



## Astor Theatre Burwood



Built on the site of the Burwood Palais Theatre in Burwood. The Astor Theatre opened on Wednesday, August 5th, 1934 with ceremonies from Mayor Reed and a double bill of Errol Flynn in "Captain Blood" and Buster Crabbe in Zane Grey's "Drift Fence".

The Astor Theatre was not as opulent as other Western Suburbs Cinemas Ltd. theatres and sported a clean Art Deco style look in contrast to its stable mate, the Burwood Palatial Theatre.

It had no Wurlitzer either and tried community sing-alongs for a while. It did boast air conditioning and the innovative lighting designs that Arnold Zimmerman created for the circuit.

It became Hoyts Astor Theatre in 1944 along with all 24 theatres in WSC Ltd., which merged with Hoyts Theatres chain.

The Astor Theatre was rebuilt as Hoyts Burwood Theatre but demolished in 1966 for the Westfield Burwood Shopping Centre.



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