



**BHG Seminar
Saturday 8 May 2021**

**New Farm Cinema
701 Brunswick Street
New Farm QLD 4005**



Queen Street 1959 SLQ Rec No 260743

Behind the Silver Screen

Likely for most of us, what we recall of our visit to the cinema is the front of house experience, and the lasting memories of the film we saw up on the screen. The picture theatre as we know it has been around in various forms for over a hundred years. Our seminar will track the development of cinema from the pioneering days of film making to the creation of the modern multiplex. As an industry it has been, and remains, subject to a topsy-turvy ride.

Registration 12.30pm, First session 1pm, Afternoon Tea, Second session 2.45pm, Close 4.30 pm

Members \$15 Non Members \$20 Bookings Essential RSVP by 1 May 2021

Booking: Online Eventbrite - includes a small surcharge **By Post** – Use the tear off strip, cheques or money orders made payable to Brisbane History Group Inc. Postal address PO Box 2118, Brookside Centre, Qld 4053 **Email/EFT** – brisbanehistoryevents@gmail.com include your name and contact details. Funds transfer to Brisbane History Group, Westpac, BSB 734 000, A/C 093887. Use ‘Cinema’ and your family name in the reference. Enquiries: Andrew 0421 344 503

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Booking (Name and contact details)

Attendees:

Enclosed: \$.....

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Our presenters and their topics:

Kaye Mobsby - *A new toy for the Queensland Government* This presentation will explain how the Queensland government created the world's first government-funded film project in the late 1890s. This led into a thirty year career for one of the film makers, who through his photography and design, promoted the State of Queensland to the world at international exhibitions

Steve Maggs – *Cinema from Go to Whoa* Steve will present the history of cinemas from the early days of open air shows, travelling picture shows, the grand picture palace era, the local suburban cinemas, drive ins and the present day multiplex.

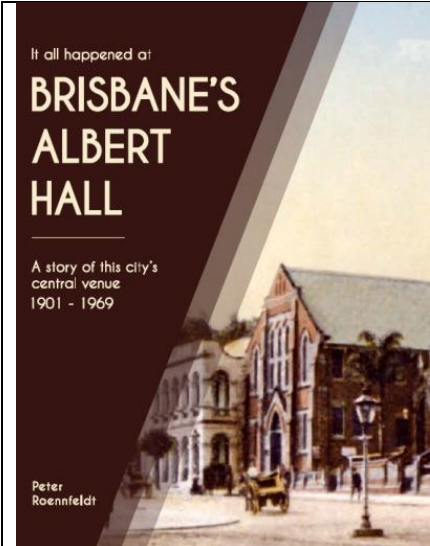
Peter Roennfeldt – *The multipurpose venue* The Albert Hall was for seven decades Brisbane's busiest medium-sized venue. Built by the Albert Street Methodist Church, it hosted a wide range of cultural activities including the showing of films and numerous civic, religious, political, wartime, social and educational events. Peter will introduce his latest book

Lisa Jones – *The owner operator* Cinema Balmoral on Oxford Street, Bulimba started its life in 1912 as an open air theatre in the vacant block beside Henry Thomson's blacksmith and coach building shop. As the story goes a German gentleman, who leased the space from Mr Thomson in 1912, was interred in 1914. Henry took over the running of the cinema and it became the Avro Picture Drome. This was a family run business until it was sold to the current owners in 1990

Denis Cryle - *Birch Carroll and Coyle and cinema exhibition across Queensland during the twentieth century.* Initially a partnership between Birch and Carroll the company became a Queensland-wide operation with the inclusion of Townsville-based Virgil Coyle. They set out to emulate their larger southern rivals by constructing modern picture palaces, the Wintergarden chain.

Peter Sourris – *Venue repurposing* Over the last few years Five Star have brought a number of venues back to life including their cinema complexes at Red Hill (State Theatre then burnt out roller skating rink) and Elizabeth Street in the city (previously the Irish Club). Peter will share some of the challenges of converting these buildings

We extend our thanks to Five Star Cinemas who have kindly offered us the use of their New Farm cinema as the venue for this event



It all happened at the Albert Hall
by Peter Roennfeldt

Explore how this building became Brisbane's busiest medium-sized auditorium, providing a platform for a diverse range of activities. Built by the Albert Street Church, in some years it was the venue for up to 150 performances, lectures, meeting and more.

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