



Presents

## The Orpheum Theatres

*Ian Hoskins*



Front Entrance, Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace, Cremorne, 2024 (David Carment)

Ian will speak about the Orpheum Cinema in Cremorne and its precursor, the North Sydney Orpheum. Both were built by the Virgona family whose patriarch, Angelo, arrived as a boy in Sydney from the Italian island of Salina during the 1880s. The first Orpheum was demolished to make way for the Warringah Expressway. The Cremorne Orpheum survived as an independent cinema despite the impact of television and home video. Cinema lover and television personality Mike Walsh refurbished it during the 1980s in a manner that maintained the building's heritage and enhanced its commercial viability.

Dr Ian Hoskins is the North Sydney Council Historian. One of Sydney's foremost historians, he has worked as an academic, professional historian and curator for over 30 years. His acclaimed books are recognised nationally for their chronicling of Australian history.

**Venue:** Mosman Library.

**Time and date:** 7.00 pm, Wednesday 8 May 2024.

All those wishing to attend should contact [davidcarment@me.com](mailto:davidcarment@me.com) (preferred) or 0418857182, before Monday 6 May 2024.

**Refreshments will be served following the talk.**

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