

## From the President

By the time this month's bulletin hits your mail or inboxes, we will be only a short four weeks or so out from the opening for *Pirates of Penzance*. Tickets are selling steadily, but there are great seats still available at most performances. I have heard from a variety of sources that the show is progressing really well, and that the showing of dress in particular was a colourful display! There were some marvellous photographs taken on the night, and these will shortly be posted on the website ([www.eucms.org.au](http://www.eucms.org.au)) to give you a sneak peak. I wish Elaine and her team a smooth run to Showtime, with no colds, coughs or any injuries whatsoever. Everybody take your Vitamin C!

Over the weeks since the last bulletin, the Executive has been pleased to receive a steady trickle of responses to our Music Man and 2008 questionnaire. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to get back to us so quickly. We are still in the process of getting questionnaires to our "Associates" by mail, but there has been a pleasing response via the website. Please remember to direct anyone who may be interested in being involved in EUCMS to the website for a general look, and encourage them to respond to the Questionnaire. I hope that by next bulletin we will be able to feed back to you some of the suggestions we have been receiving. We are hoping to have all questionnaires back by **the last week in May**. This will enable us to get on with planning in the break between *POP* and *MM*.

One suggestion that has come through the questionnaires, but has also been raised previously at Executive meetings, is the possibility of running a workshop on basic costume and dressmaking. I, for one, own a (very old) sewing machine, but have no idea what to do with it. We are looking to run a basic workshop shortly after *POP*, in the hope that we will be able to encourage this useful (and necessary) skill amongst our membership. If you are willing to help with the organisation of this, or have skills you'd like to pass on, please be in touch with any member of the Executive.

We are now well and truly into "show season" with many of our neighbouring societies about to launch their own first-half productions. Once you have booked your ticket to *Pirates*, I encourage you to get out and watch these – we would be thrilled to have members of other companies come to see our shows. Whether *Cats*, *She Loves Me*, *Secret Garden*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to*

*the Forum*, or *Oklahoma!* the thrill of playing to a full house cannot be described. So, give this gift to these casts, that we may be blessed by their presence in our audiences.

Speaking of blessings, hasn't the rain been wonderful? I haven't had to put washing on my line for a week ☺

**Sarah Hogan**

*Your very lazy, and completely not houseproud President!*

(Contact Sarah on [skhogan@tpg.com.au](mailto:skhogan@tpg.com.au))

## Pirates Update

*"By all that's marvellous*

*A bevy of beautiful maidens!"*



Absolutely true! Now that Showing of Dress has happened, I can assure you that the Ladies are looking truly scrumptious and the Pirates fittingly fierce. (Even if they're wearing earrings!!)

The rehearsals will now step up a pace as always happens when the cast see how great they look and begin to feel much more in character.

Our special thanks to Barbara Sharpham as she sets off for Penzance (well, England anyway) for all the work she has done in the Wardrobe Department. Bon voyage and we look forward to having you with us at Yeoval.

Megan Carroll's successful Makeup Workshop was also a great boon and really appreciated, especially by the men who relished being scarred and tattooed. Many thanks, Megan and team.

As we approach the move to rehearse and perform at Marsden High School, we look forward to your continued support and this can be expressed in many ways but particularly in selling/buying tickets and advertising to all your friends, family, workmates, etc.

Thanks to our great team for your continued hard work and support

*Elaine*

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

Remember to call Jenny Beddoe on 9873 2778 to book your *Pirates* tickets. The show is selling well, so don't miss out on the good seats. Seating plans showing available tickets are on our website.

**26 May - 2 & 8pm, 1 June - 8pm, 2 June - 2 & 8pm**

## EUCMS News

### 2007 Subs Reminder



Have you **paid your \$20 subs** for 2007 yet? Just a friendly reminder to do before your membership lapses in June. A blue spot on your envelope means you are not currently financial. You can pay Tristram Fieldhouse in person or post a cheque to: EUCMS, PO Box 246, Eastwood, NSW, 2122.

### 2007/2008 Questionnaires



As Sarah mentioned earlier, we are casting our net far and wide to create lots of enthusiasm and excitement about our upcoming production of *The Music Man* and suggestions for what we should be doing as a society in 2008. The most important feedback we can get is from our financial members, our most important assets. Please take the time to give us this important feedback, so we can shape your society in the direction you would like it to go. Encourage others to ensure they have filled one out too. We will leave some down at the hall in case you have lost yours or would like to pass one on to a friend who would like to be involved with the society. Remember you can always fill it out online on the website and email it back to us. If you have any electronic forms or website problems, please let Adam know on [ozpanda@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ozpanda@optusnet.com.au)

### Banner Making Day

Last Sunday saw a large group of people descend on Adam & Penny's house for the afternoon to make banners. We had loads of fun cutting and sticking various letters and shapes onto plastic. We totally re-made the banners, so keep an eye out for their sharp new look! Many thanks to all those who helped on the day including the McAlpine's for preparing the banners for us and those who turned up including Jenny & Bill Firth, Megan & Caz Reddel, the Hogan family, Jenny Byron, Andrew McAlpine, Elaine Gow, Jess Allen, Sally Swancott, Tim & Sarah Keith and the Wilsons.

### Another Clean-up Day

We are still needing more help on June 16 for another clean-up day. Please put it in your diaries now! Even if you can only give us an hour, that would be a fantastic help. Please let Elaine know.



### A Generous Donation

The Executive would like to acknowledge the very generous donation to Camp Quality that Megan and Bernard Carroll have made to match the costs of Megan's make-up course paid for by EUCMS. Camp Quality is a non profit organisation that is

committed to bringing hope and happiness to every child living with cancer, their families & communities through ongoing quality recreational, educational, hospital & financial support programs.

### What's On Brochure

You will find included with this bulletin, a copy of *The Association of Community Theatre's* (ACT) annual publication listing lots of the community plays, theatre and cabaret around NSW. It has been compiled beautifully by our own EUCMS member, Neil Litchfield! A great resource for getting out and sampling how some other societies put on a show and to support fellow groups. If you see a good show, we would love to put your review in next month's bulletin or on our 'euchat' email list!

### Mid-year Dinner

Another date for your diaries is our mid-year dinner to be held at *Sam's Pizza and Pasta*, corner Victoria Road and Marsden Roads starting at 7pm on 23 June, 2007. Adam Wilson would love to hear from you on 8812 2575 if you are intending to join us. Cost will be \$30 for a meal consisting of starters, entrée and main meal. You can BYO alcohol or buy soft drink there. Desserts (if you still have any room) can be purchased individually. Members and partners are welcome.

### Mid-year Church Service

**Our Mid-year Church Service** is on 12 August. If you are able to assist with preparations or assist on the night, please let Belinda know on 9874 7334.

### Members' News

#### Happy 21st

We wish Keith Ramsay a very happy 21st Birthday and congratulate him for reaching this milestone! Elaine says "*Keith's out of his indentures - we hope! (No he doesn't wear false teeth!)*"

#### Grandparent Congratulations

Congratulations to Robyn and Steve Mead who are proud first time grandparents to Zara Elizabeth Jane, a daughter for Brendon and Vanessa.



Are you on our society's email list? Send a blank email to [eucms-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:eucms-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) to jump onboard!

**Next Executive meeting:** 14th May at Megan's  
**Website:** [www.eucms.org.au](http://www.eucms.org.au)  
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**REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE**