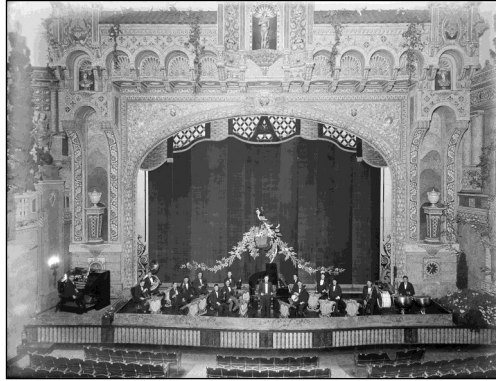
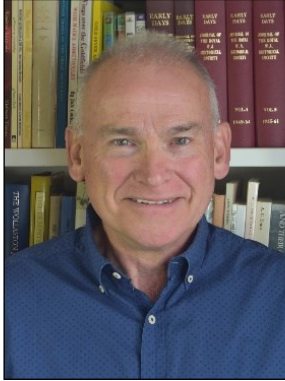




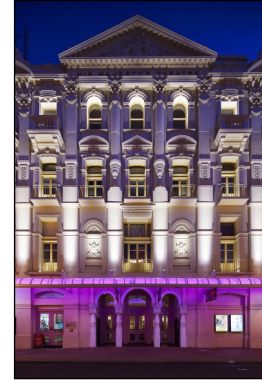
# HISTORY WEST

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## Community Talk



Ambassadors Theatre c1932



His Majesty's Theatre

## A history of Perth's cinemas and theatres Richard Offen

In the early days of the Swan River colony most theatrical and musical entertainment took place in private residences or in the Court House (now the Old Courthouse Law Museum in Stirling Gardens). As the colonial population increased and more public buildings were constructed, venues such as the Town Hall and Mechanics Institute became available. However, it was the first gold boom and the advent of cinema which caused custom-built theatres and cinemas to appear on the streets of Perth. The talk will trace the history of the places of entertainment, looking at some of the lavish venues built during the halcyon days before television.

Our president Richard Offen has many talents, in history, heritage and broadcasting. Richard has wide experience of heritage matters around the world. In 2005 he emigrated to WA to become Executive Director of Heritage Perth. During his time in that post he gained popularity as a broadcaster on both radio and television. Since retiring, Richard has published *Then and Now*, *Lost Perth* and *A Perth Camera*. He sits on the Heritage Council of WA, is President of both the RWAHS and Friends of the Batty Library, and is a member of the selection panel for the Royal Agricultural Society of WA's Hall of Fame.

**Thursday 27 March, 10 for 10.30-11.30am**  
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