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Screening for a Prospect cinema

PLANS for a new cinema complex in Prospect could bring Hollywood blockbusters and art-house films back to the area for the first time in almost 40 years.

The Maras Group developers has told the *City North Messenger* it is in talks with cinema operator Palace Nova to build a cinema, retail and restaurant complex on the strip.

Prospect in focus, Pages 8 & 9

News Open space

Sports club bids for Enfield High

ENFIELD City Soccer Club is making a bid to secure Enfield High's ovals as its home ground after the school closes next year to form part of a new super school at Gepps Cross.

Port Adelaide Enfield Council is also deep in talks with the State Government in the hope of using the Enfield High and Ross Smith Secondary School sites as public open space.

Full story, Page 14

News

Pirates set to walk the plank

PROSPECT Cricket Club's bid to improve its standing in this year's A-grade competition is underway.

Meet the players and get the low-down from Pirates coach Darel Hart on how the club's young players aim to drag the club off the bottom of the ladder.

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The British Hotel manager, Richard Spavins. Picture: Steve Coates

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Prospect heads

Return of the age of cinema

From Page One

"It would be a type of multi-use complex that (would) add to the ongoing rejuvenation of Prospect Rd as an inner-city high street," Maras Group director Steve Maras said.

Still in its planning stages, Mr Maras said the centre would be built in conjunction with the council's Prospect Rd masterplan, which is due to be completed by the end of 2013.

He said the initial building design would adopt a 1930s art-deco theme and include state-of-the-art digital technology cinemas, eateries and fashion boutiques.

The Maras Group, which was behind the rejuvenation of the city's East End in the mid 90s, owns about five blocks of land at the city end of Prospect Rd.

The Ozone Theatre, which became the National Picture Theatre in the 1950s, was located at 85 Prospect Rd until 1971 when the roof partially-collapsed.

Prospect residents said a cinema would be a boost for the area.

"I think it would be great because we don't have anything as close, especially for teenagers," Janine Keramanidis, 43, said.

This (Prospect Rd) is turning into a really popular strip with cafes and dress shops."

Alberto Dibbace, 76, who remembers visiting the Ozone Cinema when he was growing up, said a new cinema was a great idea and somewhere he would definitely visit.

Tell us what you think about plans for a new cinema complex in Prospect by logging on to citynorthmessenger.com.au



DOUBTFUL: Long-time resident Brian Nelligan questions whether the 'colourful' plans for Prospect will come to pass. **17429337**

Memories of times past

BRIAN Nelligan can still recall sitting among 10,000 fans watching North Adelaide in the 1930s.

"I used to go to Prospect Oval every Saturday afternoon North Adelaide was playing at home," he says.

"Ken Farmer, he was the idol of the place."

Mr Nelligan has lived every one of his 88 years in Prospect.

Sitting in the lounge of the 700A St house his grandfather built in 1898, he reminisces about dances at the Prospect Town Hall, catching a movie at the Ozone Cinema on Prospect Rd and riding the

tram into the city for "a couple of pence". "Prospect has always been a pleasant sort of place to live," he says.

"It was much like it is now, nothing particularly special has changed.

"Although there was nowhere near as much car traffic as there is now."

Mr Nelligan hopes to see the day Prospect Oval is revamped, but says at this stage it is unlikely.

"They (Prospect Council) have a lot of colourful plans for the area (but) I'm not sure when they will happen"

THEY SAID IT



I would be able to walk up the road with my friends and not have to travel to (the cinemas at) Arndale or Norwood, which are pretty far.

Alexis Keramanidis, 35



I would love a cinema on Prospect Rd, it would save me going into the city all the time.

Sam Lawson, 22



I am new to Prospect, but I would like to see a cinema on the main street.

Poonam Kaur, 26

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PROSPECT THROUGH THE AGES

- **1883:** Horse drawn trams introduced to Prospect
- **1888:** First grandstand built at Prospect Oval
- **1947:** Prospect Council divided into four district zones - residential, shopping, public trade and factory
- **1989:** The council's population peaks at 24,000
- **1958:** Trams replaced by diesel buses
- **1971:** Movie theatre on Prospect Rd closed when the roof partially collapsed

WHAT PROSPECT MIGHT LOOK LIKE IN 30 YEARS

- A tram down Prospect Rd
- A 3000 population growth to 23,000
- Higher density and mixed use development
- North Park Shopping Centre and Sifton Plaza as major district shopping centres
- A State high school built on Churchill Rd
- More restaurants, cafes and boutiques along Prospect Rd

LOOKING FORWARD: Mayor David O'Loughlin relaxes with a coffee in a Prospect Rd cafe.

Picture: Tula Hemer HF429235

Bold vision for our city in 2040

PLANNING |
CHLOE KENNEDY

A CRASH runs down Prospect Rd seeing hoards of workers to and from the city.

Families and young couples stroll across in sun from their homes to the local cinema to catch the latest blockbuster.

People living in new affordable apartments flock to Prospect Rd to check out the extra shops and small businesses.

A revamped Prospect Oval is packed on match day to see the Redbacks in the SANFL.

Welcome to Prospect in 2040.

But for those who have lived in the area during the past 60 years, it is all just a little bit of history repeating?

Prospect Council last week responded to the State Govern-

ment's 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide with a submission of its own on how to shape Prospect over the next three decades.

The plan, coupled with the Meras Group's vision for a complete rethink much of the Prospect Rd of the 1960s.

It includes the return of the tramline on Prospect Rd, higher density living alongside main roads, a revamped Prospect Oval and more parks (see feature).

"It's like back to the future in a way," Prospect Mayor David O'Loughlin said of the comparison with Prospect's past.

"People from that era might remember not only were there more people living comfortably but the shops were more prosperous because there were more people in the area.

"But, I think an extra 3000

residents over the next 30 years would still leave us short of the 1960s population (of Prospect)."

Prospect Local History Group member and former mayor Kristina Barnett said the council should focus on greener transport options and upgrading the Islington Railway Station, instead of bringing back the tram.

"We would be much better to invest in solar power or community buses, which would take residents to main (shopping) centres, main bus routes or the (Islington) railway."

You can read the council's submission to the State Government's 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide in full in the council's September 26 meeting agenda at www.prospect.sa.gov.au

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