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Dear Decophiles,

It has been truly heartening to see so many delight in *Art Deco in Perth: A Glimpse into 1930s Elegance*. Each day has welcomed over a hundred visitors to the exhibition. Our launch evening was a glittering affair, graced not only by many dedicated members but also by Perth City's Deputy Lord Mayor, Cr Bruce Reynolds, Cr Clyde Bevan, Cr Raj Doshi, CEO Michelle Reynolds, and the National Trust's CEO Julian Donaldson. Our Patron, the Hon. John Cowdell, was the perfect Master of Ceremonies for the night.

I spoke briefly of my lifelong love for Art Deco and the founding of the Society in 1987. That was followed by Dr Cathie May's inspiring account of our tireless advocacy for heritage. Philip McAllister warmly thanked the exhibition team — a sentiment echoed by myself. Heartfelt thanks to Julianne Mackay for her accurate curation of the didactic panels, Morgane Guedj for her design, Cathie May for her editorial guidance, Kevin Jackson for coordinating the artefacts with help from Helen Griffiths and Tim Hillyard. Karl Haynes and Philip McAllister should be congratulated for their stewardship of the project.

We are also deeply grateful for the generous support of the City of Perth, the Museum of Performing Arts, the State Library of Western Australia, the Museum of Perth, and the Garry Leighton Collection. A special thank you to Susanna Iuliano, the City's Cultural Projects Officer, whose support was pivotal to the exhibition's success.

The exhibition concludes Saturday, 3rd May — if you haven't yet visited, do hurry!

You may have notice on our refreshed website, www.artdecowa.org.au, that we've also embarked on a series of discovery walks. More details will follow in the next *Dear Decophile newsletter*. For now, however a few places remain for the Mt Lawley and Beverley walks — book soon to avoid missing out!

Lastly, a cause close to my heart: our 2025 campaign to *Save the Windsor* has been launched. Over the coming months, we'll be urging the City of Nedlands and the State Government to act — and your signature on our petition is vital. Please sign and share with members, new members and friends and any interested members of the public.

Decoratively yours,

ART DECO IN PERTH

A GLIMPSE INTO 1930s ELEGANCE

TUE 8 APRIL – SAT 3 MAY 2025



Presented with the support of Lotterywest and the City of Perth as part
of the Lotterywest Bourloo Heritage Festival.



A Night to Remember!



From top left to bottom right.

Philip McAllister, is delighted, as Vyonne receives a gift from our Patron, Hon John Cowdell, of original tickets to the *'Exposition Internationale des Arts Decoratifs et Industriels Modernes'* held in Paris in 1925.

Susanna Iuliano, Perth City's Cultural Officer, who has supported the Society undertaking the exhibition.

Kevin Jackson who coordinated the exhibition's artefacts keeps a watchful eye on proceedings

Exhibition graphic designer, Morgane Guedj, with Curator, Julianne Mackay with Treasurer Karl Haynes.

Dr Cathie May, delivering the second keynote address of the evening.



Art Deco in Perth: A Glimpse into 1930s Elegance

Exhibition Launch 9th April 2025

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From top left to bottom right, Philip McAllister, thanks members of the exhibition team. Louise Turner and Helen Griffiths getting into the swing of the evening. Vyonne with Dr Mark Brogan and Pam Mathews. In the blue Blazer, City of Perth CEO, Michelle Reynolds. Society Stalwarts, Annelle and Massimo Perotti.

Help save the Windsor Theatre



Windsor Theatre, Nedlands Architect: W T Leighton (1937) Drawing by Ron Facius 2006

HELP PROTECT THE WINDSOR THEATRE, NEDLANDS.

SIGN THE PETITION ONLINE

The Windsor Theatre lacks essential heritage protection at both local and state levels.

It is crucial that the Windsor Theatre be added to the City of Nedlands Heritage List and that the State Heritage Council reconsider its decision not to include the theatre in the Register of Heritage Places.

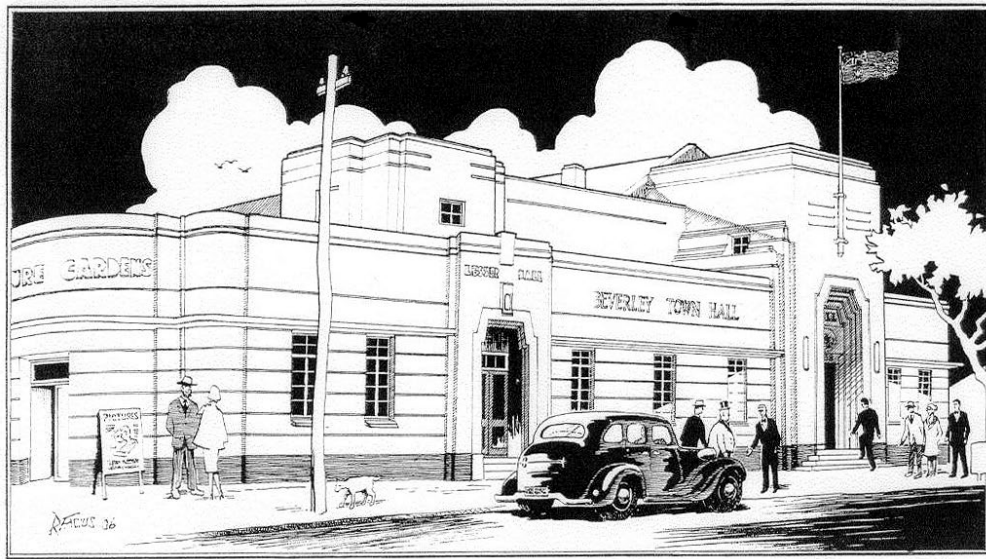
With the support of Upper House Parliamentarian, Hon Brad Pettit MLC, the Society has started a petition to be tabled in State Parliament later this year.

Link to online Petition: <https://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/LCePetitions.nsf/petitions/25-0009>

Link to more information: <https://www.artdecowa.org.au/save-the-windsor/>

Beverley

Sunday 18 May, 2025



Beverley Town Hall, Beverley, Architect: William G. Bennet (1938) Drawing by Ron Facius 2006

Join us on the 18th of May to explore the rich history of Beverley one of the most important regional Art Deco Heritage Precincts in Western Australia.

We will be taking a bus to Beverley, via a short stop at Northam. You must be at the Old Observatory 4 Havelock Street, 9am sharp, Sunday 18th May. Scheduled return 5pm.

Members \$75, Non-Members \$95

Ticket includes lunch in Beverley



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Visit: <https://artdecowa.org.au/events/>