



Phillip Island Movie Club

Last month's film *About Elly* scored 3.4 in the StarBox rating, by the 66 members who voted. This film rated quite a bit lower than our previous films and belies the amount of discussion held afterwards.

The next film will be held on the 24th June 2015 and begins at 8.00pm. Again, entrance is by membership ticket only.

The film will be *Peaceful Times*. "In this German comedy/drama, Irene and Dieter have fled '60s East Berlin with their three children for a better life in the West. Irene can't shake the Eastern Bloc mindset: craving conformity and living in constant dread of catastrophe, in general, and a Russian military invasion, in particular. As seen by her two matter of fact little girls she's a lovely, mesmerizing bundle of nerves – and something of a responsibility. Dad Dieter meanwhile is crazy for the swinging Western ways. Observing the growing rift, their two little girls plan the divorce – another novel freedom – they believe will make everyone happier." (Source: World Cinema Showcase).

This is a very interesting film for those of us who have lived through the erection and the fall of the Berlin Wall or Iron Curtain as it was also called by the West. The Berlin Wall was a barrier that divided Berlin from 1961 to 1989, constructed by the German Democratic Republic starting on 13 August 1961 and it completely cut off East Berlin from West Berlin.

It should be noted that this film is set in the summer of 1968 when it was still very dangerous to try to leave or enter East Berlin. It was not until 3 April 1989 that the use of firearms to prevent border violations was stopped.

Whilst all this political background sounds ominous the movie is far from heavy in a political sense, but does it need to be understood in order to make more sense of the film. The two children, Ute and Wasa, are a bit too young to understand that their mother's behaviour isn't charming eccentricity but signs of mental illness. A mental illness that has been brought on by the oppression and danger of living in East Berlin.

Despite this you will have quite a few laughs and experience great delights in this film....a delightful movie.

Our raffle for June is a \$50 voucher and a 5L Willow water carrier from Mitre 10.

We will celebrate the Winter Solstice (daylight now getting longer) and have wine with our nibbles and tea or coffee from 7.20pm. Again entrance is limited to current members and those who have been lent a membership card by a non-attending member. Also don't forget to share your card with someone if you going away.

Any queries can be made on 0434531147.