

Archive Report. November 2025 - February 2026

The archive is again fully operational after the Christmas - New Year break. We were unable to access the archive in the first week after the Prahran Mechanics Institute reopened as new carpet was being laid in the passageway and the adjoining Moss room.

It was good to welcome back our regular volunteers, Mike, Keith G and Keith L, and Neal. We are also very lucky that David Kilderry has joined us on a fortnightly basis. His knowledge of the industry is invaluable.

I apologise for not including the usual list of donations for this meeting. They are recorded at the archive but I forgot to take the list home to include in this report. We have been very fortunate to still be receiving ephemera and photos from members and the full list will be included in the next report.

Since our last meeting, in association with PMI, we held another successful book sale in our garage. It was great to see several members calling in to pick up a bargain. The next bi-annual sale will be held on Saturday April 18th from 9.30 to 2.30. We continue to receive donations so there is always something new to find. All members are invited to check it out.

We continue to assist members of the public with their research. We are currently working with a photographer who is shortly to publish a book of current photos of functioning theatres. He has travelled to all states of Australia and we have assisted with historic details of many buildings. It was great to hear that he has found the CATHS online data base of considerable help in his research.

Members are very welcome to visit the archive. It was good to see Greg Praetz recently, and we were happy to receive from him some vintage Valhalla poster programs to add to our collection.

We are usually open on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, but we would appreciate a phone call first to ensure that someone will be in attendance. Contact numbers are in CinemaRecord.

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