

# Stars coming out at night

ENJOY a night out under the stars in the magical surrounds of North Sydney Oval.

Sunset cinema returns next week and there are lots of Hollywood blockbusters to enjoy this season.

But the experience is much more than just a movie according to event director Simon Rollin.

"Outdoor cinema is just the perfect way to enjoy a summer's night out," he said. "It's far more than just the

film, it's the experience itself and being able to sit out in a really special venue."

Movies on the bill this year include the heartwarming tale *Wonder*, Hugh Jackman's *The Greatest Showman* and the hot Oscar tip *The Disaster Artist*.

There's also plenty for children to enjoy with screenings of *Ferdinand*, *Paddington 2* and *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*.

The oval turns into a sea of picnic blankets and

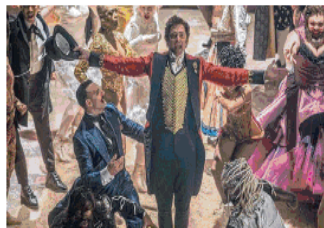
beanbags during the screenings — and there's some new additions this year.

Local venue The Greens will be serving a signature menu with prawn brioche rolls, slow-cooked beef brisket baguettes and gourmet cheese platters. And boutique wine and craft beers will also be available alongside popcorn, of course.

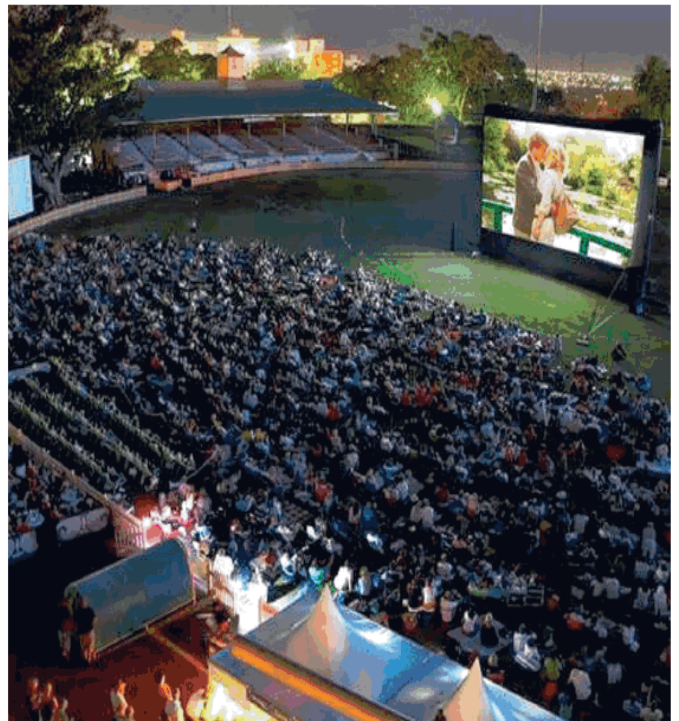
Sunset cinema runs from January 18 to March 24th at North Sydney Oval.



(L-R) Kevin Hart, Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan and Jack Black in *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*.



Australia's own Hugh Jackman stars in *The Greatest Showman*.



North Sydney will play host to some Hollywood blockbusters for the next two months.

# Honing the art of conversation

AFTER hundreds of hours on air broadcaster Michael Morton-Evans still has plenty to chat about.

This month he is looking forward to celebrating his 250th show with classical radio station Fine Music.

"Time goes quickly when you are having fun," he said.

His weekly show *In Conversation* sees him interview a range of interesting guests including classical musicians, business leaders and local char-

acters.

As far as possible he likes to do the program live and his guests sit with him in studio to chat about their lives for an hour.

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"I'm constantly surprised by people saying to me 'I don't know why I told you that'," he said.

"I do enormous research on each interviewee. They appreciate this and respond accordingly.

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Mr Morton-Evans was too polite to reveal

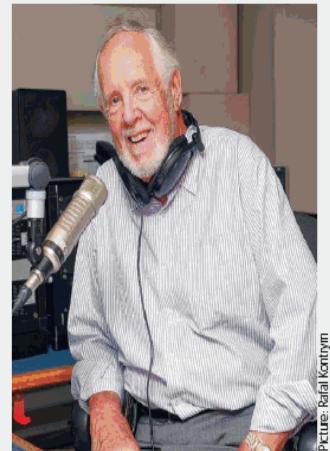
who the tricky character was but was happy to reveal his highlights over the years.

He has numerous favourites among the interviews but standouts include Russian violinist Maxim Vengerov, film director Bruce Beresford and opera singer Danielle de Niese.

All the guests get to choose their favourite songs to play and it gives listeners an insight into their lives.

"They cease to become just a name on stage. You learn a bit about them and what makes them tick," he said.

Mr Morton-Evans celebrates his 250th *In Conversation* show on January 24.



Michael Morton-Evans on-air at Fine Music.

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