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New Sunshine Theatre is Attractive

The large crowd which attended the official opening of the new Sunshine Theatre last night were astounded at the transformation that has taken place. The entrance is through a series of glass doors into a spacious foyer, bordered on the side by an attractively constructed refreshment bar. In another corner is a confectionery kiosk. Also off the foyer are the ladies and gents' cloak rooms, complete with mirrors and wash basins and all necessary conveniences. There are three ticket boxes, and the managerial office is placed in such a position as to give ready access to the public. From this office radiates a system of house phones, and communication can be had at a moment's notice with many parts of the theatre.

The entrance into the auditorium to the back and reserved stalls is up a flight of stairs, whilst admission is gained to the front stalls through a carpeted corridor from the foyer.

On entering, one is agreeably surprised at the tasteful inside arrangements and decorations. Beautiful upholstered chairs with arm rests comprise the seating accommodation in the dearer sections, whilst the front seats are cushioned and are quite comfortable.

The lighting leaves nothing to be desired—concealed Neon lighting being the main feature. The lighting can be dimmed at will, and it is

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ing can be dimmed at will, and it is the first theatre in Victoria to be installed with this system.

The proscenium has been entirely reconstructed—the whole arrangement being pleasing and effective. The skill of the real artist can be seen in the painting, colours being blended in perfect harmony.

The projection room, situated some 15 feet above the main entrance to the auditorium is built of fire resisting material and is a model of efficiency. Two Super-Simplex Projectors throw the films on to a new screen, and reels can be changed without the picture being interrupted.

The ventilation of the theatre is exceptionally well provided for and future patrons can be assured that they will be able to see and hear the latest films in perfect comfort. The seating capacity of the theatre is 830.

The renovations reflect great credit on Mr G. Kirby, who has shown by his enterprise and energy the confidence he has in Sunshine. He and his family came to the district just on seven years ago and took over the management of the theatre, which at that time was about to close altogether, so bad were the conditions in Sunshine.

However, by dint of hard work and sacrifice, the family weathered the depression, and the last few years has witnessed a steady improvement in the popularity of the theatre.

Anticipating that the public would still further respond if the theatre could be brought up to date,

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theatre could be brought up to date, Mr Kirby has spent many thousands of pounds in the remodelling. It is now up to the residents of Sunshine to show genuine appreciation of the service being provided by one of Sunshine's most likeable families. Despite the many personal calls

on his time, Mr Kirby has found the opportunity to render public service. He is president of the Druids Cricket Club and senior vice-president of the Cricket Association. He has also taken an active part in the harriers and the football club. His theatre has always given cheerfully in the cause of charity, and his many friends wish him success in the present undertaking.

The architect was Mr G. Morton Taylor, A.R.A.I.A., A.I.A.A., and Mr P. N. Gum, of Withers Street, Sunshine, was the building contractor.

Noticed among the prominent business and professional people present were Mr and Mrs J. McLaren Morris, Cr and Mrs Dedrick, Cr. and Mrs Parsons, Cr. and Mrs A. Lowe, Mr and Mrs Hedley Taylor, Mr and Mrs E. Hargreaves, Mr Blamey (Bedfords Pty. Ltd.), Mr and Mrs W. T. Williamson, Mr and Mrs H. Robinson, Mr and Mrs J. Robinson (Bank of N.S.W.), Mr G. Morton Taylor, Mr and Mrs Eric Vidor, Cr. and Mrs Garde, Mr and Mrs W. T. Williamson, Mr and Mrs Haas, Mr and Mrs Gum, Mr and Mrs C. G. Carlton, Mr and Mrs E. King, Mr and Mrs N. Green, Mr and Mrs J. S. Ivory, Mr and Mrs McWhirter, Mr and Mrs Bennett, Mr and Mrs

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Barnard, Mr N. McKay, Mr Reuben
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