



## The Music Man Tickets

**Preferential Booking Night: 28 September**

**General Public Bookings Open: 2 October**

### Preferential Bookings

For those new members, preferential booking night is a chance for those involved with the show to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the general public.

Your friends and family can have great seats.... All you need to do is show up early on the night with the numbers, the dates and the money (cheque preferred but cash is OK too!) It is first in, best dressed on the night before rehearsal. Tickets are on sale from 7 pm and end at 8pm so that rehearsals are not interfered with. Please be there in plenty of time to be finished and ready to rehearse at 8pm. If you can't manage that, please have your order written out and leave it and your money with one of the people on the tables so they can process your order after 8pm.

REMEMBER WE ARE RELYING ON ALL MEMBERS TO SELL, SELL, SELL TICKETS AND PROMOTE OUR UPCOMING SHOW. IF YOU REQUIRE FLYERS, PLEASE CONTACT BELINDA AND SHE WILL GET SOME TO YOU OR COME DOWN TO REHEARSAL & PICK SOME UP. COLOUR FLYERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR HIGH PROFILE PLACES.

### Booking Agent?

One of the important jobs as we get ready to sell tickets is that of our booking agent. If anybody would like to be considered for this role, or straight out volunteer, please let Megan Willis (9869 7413) or Belinda Bongers (9874 7334) know ASAP. We can't finalise advertising material until we have a number to advertise, so "time is of the essence" (no, it doesn't smell like vanilla, just a legal term that slipped out). If you have done it before, you will know what is involved. If you would like to increase your EUCMS repertoire but don't know what you would have to do, then Belinda or Megan can help, so please call them. We are looking at setting up a EUCMS phone number that will automatically transfer the calls to your home phone so that your home number won't have to be publicised.

### Music Man Roles to be Filled

The production team is still looking for the following roles: Photographer, Make-up Co-ordinator, and a décor team to help with painting & decorating of sets and props etc. Please call Jess Allen on 9716 6832 if you can help or would like some more information.

### Banner Making Night

Please join us on 23 September for a social lunch 12pm onwards on Adam & Penny Wilson's house (32 Pinetree Drive, Carlingford) as we share a BBQ lunch together (BYO meat and something to share). We will also be making the banners for THE MUSIC MAN, which is always a fun job when we have many hands to make it light work! Bring some scissors too!

## EUCMS News

### New Faces

We would like to welcome to the society the following people who were recently part of our new members' auditions: Samantha Centellas, Justice Massard, Matthew Forbes, David Forbes, Isobel Bongers, Melody Bulfin, Peter Bulfin, Amelia Burns, Katie Burns, Lucy Stock, Isabella Wagschall, Gavin Owen, Max Newstead, Dorian Newstead, Oscar Partridge, Michael Simms and Amy Neville.

### Subscriptions

A reminder to all that are part of *The Music Man*. You will need to be a financial member of our society to be involved with the show. For members new and lapsed, your **\$20 subscription fee** is due now. You can pay Tristram Fieldhouse (our Treasurer) in person or post a cheque to: EUCMS, PO Box 246, Eastwood, NSW, 2122. He can be contacted on [fieldhouse2121@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:fieldhouse2121@yahoo.com.sg) if you have any questions.

### Sewing Workshop

A very successful sewing workshop was held on 18 August. Six members (all of the female kind - where were the men, or can they all sew?) and two mothers were given hands-on tuition by Pam Bland and Barbara Lyle, who between them have too many years of experience as EUCMS wardrobe mistresses to count! Each member made a bodice and had it personally fitted and received helpful hints on many aspects of sewing, from making sure the pattern is correctly placed on the material to how to make basic alterations to ensure a perfect fit. We know that not everybody is available on a Saturday to attend such a workshop, but we urge those of you whose sewing skills are minimal (or non-existent) to make every effort to attend any further workshop which may be held. The executive would like to pass on their thanks, and the thanks of the "ladies who now sew" to Barbara and Pam for their efforts, and their 400 km journey.

### Granny Smith Festival Help

Our old friend with the apples is back again this year and we need your help! The Granny Smith Festival is on October 20 in Eastwood so we are looking for a Granny Smith Co-ordinator and a team to help that person on the day. Please let Adam Wilson know if you are interested.

### Mid-year Church Service

A big thank you to the team who helped organise the mid-year service who included Megan Willis, Belinda and Phillip Bongers, Sherie Barton and Narelle Murray. We had about 50 people there on the night and it was a great time of singing and worshipping together in church, followed by catching up over a great supper.

### Congratulations to Harold

Congratulations to Harold Bedford who was presented with an Australian Volunteers Award from John Howard last Wednesday.

## Our Trip to Yeoval

Wendy Cosier

It was raining as we loaded luggage onto the coach and set off for Yeoval, but spirits were high. Ben provided activities for the journey, so over the next few hours we endeavoured to find 100 "Pirates of Penzance" related words (such as "maidens", "paradox" and "heliogabalus") in a mega find-a-word puzzle. Cries of "I can't see mermaids!" and "I found Frederic!" made this quite entertaining.

Throughout the journey, Beth Madden conscientiously put the girls' hair in curlers. My turn for this came at morning tea time, when we huddled into a roadside shelter to escape the wet. The wind was constant and cold, so the fact that Beth successfully completed the task despite my shivering is a great testament to her patience and persistence!

When we arrived at Yeoval, we could immediately see that our performance was being eagerly anticipated by the community: the walls of the hall were already decorated with children's entries from a special Pirates colouring-in competition! There were also several posters with photos of us (!), advertising the performance and encouraging people to "Come along dressed as your favourite pirate and have your photo taken with these pirates!"

In the afternoon, many set off to explore the township and buy postcards and souvenirs. I must confess I left a shop rather hastily when I noticed children gesturing to each other about the curlers in my hair... On the outskirts of the town there were lovely views across wide paddocks, which, due to the rain in the preceding weeks, were looking green once more.

Neil (our Major General) chatted with some locals and reported back some interesting information about our performance venue: the hall had originally been built elsewhere, and then dismantled and brought to Yeoval, where it sat in a paddock until enough funds were raised (through a rabbit drive) to erect it. The current hall (large though it is) is actually not its original size – a section of it was removed before it was built on its current site.

Our evening meal had been prepared by the people of Yeoval, and there was lots of it! Even really bad jokes such as "I wonder who shot the cow?" didn't manage to ruin our appetites – and especially not our enthusiasm for the wide variety of delicious desserts!

Knowing how enthusiastic our audience was, made the evening performance particularly exciting. Everyone adapted easily to the different performance space, and it was fun to have everyone – cast and crew – together backstage, which hadn't been possible at Marsden High. The audience was responsive, and called out for more!

After the performance, we all mingled with the audience (and yes, we had our photos taken!) A particular highlight for myself and my brother, Ben, was that we have great-aunts and great-uncles who live at Yeoval, and they were able to be part of the audience. They reminisced fondly about the times when they used to be involved in a local musical society in the Wellington area. Standing together, Ben and great-Uncle Leigh looked quite a sight – Ben, with the mutton chops he had grown over a few months especially for the show, and Uncle Leigh, with his mutton chops that he has been growing for decades!

Soon we had to leave for Wellington, where some stayed in a motel and others in the Uniting Church Hall. And yes, some of those Act 2 nighties were put to good use – although the word is out that the mob caps don't manage to stay on your head all night...

The people of Wellington were delighted to have us join in the Church service the following morning, and there were many comments about how wonderful it was to have so many voices singing together. Again, they excelled themselves in providing a lavish and scrumptious morning tea, before we had to wave goodbye and head back home.

All in all I think it was a wonderful weekend which brought a lot of pleasure both to the people of the Yeoval area and to all those who took part.

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## Next Executive Meeting

10 September at Sarah Hogan's house, starts 8pm.

## Important EUCMS Dates

<b>28 Sept 2007</b>	Music Man Pref Bookings
<b>2 October 2007</b>	Music Man General Bookings
<b>20 October 2007</b>	Granny Smith festival
<b>9-17 Nov 2007</b>	Music Man performances
<b>8 Dec 2007</b>	EUCMS Christmas Party