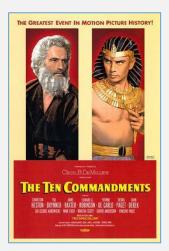


### SYDNEY IN 70MM - PART 2 THE BLOW UP







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**VISTAVISION** 

SPHERICAL

**PANAVISION** 

A new concept of theatre luxiny, of beauty, elegance and charm, unfolds to Sydney tonight when the doors open to the new

PARAMOUNT Theatre, 525 George St.

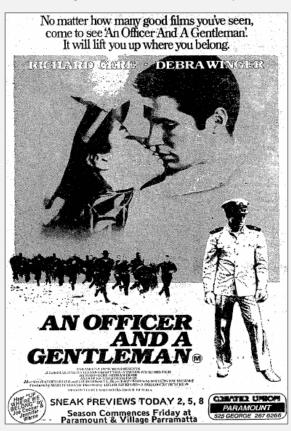
Presenting, as its premiere attraction, one of the world's most acclaimed motion pictures. Paramount Pictures presentation of Martin Ritt's

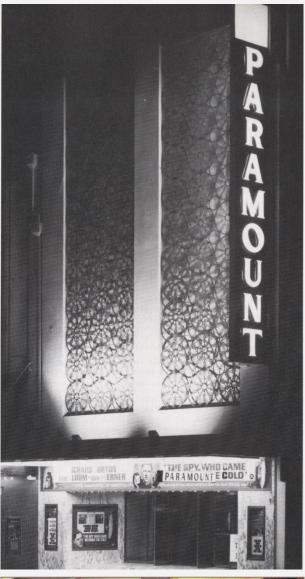
"THE SPY WHO CAME IN FROM THE COLD" The book the world could not put down. now a GREAT film. starring the brilliantly stirring

Richard BURTON, Claire BLOOM with Oskar Werner. Sam Wannamaker and Peter Van Eyck. From the famous novel by John le Carre. Not Suitable for Children, ritty Premiere organised by the Black and White Committee of the Royal Blind Society Tonight. Public Openling The Committee of the Royal Blind Society Tonight. Public Openling Told Office of the Royal Blind Society Tonight. Public Openling Told Office of the Royal Blind Society Tonight. Public Openling Told Office of the Royal Blind Society Tonight. Public Openling Told Office of the Royal Blind Society Tonight. Public Openling Told Office of the Royal Blind Society Tonight. Sail. Public Hols. at 145.4 50 8 p.m. Mon. to Thurs. 10.40 1.45.8 Book NOW at Paramount Theatre (26.2858). D. J. S. Fleet's, Hotel Aust. or State Booking Bureau. Fully air-conditioned.

The **Paramount** was located at 525 George Street Sydney. The entrance was next door to the Victory cinema and the auditorium was at the end of a long foyer and behind the Victory built from a converted stores factory. The Paramount opened on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1966 with *The Spy Who Came in From the Cold* and the first 70mm presentation was a blow up of the VistaVision production *The Ten Commandments* on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1973. Shortly after the Paramount opened, the Victory was closed for refurbishment, reopening on the 16<sup>th</sup> December as the Rapallo.

The notable releases at the Paramount were, Alfie, Love Story, The Godfather, The Sting and the 70mm releases of Logan's Run, Grease, Raiders of the Lost Ark and Poltergeist. The Paramount closed in June 1983 with *An Officer and a Gentleman* and was later demolished with the Rapallo for the new Greater Union George Street four screen multiplex.









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The following table are the two VistaVision productions which were originally presented in 35mm during the era of the Reserved Seating Engagement and which were later reissued in 70mm ...

FILM
The Ten Commandments
Vertigo

CINEMA	SYDNEY	70MM	CINEMA	
Prince Edward	07/03/58	23/11/73	Paramount	
Prince Edward	23/01/59	10/07/97	Pitt Centre	





THE PRINCE	EDWARD
Theatre Beaut	iful,
Castlereagh-street, opposite	Hotel Australia.
Managing Directors: E. J. C.	arroll, Dan Carroll,
R. J. Tait	
Under the distinguish	ed patronage
of his Excellency Admiral S	ir Dudley de Chair,
K.C.B., Lady de Chai	r, and Suite.
TO-DAY at 2.80. TO	NIGHT At B.
Plans at Hotel Australia, The	eatre, and Paling's, at
these prices:-Matiness: 1/6, 2	7, 3/6, 3/. Ordinary
Nighta, 1/6, 2/6, 8/, 4/. Sature	my August 2/, o/, 4/,
5/. All Seats Reserved withou	it extra charge. Seats
in 1/6 section sold only at door Cecil B. De Mille's Par	mount Picture
"THE TEN COMMAN	INMENTS "
Will Prior conducting the Prin	on Edward Concert Or
chestra: Eddie Horton at the £1	0 000 Orchestral Organ
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The Prince Edward theatre revered by cinema-goers in Sydney as 'The Theatre Beautiful' was located at 36 Castlereagh Street Sydney with Directors, Edward Carroll, Daniel Carroll, E J Tait and Stuart Doyle. With a 1419 seating capacity, the Prince Edward opened on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1924 with Paramount Pictures,

The Ten Commandments.



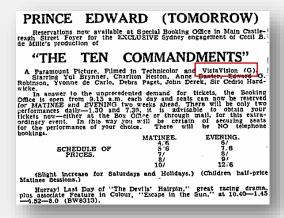
During the forty one years of live theatre and cinema exhibition, the Prince Edward predominately screened Paramount Pictures and in 1954 showcased the first film produced in VistaVision *White Christmas* on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1954. The Prince Edward theatre closed on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 1965 with the testimonial reissue of Paramount Pictures *War and Peace*.

# PRINCE EDWARD — LAST 2 DAYS Positively the Last 2 Days of Entertainment to be resented at your favourile theatre, the showplace of Australia, and known as "The Theatre Beautiful," with finally close its doors next saturday evening. The representation of the picture that thousands of patrons have been asking for Leo Toistoy's great Epic—of conflicts—love—adventure—and drama! "WAR AND PEACE." A Paramount Release in Technicolor, starring Audrey HEPBURN, Henry FONDA, Mel FERRER, John MILLS, and thousands of others. (General Exhibition.) Reservations for now at Theatre (28-8513), David Jones, Hotel Australia. Managerial Notice: Owing to the length of this great picture there will only be 3 Sessions Dally:—10.40, 1,58, 7,53. (No increase in prices.)

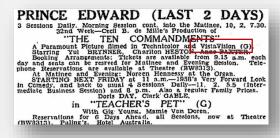
It's worthy to note, *War and Peace* was the first VistaVision film reissued as a blow up to 70mm and premiered at the Coliseum in London on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1967. Sydney did not reissue *War and Peace* in 70mm.

7<sup>th</sup> March 1958 to 16<sup>th</sup> October 1958 – Season 31 weeks and 6 days **V** 









THE TEN COMMANDMENTS was advertised in VistaVision at the Prince Edward theatre.

The studio of Paramount Pictures reissued *THE TEN COMMANDMENTS* in 1966, 1972 and 1989. In Sydney, *THE TEN COMMANDMENTS* was reissued in 35mm at the Forum cinema on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 1968, in 70MM at the Paramount cinema on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1973, reissued in 70mm at the Barclay cinema on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1976 and released in 35mm with a new print on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1982 at the Lyceum theatre ...

16<sup>th</sup> February 1968 to 11<sup>th</sup> April 1968 – Season 7 weeks and 6 days **√** 



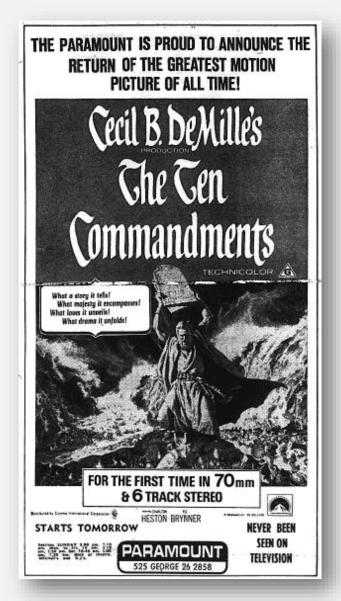
AIR-COND, Tomorrow; The greatest event in motion picture history.

FORUM: "The Ten Commandments"

Chariton HESTON, Yull BRYNNER, Anne BAXTER, Edward G. ROBINSON (G). Technicolor. Feature occupies entire program, Sessions: Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. 1, 30 and 7, 30. Weds. and Sats. 9,45, 2,7,30. Plans at Forum (749, George Street, 211-1955). D.J.s. Farmer's, Nicholson's, Fleet's, Mitchell's or State Bureau. Last Day: "ROCKET TO THE MOON" (G).

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS was reissued in VistaVision at the Forum cinema ...

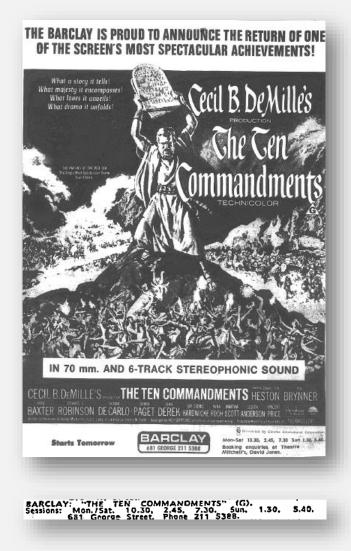
23<sup>rd</sup> November 1973 to 20<sup>th</sup> December 1973 – Season 3 weeks and 6 days V



PARAMOUNT: "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS" (G)
Starring Charlton Heston.
Sessions: SUNDAY, 3, 7.15.
Monday to Friday, 10 a.m., 2.15, 7.30.
Saturday, 10.45 a.m., 3.00, 7.30. (26 2858).

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS was released in 70mm at the Paramount cinema ...

 $19^{th}$  November 1976 to  $30^{th}$  December 1976 – Season 5 weeks and 6 days  $\checkmark$ 



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS was reissued in 70mm at the Barclay cinema ...

11<sup>th</sup> March 1982 to 7<sup>th</sup> April 1982 – Season 3 weeks and 6 days V





THE TEN COMMANDMENTS was released in 35mm and New Print at the Lyceum theatre ...

#### **VERTIGO**

23rd January 1959 to 5th March 1959 - Season 5 weeks and 6 days V



PRINCE EDWARD (Today at 10.50)

Affred Hitchcock tops, the suspense of "Hear Window" and "The Window" and "The Window" and "The Window" and "The Wert of the first time together for the first time together for the first time together for the first time time most intense suspense, excitencet, condition, and starring to the first time time most intense suspense, excitencet, condition, ever generated by a motion plettere. Filmed in exciting San Francisco. Education of the first time first to the Prince Edward Theatre. In addition a grand array of high-class featurattes.

Theatre, Paline's, Hotel Australia, it is advisable to reserve well alread.

SESSIONS: 10.50, 1.56, 5.0, 8.0, (fiwarith).

VERTIGO was advertised in VistaVision at the Prince Edward theatre.

**VERTIGO** was reissued in 35mm at the Village Double Bay as part of the Essential Hitchcock film festival on the  $9^{th}$  August 1984 and reissued in 70mm on the  $10^{th}$  July 1997 at the Greater Union Pitt Centre multiplex ...



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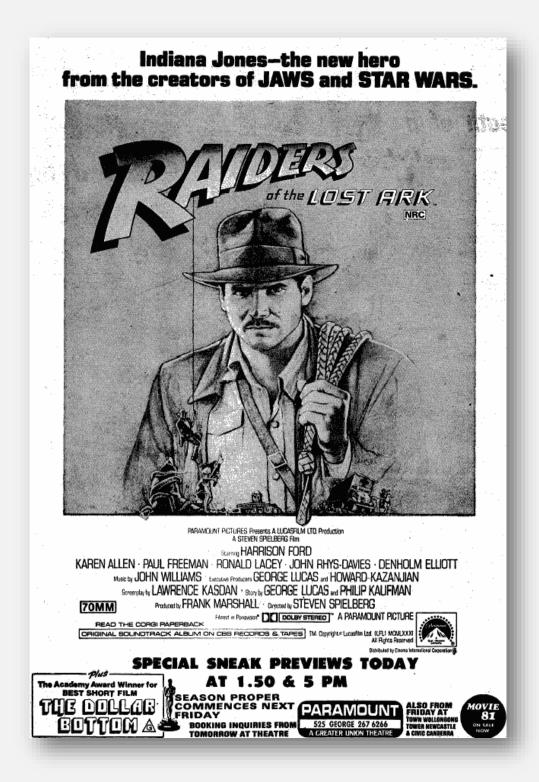
### **PARAMOUNT**

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

FILM	OPENED	CLOSED	WEEKS
The Ten Commandments - reissue	23/11/73	20/12/73	4
Jesus Christ Superstar	21/12/73	04/04/74	15
Logan's Run	17/12/76	10/02/77	8
Grease	02/08/78	07/06/79	44
2001: A Space Odyssey - reissue	22/06/79	09/08/79	7
Star Trek: The Motion Picture – 70mm during season	19/12/79	27/03/80	14
Can't Stop the Music	20/06/80	27/11/80	23
The Jazz Singer – move over from the State theatre	10/04/81	07/05/81	4
Raiders of the Lost Ark	14/08/81	05/08/82	51
Poltergeist	06/08/82	09/12/82	18
The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas	09/12/82	09/02/83	9

The longest season 35mm released film at the Paramount was *The Sting* opening on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 1974 and ran for a 53 week season. The longest season 70mm released film was *Raiders of the Lost Ark* which opened on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 1981 and ran for a 51 week season.



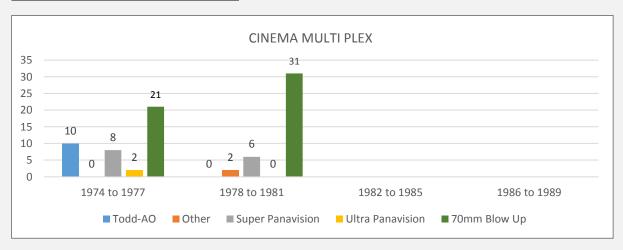


### **SYDNEY IN 70MM - PART 2**

### **VISTAVISION**

Between 1978 and 1981 there were thirty nine [39] 70mm releases in the key city theatres and multiplex of Sydney which included twenty reissues. Two of these reissues were presented for the first time in 70mm. *That's Entertainment Part 2* screened as a double feature with *That's Entertainment* at Dave's Encore Movies at the Forum Cinema and *Oliver!* which originally opened on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 1968 at the Greater Union Lyceum theatre, was reissued at the Hoyts Centre [aka Hoyts Entertainment Centre].

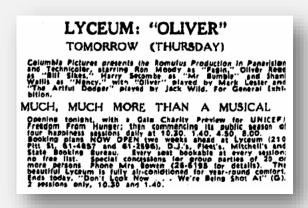
1978 - 1981	70MM	REISSUE	TOTAL
1978	4	2	6
1979	5	3	8
1980	6	10	16
1981	4	5	9
TOTAL	19	20	39



OPENED	FILM	THEATRE	FILM FORMAT	CLOSED	WKS
15/03/78	Close Encounters of the Third Kind	HEC	70mm Panavision	20/09/78	27
24/03/78	2001: A Space Odyssey	Forum	Reissue – Super Panavision	29/06/78	14
21/07/78	Gone with the Wind	Paramount	Reissue - 70mm Spherical	03/08/78	2
26/07/78	Capricorn One	HEC	70mm Panavision	06/12/78	19
02/08/78	Grease	Paramount	70mm Panavision	07/06/79	44
04/08/78	Gone with the Wind	Barclay	Reissue - 70mm Spherical	17/08/78	2
19/10/78	The Towering Inferno	Ascot	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	08/11/78	3
24/11/78	Sgt Pepper Hearts Club Band	Barclay	70mm Panavision	01/02/79	10
22/06/79	2001: A Space Odyssey	Paramount	Reissue – Super Panavision	09/08/79	7
23/08/79	The Wiz	Barclay	70mm Spherical	13/09/79	3
09/11/79	Saturday Night Fever plus <b>Grease</b>	Barclay	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	13/12/79	5
15/11/79	Apocalypse Now	HEC	70mm Technovision	16/07/80	35
23/11/79	2001: A Space Odyssey	Forum	Reissue – Super Panavision	13/12/79	3
05/12/79	Alien	HEC	70mm Panavision	12/03/80	14
13/12/79	The Muppet Movie	HEC	70mm Spherical	20/02/80	10
19/12/79	Star Trek: The Motion Picture	Paramount	70mm Panavision	27/03/80	14
31/01/80	The Rose	HEC	70mm Spherical	17/09/80	33
28/03/80	The Black Hole	Barclay	70mm Technovision	26/06/80	13
11/06/80	Car Wash plus <b>The Wiz</b>	Forum	Reissue - 70mm Spherical	11/6/80	1 Day
20/06/80	Can't Stop the Music	Paramount	70mm Panavision	27/11/80	23
26/07/80	The Poem of Dance	Forum	Reissue – Sovoscope 70	26/07/80	1 Day
06/08/80	The Empire Strikes Back	HEC	70mm Panavision	04/02/81	26
09/08/80	Ice Station Zebra	Forum	Reissue Super Panavision	09/08/80	1 Day
20/08/80	Star Trek plus <b>Logan's Run</b>	Forum	Reissue 70mm Todd AO 35	20/08/80	1 Day
25/08/80	Russian Adventure	Forum	70mm Kinopanorama	28/08/80	1
30/08/80	Grand Prix	Forum	Reissue Super Panavision	30/08/80	1 Day

06/09/80	Sgt Pepper Lonely Hearts Club Band plus Grease	Forum	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	06/09/80	1 Day
25/10/80	The Wizard of Oz plus <b>The Wiz</b>	Forum	Reissue - 70mm Spherical	25/10/80	1 Day
05/12/80	Divine Madness	State	70mm Panavision	12/02/81	10
10/12/80	That's Entertainment plus That's Entertainment Part 2 – Reissue 70mm Spherical	Forum	Reissue - 70mm Spherical	10/12/80	1 Day
22/01/81	Close Encounters Special Edition	HEC	70mm Panavision	11/03/81	7
12/02/81	The Jazz Singer	State	70mm Spherical	08/04/81	8
27/02/81	Earthquake	Barclay	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	19/03/81	3
26/03/81	Xanadu plus <b>Grease</b>	Ascot	Reissue – 70mm Panavision	08/04/81	2
10/04/81	The Jazz Singer – move over	Paramount	70mm Spherical	07/05/81	4
30/04/81	Oliver!	HEC	Reissue - 70mm Panavision	03/06/81	5
14/08/81	Raiders of the Lost Ark	Paramount	70mm Panavision	05/08/82	51
01/10/81	Apocalypse Now	HEC	Reissue – 70mm Technovision	25/11/81	8
15/10/81	2001: A Space Odyssey	Barclay	Reissue – Super Panavision	09/12/81	8

**Please Note:** As the advertisements from the 21<sup>st</sup> July 1978 and 4<sup>th</sup> August 1978 **Sydney Sun** newspaper cannot confirm if the reissue of **Gone with the Wind** was presented in 70mm, the total count of 70mm releases between 1978 and 1981 does not include these two release dates. The last time **Gone with the Wind** was last advertised in 70mm was on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1972 at the Forum cinema.





### **SYDNEY IN 70MM - PART 2**



When VistaVision showcased in 1954, there were four premiere cinemas for the key city theatres of Sydney.

The following table lists the names of these cinemas, their aligned exhibitor and the premiere distribution studio in Sydney.

HOYTS THEATRES METRO THEATRES GREATER UNION CARROLL THEATRES Regent St James State Prince Edward Twentieth Century Fox Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Universal Pictures Paramount Pictures

Similar to Hoyts Theatres which was the distribution exhibitor for Twentieth Century Fox and premiered the first film in CinemaScope, the Prince Edward theatre under the direction of Doyle, Tait and Carroll, was the exhibitor of Paramount Pictures premiering *White Christmas* in VistaVision on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1954.

VistaVision was a high resolution 35mm motion picture process developed by Paramount Pictures. As the studio choose not use the anamorphic options like CinemaScope, the studio engineered their widescreen system by orienting the 35mm negative horizontally in the camera gate creating a frame eight perforations across. This process produced a finer grained Technicolor 35mm reduction print with a projection aspect ratio in 1.66:1 and 1.85:1.

As the marquee value of the three widescreen processes were marketed by the film studio in CinemaScope, Superscope and VistaVision, the exhibitor and distributor broadened their slate of films by utilising the non-anamorphic VistaVision process.

The following table lists the notable first VistaVision films released other than Paramount Pictures.

29/03/56 London Films 19/09/56 MGM 11/10/56 Universal 28/03/57 Rank 16/05/57 Warner Bros 27/02/58 United Artists

Richard III - *Embassy*High Society - *Liberty*Away All Boats - *State*Battle of the River Plate - *Capitol*The Searchers - *Regent*Pride and the Passion - *Regent* 







### WHITE CHRISTMAS

17<sup>th</sup> December 1954 to 17<sup>th</sup> February 1955 – Season 8 weeks and 6 days V





WHITE CHRISTMAS was advertised in VistaVision at the Prince Edward and Capitol theatres.

### STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND

23<sup>rd</sup> December 1955 to 12<sup>th</sup> January 1956 – Season 2 weeks and 6 days V





STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND was advertised in VistaVision at the Prince Edward theatre.

### **TO CATCH A THIEF**

3<sup>rd</sup> February 1956 to 12<sup>th</sup> April 1956 – Season 9 weeks and 6 days V





**TO CATCH A THIEF** was advertised in VistaVision at the Prince Edward theatre.

### **RICHARD III**

29<sup>th</sup> March 1956 to 6<sup>th</sup> June 1956 – Season 9 weeks and 6 days **V** 

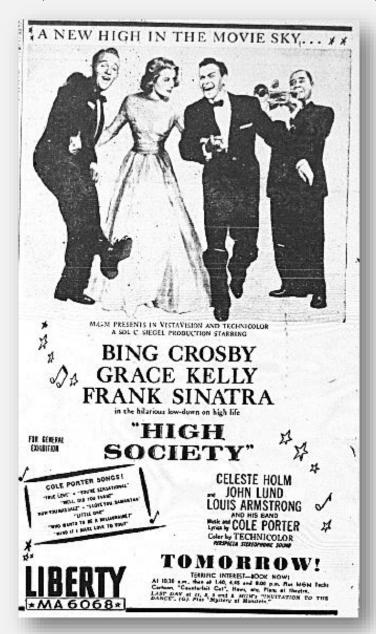


# ROYAL COMMAND FILM — TO-DAY! Here is Richard III in all its dramatic greatners as only Olivier could portray him—the story of a hunchback King whose hist for power brought death to all who barred his ware his faming passion for the beauteous Lady Anne. In vision and Technicolor! Starring LAURENCE OLIVIER as Richard III, John Ciclaud, Claire Peloom, Raigh Richardson, Pamela Brown, Cedric Herdwicke, Music by Sir William Walton (G). Session times: 10, 10, 1, 130, 4, 40, 8 p.m. Feature screens at 10, 20 a.m., 1, 40, 4, 50, 8, 10 p.m., 79 Castlereagh St. Air-conditioned, BW1863. Plans Theatre and Paling's.

**RICHARD III** was advertised in VistaVision at the Embassy theatre.

### **HIGH SOCIETY**

19th September 1956 to 6th March 1957 – Season 23 weeks and 6 days V

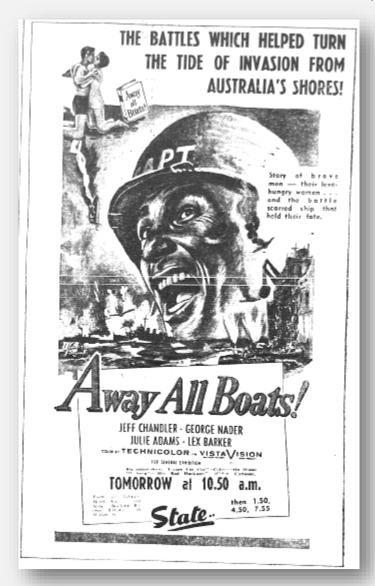


# "HIGH SOCIETY" LIBERTY BRILLIANT SEASON Comm. TO-DAY, at 10.301 The greatest entertainment in screen history—with the hottest names in show business? M.G.M. presents a Sol, C. Selgel production with BING CROS-BY, GRACE KELLY, FRANK SINATRA, Celette Holm, John Lund, and Louis Armstrong and his Band. In VistaVision and Technicolor (G). Plus M.G.M. Tech Carteen "Counter-Cet Cat." News, etc. Sessions at 10.30, 1.40, 4.45 and 8. Plans at Theatre MA6068.

**HIGH SOCIETY** was advertised in VistaVision at the Liberty theatre.

### **AWAY ALL BOATS**

11<sup>th</sup> October 1956 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 1956 – Season 2 weeks and 6 days V



## STATE: "AWAY ALL BOATS," starring Jeff Chandler, George Nader, Julie Adams, Lex Barker, in VistaVision and Technicolor (G). Plus "Escape the City" (Colory, "Het Red Hucksters" (Colour Cartoon), etc. At 10, 50, 1.50, 4.50, 7.55, Plans: State Booking Burcau, Paling's and Hotel Aust, BM2431, 49 Market St.

**AWAY ALL BOATS** was advertised in VistaVision at the State theatre.

### THE BATTLE OF THE RIVER PLATE

28th March 1957 to 8th May 1957 - Season 5 weeks and 6 days V



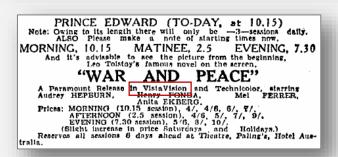
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**THE BATTLE OF THE RIVER PLATE** was advertised in VistaVision at the State theatre.

### **WAR AND PEACE**

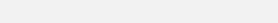
26<sup>th</sup> April 1957 to 25<sup>th</sup> July 1957 – Season 12 weeks and 6 days V





WAR AND PEACE was advertised in VistaVision at the Prince Edward theatre.

**WAR AND PEACE** was not reissued in 70mm in Sydney. **WAR AND PEACE** was reissued in 70mm at the Coliseum in London on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1967 ...



### THE SEARCHERS

16<sup>th</sup> May 1957 to 29<sup>th</sup> May 1957 – Season 1 week and 6 days V



### HOYTS REGENT—"THE SEARCHERS"

**THE SEARCHERS** was advertised in VistaVision at the Hoyts Regent theatre.

### **GUNFIGHT AT THE O.K CORRAL**

16<sup>th</sup> August 1957 to 5<sup>th</sup> September 1957 – Season 2 week and 6 days **V** 



### CAPITOL: "Gunfight at O.K. Corral" Fained Lawman Fair Burst Lancaster. (Vistevision) (Technicolor) (G). Plus: Bir added screen show. Plans: State Bursau and Capital. Ba40005. Sessions at 10.50. 1.55. 4.58. 8.0. 13 Campbell Street.

**GUNFIGHT AT THE O.K. CORRAL** was advertised in VistaVision at the Capitol theatre.

### THE PRIDE AND THE PASSION

 $27^{th}$  February 1958 to  $19^{th}$  March 1958 – Season 2 weeks and 6 days  $\checkmark$ 



#### "Pride and the Passion" REGENT -

IN CITY AND SUBURDS. Three great stars in stirring Stanley Kramer drama in Vistavision and Technicolor. CARY GRANT, SOPHIA LORES. TRANS SURVEY ACO. "Solution City — Assessment Stanley Compared to the Compared C

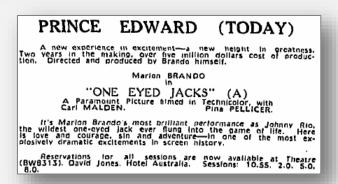
THE PRIDE AND THE PASSION was advertised in VistaVision at the Hoyts Regent theatre.



### **ONE-EYED JACKS**

 $8^{th}$  June 1962 to  $5^{th}$  July 1962 – Season 3 weeks and 6 days  $\checkmark$ 





Possible interest ... Due to completion delays **ONE EYED JACKS** was released after Paramount ceased producing films in VistaVision. Consequently **ONE EYED JACKS is** not advertised in VistaVision at the Prince Edward theatre.

### **VISTAVISION**

The following table is a summary of the notable VistaVision releases for the exhibitor and the studio distribution. **Vera Cruz** has also been included as date reference as the first film released in Superscope ...

FILM	THEATRE	OPENED	CLOSED	WEEKS
White Christmas - Paramount	Prince Edward and Capitol	17/12/54	17/02/55	9
Strategic Air Command - Paramount	Prince Edward	23/12/55	12/01/56	3
To Catch a Thief - Paramount	Prince Edward	03/02/56	12/04/56	10
Richard III – London Films	Embassy	29/03/56	06/06/56	10
High Society – Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer	Liberty	19/09/56	06/03/57	24
Vera Cruz - United Artists [Superscope]	Plaza	27/09/56	17/10/56	3
Away All Boats – Universal International	State	11/10/56	31/10/56	3
The Battle of the River Plate - Rank	State	28/03/57	08/05/57	6
War and Peace - Paramount	Prince Edward	26/04/57	25/07/57	13
The Searchers – Warner Bros	Regent	16/05/57	29/05/57	2
Gunfight at the O.K. Corral - Paramount	Capitol	16/08/57	05/09/57	3
The Ten Commandments - Paramount	Prince Edward	07/03/58	16/10/58	32
The Passion and the Pride – United Artists	Regent	27/02/58	19/03/58	3
Vertigo - Paramount	Prince Edward	23/01/59	05/03/59	6
One Eyed Jacks - Paramount	Prince Edward	08/06/62	05/07/62	4



The longest season
VistaVision film was the
exclusive engagement of
Cecil B. DeMille's *The Ten Commandments* which
premiered at the Prince
Edward theatre and ran for
a 32 week season ...

As we close on this chapter of Sydney in 70mm, the third widescreen process **SUPERSCOPE** including the films which screened at the Hoyts Plaza theatre, will be summarised in the next chapter which will also describe the **SPHERICAL** blow up in Sydney during the Reserved Seating Engagement.



HOYTS PLAZA: "VERA CRUZ"

CUNFIGHTER ADVENTURE!

In SuperScope and Technicolor! Both men had guns to hire and when they clash it's a fury of action, violence and sudden death! Sensationally starting GARY COOPER, BURT LANL CASTER, Denise Darcel, Cear Romero, Ernest Borgnine, Sarilar Montiel (A). Plus murder rides the roller coaster in "Silab SHOW" Don McGuire, Tracey Roberts (G). 10.5, 1.20, 4.35, 7.55 p.m., MA6107. 600 George Street. Plans: Theatre and Paling's.

### **PARAMOUNT**

The following table are the films which were released at the Paramount cinema in Sydney from its opening in 1966 to its closure in 1983  $\dots$ 

FILM	STUDIO / DIST	OPENED	CLOSED	WEEKS
The Spy Who Came in from the Cold – Spherical	Paramount	05/05/66	07/07/66	9
Alfie – Techniscope	Paramount	08/07/66	15/06/67	49
Nevada Smith – Panavision	Paramount	16/06/67	20/07/67	5
Drop Dead Darling – Panavision	Paramount	21/07/67	10/08/67	3
Barefoot in the Park – Spherical	Paramount	10/08/67	07/03/68	30
Hurry Sundown – Panavision	Paramount	08/03/68	28/03/68	3
Waterhole # 3 – Techniscope	Paramount	29/03/68	09/04/68	2
Smashing Time – Spherical	Paramount	10/04/68	02/05/68	3
Will Penny – Spherical	Paramount	03/05/68	16/05/68	2
The President's Analyst – Panavision	Paramount	17/05/68	30/05/68	2
No Way to Treat a Lady – Spherical	Paramount	31/05/68	01/08/68	9
The Odd Couple – Panavision	Paramount	01/08/68	28/11/68	17
Villa Rides – Panavision	Paramount	29/11/68	19/12/68	3
The Bliss of Mrs Blossom – Spherical	Paramount	20/12/68	30/01/69	6
Rosemary's Baby – Spherical	Paramount	31/01/69	29/05/69	17
The Assignation Bureau – Spherical	Paramount	30/05/69	26/06/69	4
Goodbye Columbus – Spherical	Paramount	27/06/69	06/11/69	19
The Italian Job – Panavision	Paramount	06/11/69	09/04/70	22
The Sterile Cuckoo – Spherical	Paramount	10/04/70	21/05/70	6
The Molly Maguires – Panavision	Paramount	22/05/70	25/06/70	5
The Adventurers – Panavision	Paramount	25/06/70	17/12/70	25
Catch 22 – Panavision	Paramount	18/12/70	03/06/71	24
Love Story – Spherical	Paramount	03/06/71	09/03/72	40
Diary of a Mad Housewife – Spherical	Universal	10/03/72	27/04/72	7
Play Misty For Me – Spherical	Universal	28/04/72	13/07/72	11
The Godfather – Spherical	Paramount	14/07/72	28/06/73	50
Play It Again Sam - Spherical	Paramount	29/06/73	26/07/73	4
Lady Sings the Blues – Panavision	Paramount	27/07/73	25/10/73	13
Pete 'n' Tillie – Panavision	Universal	26/10/73	08/11/73	2
Bequest to the Nation – Spherical	Universal	09/11/73	22/11/73	2
The Ten Commandments – 70mm VistaVision	Paramount	23/11/73	20/12/73	4
Jesus Christ Superstar — 70mm Todd AO 35	Universal	21/12/73	04/04/74	15
The Sadfathor Port 3 - Salarial	Universal	05/04/74	10/04/75	53
The Godfather Part 2 – Spherical	Paramount	11/04/75 22/08/75	21/08/75	19
The Eiger Sanction – Panavision  Nashville – Panavision	Universal	26/09/75	25/09/75 09/10/75	5 2
Once Is Not Enough – Panavision	Paramount Paramount	10/10/75	27/11/75	7
Rooster Cogburn – Panavision	Universal	28/11/75	18/12/75	3
Dog Day Afternoon – Spherical	Warner Bros	19/12/75	08/07/6	29
Family Plot — Spherical	Universal	09/07/76	19/08/76	6
OZ — Spherical	BEF	19/08/76	16/09/76	4
The Big Bus plus Mustang Country – Panavision / Spherical	Paramount / Universal	17/09/76	07/10/76	3
Gone with the Wind – Spherical	MGM	08/10/76	16/12/76	10
Logan's Run - 70mm Todd AO 35	MGM	17/12/76	10/12/70	8
Marathon Man – Spherical	Paramount	11/02/77	21/04/77	10
Airport '77 – Panavision	Universal	22/04/77	25/08/77	18
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Black Sunday – Panavision	Paramount	26/08/77	22/09/77	4
The Car – Panavision	Universal	23/09/77	20/10/77	4
It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet plus All Creatures Great and Small	GUO	21/10/77	03/1177	2
Bobby Deerfield – Panavision	Warner Bros	04/11/77	26/01/78	12
Telefon — Spherical	MGM	27/01/78	09/3/78	6
Looking for Mr. Goodbar – Spherical	Paramount	10/03/78	01/06/78	12
Coma — Panavision	MGM	02/06/78	20/07/78	7
The One and Only – Spherical	Paramount	01/07/78	15/07/78	3 Days
Gone with the Wind – Spherical	MGM	21/07/78	03/08/78	2
Grease – 70mm Panavision	Paramount	03/08/78	07/06/79	44
Dimboola — Panavision	GUO	08/06/79	21/06/79	2
Agatha — Spherical	Warner Bros	17/06/79	17/06/79	1 Day
2001: A Space Odyssey – Reissue Super Panavision	MGM	22/06/79	09/08/79	7
Buck Rogers in the 25 <sup>th</sup> Century – Spherical	Universal	10/08/79	20/09/79	6
Meatballs – Spherical	Paramount	09/09/79	09/09/79	1 Day
Prophecy - Panavision	Paramount	21/09/79	25/10/79	5
The Sting – Spherical	Universal	26/10/79	20/12/79	8
Star Trek: The Motion Picture – 70mm Panavision	Paramount	21/12/79	27/03/80	14
The Electric Horseman – Panavision	Universal	28/03/80	19/06/80	12
Voices — Spherical	MGM	16/05/80	17/05/80	2 Days
Can't Stop the Music – 70mm Panavision	GUO	19/06/80	27/11/80	23
Smokey and the Bandit Ride Again – Spherical	Universal	28/11/80	05/02/81	10
Times Square – Spherical	GUO	06/02/81	26/03/81	7
The Formula – Spherical	MGM	27/03/81	09/04/81	2
The Jazz Singer - 70mm Spherical [move over from State]	GUO	10/04/81	07/05/81	4
The Mirror Crack'd - Spherical	GUO	12/04/81	19/04/81	2 Days
The Incredible Shrinking Woman – Spherical	Universal	08/05/81	28/05/81	3
Nighthawks — Spherical	Universal	29/05/81	25/06/81	4
Gone with the Wind – Spherical	MGM	14/06/81	21/06/81	2 Days
My Bloody Valentine plus The Funhouse - Spherical	Paramount	26/06/81	16/07/81	3
Game of Death - Panavision	Columbia	17/07/81	13/08/81	4
Raiders of the Lost Ark — 70mm Panavision	Paramount	14/08/81	05/08/82	51
Poltergeist — 70mm Panavision	MGM	06/08/82	09/12/82	18
The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas – 70mm Panavision	Universal	10/12/82	10/02/83	9
My Favourite Year – Spherical	MGM	29/01/83	30/01/83	2 Days
The Missionary — J-D-C Scope	GUO	11/02/83	24/02/83	2
An Officer and a Gentleman – Spherical	Paramount	25/02/83	30/06/83	18

The table cells highlighted in GREEN are those films which screened as a sneak preview at the Paramount cinema and which later opened at another key city cinema of Sydney.

The table cells highlighted in **BLUE** are those films which screened at the Paramount as a Sunday move over from the Lyceum theatre in Sydney as the Lyceum operated as a Methodist Church on Sundays.

The table cells highlighted in BROWN are those films which were presented in 70mm at the Paramount.

It is important to note the Paramount which took over the role as Sydney's main outlet for releases from the distribution company of that name [a task performed for many years by the Prince Edward until it closed 4th December 1965] commenced exhibiting a variety of studio films when Cinema International Corporation was formed merging Paramount Pictures and Universal Pictures distribution on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1970.