza theatre was also the only key city theatre in Sydney to present the initial release of films in Superscope, Superscope 235 and RKO Scope.

HOYTS PLAZA — "UNDERWATER"

JANE RUSSELL IN SUPERSCOPE!

In Technicolor! Sensational adventure in an exciting underwater world . with Jane Russell as you've never seen her before! A Howard Hushe presentation, co-starting Othert. Roland, Richard Eran Flus, Senoland Yard the Propersion of the Propersi

HOYTS PLAZA: "SON OF SINBAD"

ADVENTURE'S MOST DARING SON
Where Sinbad left off his awagering son begins . lover ...
rover ...
warrier bord, cancutting women's hearts and desert
legions ...
n Superscope and Technicolor, with Dale Robertson,
Sally Forrest, Lilli St. Cast Vincent Price. (Suit, adults only,)
Plus courage against cunning in "A LIFE IN THE BALANCE."
with Ricardo Montalban, Ann Bancroft (A). Sessions 10, 1.20,
4.35, 7.55 p.m. Book now. Plans at Theatre, MA6107, and
Palling's.

HOYTS PLAZA - "Escape to Burma"

BURMA JUNCLE ACTION

TO-DAY!
In Technicolor and Superacope! There's no escaping from the auth—the superace death early charge Sultry, with sudden love ... and sudden death ... the most exciting story of a manhunt to tver sweep the screen! Exciting story of a manhunt to tver sweep the screen! Exciting story of a manhunt to tver sweep the screen! Excitingly starring Harbara Stanwyck, Robert Hyan, David Farrar (O). Plus cauleinge thriller—"OFERATION DIPLOMAT" — with Guy Rolfe, Lira Dainley, Paticla Dainlon, Sosa, at 10,15, 1,30, 4,48, 8 p.m. Plans Theatre, MAG107 (air-conditioned) and Paling's.

HOYTS PLAZA — "VERA CRUZ"

In SuperScope and Technicolor: Both men had guns to hire and chesh Sense lish it's a fury of action, violence and sudden death Sense lish it's a fury of action, violence and sudden death Sense lish it's a fury of action, violence and sudden death Sense lish it's a fury of action, violence and sudden death Sense lish it's a fury of action, violence and case Sense Sense Rorgania, Sarita Montiel (A). Plus murder rides the roller coaster, in "SIDE SHOW," Don McGuller, Tracey Roberts (G), 10.5, 120, 4.35, 7.55 p.m. MA6107. 600 George Street, Plans: Theatre and Falling's. And from to-morrow simultaneously with Plaza, city, at Hoyis Star, Bondi Junction, Arcadia, Chatswood, Boyts Manly. Drummone and Craw. Nat.

HOYTS PLAZA — 'RUN FOR THE SUN'

JUNGLE MANHUNT — TO-DAY!

The white-hot stay of a fantastic hunt with human game as prey! In Superscope and Technicolor. Starring RICHARD WID-MARK, WAND GREEN. TREVOR HOWARD (A). Plus: "HOT CARS," with John Bromfield, Joi Lamsing (A): Movietone News. Sessions: 10.10, 12.5, 4.40, 7.55 p.m. Médio?. Air-conditioned. 600 George St. Plans: Theatre, Paling.

PLAZA -- "RUN OF THE ARROW"

Run! Run! Outrun the arrow or die! This was the million-to-one chance Stoux law gave the white man who dared to love an Indian squaw! With Food Swinger, Sarita Monttel. Brian Keith, Ralph Meeker R.R.C.O.-Scope and Technicolor! (A). Plus "THE MAN IS All May Dane Culrk, Sessions: 10.20, 1.30. 4.45, 8 p.m. M6107. Air-conditioned. 600 George St. Plans theatre, Palink's.

— "JET PILOT" HOYTS PLAZA -

IN CITY AND SUBTIMES! Sky bigh adventure faster than sound. With JOHN WAYNE, JANET LEIGH. In Technicolor (6), Plus Sectiond Yard Thriller. THE LONELY HOUSE. (A), Movietone Exclusive—Herb. Elitor's miracle mile: French rots in Algeria, Plaza sessions; 10.46, 1.45, 4.50, 8, MAGIOT. 600 GCorge St. Plans Theatre, Fallar's. In the subarbs at Hoyts Star, Bondi Junction; Arendia, Chatawood; Manly, Drummoyne, Crow's Nest.

FILM	STUDIO	OPENED	CLOSED	WKS
Underwater – Superscope	RKO	14/07/55	03/08/55	3
Son of Sinbad – Superscope	RKO	22/09/55	05/10/55	2
Escape to Burma – Superscope	RKO	01/12/55	14/12/55	2
Vera Cruz – Superscope	UA	27/09/56	17/10/56	3
Run for the Sun – Superscope 235	UA	21/03/57	03/04/57	2
Run of the Arrow – RKO Scope	RKO	03/04/58	16/04/58	2
Jet Pilot – RKO Scope	RKO	22/05/58	04/06/58	2

HOYTS PALACE THEATRE





HOYTS PALACE

"WHILE THE CITY SLEEPS"

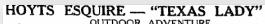
Startling as a strangled scream! A looking sit a dangerous boy ... one fatal moment in Superscope with terrific
cast headed by Dana Andrews, Rhunds Flewing Score Sanders,
Howard Dull, Thomas Mitchell, Vincent Price, Sally Forrest,
James Craig, Ida Lupino (A). Plus re-presenting "ROSE OF
THE YUKON," with Steve Brady (G) 10.20 1 35. 4.50, 8
p.m. MA6287, 261 Pitt St. Plans: Theatre, Paling's

The Hoyts Palace theatre in Sydney presented six Superscope films during 1956 with RKO Radio Pictures *Glory* as the theatres first presentation.

FILM	STUDIO	OPENED	CLOSED	WKS
Glory – Superscope	RKO	28/06/56	11/07/56	2
Tennessee's Partner – Superscope	RKO	06/09/56	12/09/56	1
Desert Sands – Superscope	UA	13/09/56	19/09/56	1
Pearl of the South Pacific – Superscope	RKO	27/09/56	03/10/56	1
Slightly Scarlet – Superscope	RKO	18/10/56	31/10/56	2
While the City Sleeps – Superscope	RKO	06/12/56	19/12/56	2

HOYTS ESQUIRE THEATRE





OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

She's a lady ... to her fighting fingertips, doing what no and Superscope and getting away with it! In Technicolor and Superscope and getting away with it! In Technicolor and Superscope and getting away with it! In Technicolor and Superscope and getting away with it! In Technicolor and Superscope and getting away with it! In Technicolor and Superscope and Supe

HOYTS ESQUIRE -EXCITING!

"THE TREASURE OF PANCHO VILLA"

In Superscope and Technicolor! The daring adventure of Panche Willias resultant and the treachery and violent that cost and violent that cost and violent that cost and the part of the part o

HOYTS ESQUIRE—SUPERB DRAMA!

"THE BOLD AND THE BRAVE"

A man who cannot hold a woman cannot live Magnificent
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HOYTS ESQUIRE — DRAMATIC!

"CREAT DAY IN THE MORNING"

In Superscupe and Technicolor! The story of a gunslinger who took what he vasified to a night of the story of a gunslinger who took what he vasified to a night of the story of a gunslinger who took which have been stored to the story of the story of

HOYTS ESQUIRE — "FANTASIA"

The greatest of all Disney triumphs! A partissue, unforgettiple voyage through the realms of great muste! In SuperScope and Technicolor (G), Together with Disneys, and Boom," in Chremiscope and Technicolor, with "Compiton Acres," Colour, At 10.50, 1.35, \$ 8 p.m. MA6708, 303 Pitt Street, Air-cooled, Plans thraite, Palling's.

ESQUIRE:

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With DIANA DORS, ROD STEIGER, True Tren, Beulah Bondi,
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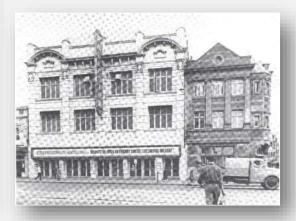
The Hoyts Esquire theatre in Sydney presented five Superscope films and one RKO Scope film from 1956 to 1958 with RKO Radio Pictures *Texas Lady* as the theatres first presentation.

FILM	STUDIO	OPENED	CLOSED	WKS
Texas Lady – Suoerscope	RKO	10/08/56	22/08/56	2
The Treasure of Pancho Villa – Suoerscope	RKO	11/10/56	24/10/56	2
The Bold and the Brave – Suoerscope	RKO	01/11/56	21/11/56	3
Great Day in the Morning – Suoerscope	RKO	29/11/56	12/12/56	2
Fantasia – Suoerscope	RKO	27/03/58	21/05/58	8
The Unholy Wife – RKO Scope	RKO	31/07/58	06/08/58	1

HOYTS PALLADIUM THEATRE



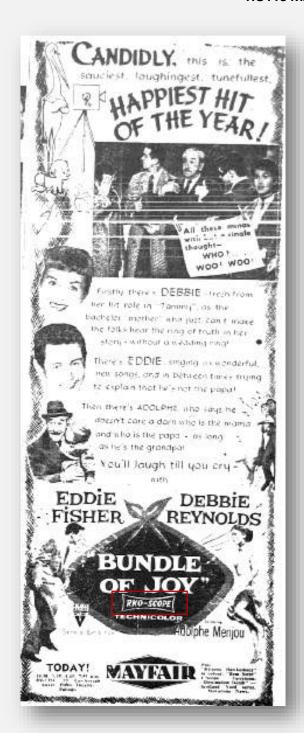




The Haymarket/Civic/Palladium/Barclay presented one Superscope title, RKO's *Bengazi* in 1956. Between 1955 and 1960 the theatre had been operated by Hoyts Theatres as the Palladium, mainly presenting 'blood and thunder' doubles. Subsequently taken over by Greater Union, the site underwent extensive refurbishment reopening as the Barclay Cinema with *The Guns Of Navarone* in 1962.

FILM	STUDIO	OPENED	CLOSED	WKS
Bengazi – Suoerscope	RKO	21/09/56	27/09/56	1

HOYTS MAYFAIR THEATRE



MAYFAIR — "BUNDLE OF JOY"

Candidly this is the sauctest, Laughingest, tunctullest, habpiest hit of the year! With EDDIE FISHER (Eddle sings six wonderful new songs), DEBBIE REVOLDS, Adolphe Menjou, Technicolor (G): Plus: "Historic Hawkeebury College Steer." Cincadascup Cours." 10, 2001, 145, 4, 45, 7, 55, BW1:374, 73 Castlerragh Street. Pluns: Theatre, Paling's.

Presented in no less than ELEVEN theatres simultaneously in city and suburbs from TODAY!

MAYFAIR — "ALL MINE TO GIVE"

Perfect entertainment for the school holidays! Starring Glyn downs, Commercer Mitchell, Rex. Thompson, Fatty, McCormack, Townson, Fatty, McCormack, McGormack, McGormack, Townson, Fatty, McGormack, Glyce, and City, McGormack, McGormac

The Hoyts Mayfair theatre in Sydney presented two RKO Scope films with RKO Radio Pictures **Bundle of Joy** as the theatres first presentation.

FILM	STUDIO	OPENED	CLOSED	WKS
Bundle of Joy – RKO Scope	RKO	01/08/57	11/09/57	6
All Mine to Give – RKO Scope	RKO	28/08/58	10/09/58	2

METRO ST JAMES THEATRE



ST. JAMES THEATRE AIR-CONDITIONED. A HAVEN from the HEAT! "TARZAN AND THE LOST SAFARI" M.G.M.'s New Tarzen Adventure—ST. JAMES—Today! M.G.M.'s New Tarzen Adventure—ST. JAMES—Today! Desired the series of the serie

Several non RKO films were shot in 35mm flat and presented 'Superscoped'. MGM's release of the independent production *Tarzan and the Lost Safari* at Metro's St James theatre was one example. (Note that the film was advertised in CinemaScope and questionable if the marketing of the film had Twentieth Century Fox permission to use the advertising banner promoting CinemaScope?)

FILM	STUDIO	OPENED	CLOSED	WKS
Tarzan and the Lost Safari – RKO Scope	MGM	05/12/57	20/12/57	2

SUPERSCOPE

The following table is a summary of Superscope releases for the exhibitor and the studio distribution. *Fantasia* has also been included as date reference and when reissued, was advertised in Superscope ...

FILM	ADVERTISED	STUDIO	THEATRE	OPENED	CLOSED	WKS
Underwater	Superscope	RKO	Plaza	14/07/55	03/08/55	3
Son of Sinbad	Superscope	RKO	Plaza	22/09/55	05/10/55	2
Escape to Burma	Superscope	RKO	Plaza	01/12/55	14/12/55	2
Glory	Superscope	RKO	Palace	28/06/56	11/07/56	2
Texas Lady	Superscope	RKO	Esquire	10/08/56	22/08/56	2
Tennessee's Partner	Superscope	RKO	Palace	06/09/56	12/09/56	1
Desert Sands	Superscope	UA	Palace	13/09/56	19/09/56	1
Bengazi	Superscope	RKO	Palladium	21/09/56	27/09/56	1
Pearl of the South Pacific	Superscope	RKO	Palace	27/09/56	03/10/56	1
Vera Cruz	Superscope	UA	Plaza	27/09/56	17/10/56	3
The Treasure of Pancho Villa	Superscope	RKO	Esquire	11/10/56	24/10/56	2
Slightly Scarlet	Superscope	RKO	Palace	18/10/56	31/10/56	2
The Bold and the Brave	Superscope	RKO	Esquire	01/11/56	21/11/56	3
Great Day in the Morning	Superscope	RKO	Esquire	29/11/56	12/12/56	2
While the City Sleeps	Superscope	RKO	Palace	06/12/56	19/12/56	2
Run for the Sun	Superscope 235	UA	Plaza	21/03/57	03/04/57	2
Bundle of Joy	RKO Scope	RKO	Mayfair	01/08/57	11/09/57	6
Tarzan and the Lost Safari	RKO Scope	MGM	St James	05/12/57	20/12/57	2
Fantasia	Superscope	RKO	Esquire	27/03/58	21/05/58	8
Run of the Arrow	RKO Scope	RKO	Plaza	03/04/58	16/04/58	2
Jet Pilot	RKO Scope	RKO	Plaza	22/05/58	04/06/58	2
The Unholy Wife	RKO Scope	RKO	Esquire	31/07/58	06/08/58	1
All Mine to Give	RKO Scope	RKO	Mayfair	28/08/58	10/09/58	2



Walt Disney *Fantasia* originally premiered at the Embassy theatre on the 15th August 1941. The reissue at the Hoyts Esquire theatre [later known as the Hoyts Town] was a scope 35mm print where the image during the feature presentation varied between Academy, 1.85:1 and 2.35:1 image.

As we close on this chapter of Sydney in 70mm, the fourth widescreen process, *Panavision* [anamorphic], will be summarised in the next chapter with *In Harms***Way* as the first 70mm

Panavision release in Sydney at the Forum cinema and not in Super Panavision as advertised right.

EMBASSY: DISNEY-STOKOWSKI "FANTASIA"

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