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Victa Cinema Celebrates Century of Cinematic Excellence

This month marks the centennial anniversary of the iconic Victa Cinema, a cornerstone of Victor Harbor's entertainment history.

To commemorate the landmark occasion, various celebrations are set to take place in November, including a major opening night gala on Friday, 24 November 2023.

City of Victor Harbor Mayor, Dr Moira Jenkins said almost every Fleurieu Peninsula local and many South Australians would have memories associated with the Victa Cinema.

"Victa Cinema has been a beacon of culture and entertainment in our community. This centennial celebration isn't just about marking a milestone; it's about honouring the memories, stories, and experiences that have been shared within these walls over the past 100 years," said Mayor Jenkins.

"I'm very excited, particularly for the opening night gala. We're closing Ocean Street from cars, from Coral Street to McLaren Lane, for a huge community celebration with music and dancing. I encourage cinema enthusiasts, local residents and history aficionados to drop by on the Friday evening!"

Events that will be taking place in November to celebrate the centenary include:

- **Opening Night Gala – The Great Gatsby (6pm on Friday, 24 November 2023)**
Get dressed up and join us for a fun night of 1920s frivolity. There will be vintage car displays, music and dancing on the street from 6pm. Then, a special screening of Baz Luhrmann's *The Great Gatsby* at 7pm. Attendees are encouraged to dress in vintage attire, embracing the spirit of the cinema's rich history. Tickets include a commemorative cup and food and beverage tokens to utilise throughout the evening.
- **History of the Victa Cinema (7pm on Thursday, 30 November 2023)**
A talk by Chris Burns from Heritage South Australia, tracing the history of the Victa Cinema. Along the way, many characters who have been part of the building's story will be introduced.
- **100 Years of Matinée's (Saturday, 25 November– Sunday, 10 December 2023)**
Celebrate a century of film exhibition with a series of matinee screenings featuring a top grossing film from each decade. Buy individual tickets or a 10-film pass.
- **Victa Cinema Staff Reunion (10am on Sunday, 3 December 2023)**
A casual get-together of cinema staff of all generations. We'd love to hear your stories, memories and see any photos or mementos you may have from your time here.

Tickets are available at victacinemas.com.au and at the cinema (37-41 Ocean Street, Victor Harbor).