



Rivoli Cinemas confirmed to reopen May 4th, 2000

After initial delays, May 4, 2000 will see the opening of one of the most loved cinemas in Australia, The Rivoli Cinema.

Village Roadshow, the owners of the Rivoli Cinema, have commissioned the complete refurbishment of the Cinema, with the aim of renovating it to pay homage to the art deco era, returning it's original glory.

The refurbished Rivoli will see the renovation of the original 2 auditorium as well as the addition of 6 new cinemas with a total seating capacity of approximately 1500. The new Rivoli Cinemas Complex will house retailers including an Italian café 'Mongusto Mama'. In addition to the internal refurbishment the lounge area will be renovated and reopened. This area, available for functions, will lead to the roof top garden.

In conjunction with the Society of Art Deco and Heritage Victoria, Village has worked painstakingly to ensure that the redevelopment of the complex is sympathetic to the style of the era in which the cinemas were built.

Robert Macolino, General Manager of Village Cinemas Australia, feels that despite the delays, the refurbished Rivoli will exceed moviegoers expectations.

"The Rivoli has been painstakingly restored to it's original glory, while making use of modern innovations such as high tech sound, lighting and screening facilities.

"When the doors open to the Rivoli on May 4th, we think that patrons will be extremely impressed.

"We have kept the features that have drawn moviegoers to the Rivoli for nearly 60 years. From the feature mirrors right through to the stunning plaster mouldings in the main auditorium and the entry staircase, the cinema is Art Deco while still offering all the services and facilities that patron's would expect from a modern Village Cinema," said Mr.Macolino.

The renovation of the Rivoli Cinemas Complex has involved over 25 different sub contractors and 100 construction workers on site, all committed to redeveloping the complex.

The original Rivoli Cinema in Camberwell was opened for business in 1921 on Burke Road. February 1940 saw the construction of a new facility on the present site. Over the years the Rivoli has undergone five major alterations, the most recent of which in 1968, saw the division of the major auditorium to create a twin cinema complex.

The Rivoli Cinemas will reopen to movie goers on May 4th, 2000.

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