

From the President

The month of February is home to the most important event of the EUCMS calendar – our Annual General Meeting. Perhaps not the most inspirational, exciting event but one from which all events stem. Your AGM which is the ONE and ONLY opportunity for members to express their thoughts and ideas and receive immediate feedback from other members of the society. From this conversation the incoming executive can sense the direction in which our members want our society to move.

We are all only too well aware that there are formalities of such a meeting that we are legally required to present to our members – financial statement, reports etc and we all wish there was a more exciting method of presenting these. There will be some discussion about our plans to move back to Eastwood Uniting Church this year. However there are 2 agenda particular items in which you, as members, have the opportunity for significant input. They are the election of your new executive for 2009 and general business where you have the opportunity to raise any concerns, issues or suggestions.

I urge you to think seriously about the election of the executive. We have 3 positions that need to be filled. One is the crucially important role of Secretary, without which, as I am sure you realise, it is extremely difficult for any organisation to operate effectively. If you have any suggestions, questions or thoughts about filling this role please do not hesitate to contact me, or any other member of the current executive. Contact names and number are on the back of this bulletin. There is also 2 vacancies for floor members. Obviously you are also welcome to nominate for all positions – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Business Secretary, Property Officer and we there are 4 floor member positions. Voting and competition for all positions makes the meeting all that more interesting. Remember nominations and proxies close at 8pm on Sunday 22nd February 2009.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday 24th February at Marsden Road Uniting Church, Marsden Road Carlingford at 8pm.

By the time you are reading this bulletin the first of our workshops will be over. Yes the year is well underway! Workshops are an opportunity to explore and / or develop your talents, perhaps into new areas. They have been requested regularly so do not miss the opportunity to participate. They may just provide you with the confidence to “take that next step” to which I have frequently referred. *Robyn Mead*

Anything Goes News

As the 2009 season of workshops gets underway, my team and I are casting our thoughts further forward – to the auditions for *Anything Goes*. You'll find the information for principal auditions enclosed with this Bulletin.



As is often the case, the script calls for a number of minor male roles (some of whom only appear in one scene). So, gentlemen in particular – if you're looking for just a few extra rehearsals to attend, this just might be the show for you.

Something I'm particularly excited about is our plans for the dancing. My choreographers – Jenny Lyle and Rachel Nelson – are looking forward to putting together some great dance numbers for all talents! You'll see in the information that some roles require dancing - we'll just want to know what you feel comfortable doing, and what you'd like to try. This will go for the chorus as well.

In this month's team news, I'm welcoming Bernard Carroll on board as stage manager.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the auditions, and meanwhile – enjoy the workshops!

Caroline Reddel

EUCMS News

2009 AGM - Final Reminder!!

Don't forget our AGM is on again, on 24 February 2009, in the Marsden Road Uniting Church Hall - starting at 8pm.

Please make sure you do read the AGM material - this year, the minutes of the 2008 AGM will be taken as read, rather than read aloud at the meeting, so if you wish to comment before voting on whether the minutes should be accepted, you will need to have read them yourself.

You must be financial to vote. Your annual \$20 subs will be due at (or before) the meeting to allow you to vote for the year. If you intend to pay on the night, please get down there early, to allow time before the meeting starts to do this. If paying on the night by cash, please make sure we know who the cash belongs to, (put it in an envelope or attach a piece of paper with your name to it) as the treasurer gets very busy just before the meeting starts and can't keep track of anonymous moneys.

Executive Vacancies

Every year, all positions on the Executive are made vacant at the AGM until nominations are read and voted on, however, we do already know of current Exec members who will not be re-standing this year. As a society, we need to look at filling these positions so the Executive can continue to do all the work necessary to keep our society functioning.

Those not re-standing include Belinda Bongers as General Secretary, Tony Quance as Floor Member, and Beth Madden as Floor Member.

We thank Tony, Beth and Belinda for all their hard work and dedication that they have given to EUCMS over the past years on the Executive. You will be missed!

You now have less than two weeks to think about yourself filling a role or nominating someone else who is keen. Refer to the Executive list on the last page to see all the positions that will be available. You can look on the members' page of the website or call Robyn or Penny to get a copy of the Executive job descriptions. Please call an existing Exec member if you would like an idea as to the time and energy commitment needed. The Exec meets one Monday night a month during the year.

Nomination forms need to be posted to our PO Box or last minute forms can be dropped in to the Vice President, Penny Wilson at 32 Pinetree Drive, Carlingford before 8pm on 22nd February.

2009 Calendar and Workshops

Please be advised that we publicised some wrong dates on our coloured flyer. "Using Your Voice" Workshops will be February 20th and March 6th and the Conducting one will be 28th April. The calendar had them listed correctly.

Also missing from the flyer was location details. Please assume workshops are at Marsden Road Uniting Church unless advised otherwise. Check the website for greater detail on any workshops or email us.

A reminder that Lynn Bock will be collecting payments for these courses in person or via the PO Box. Cheques please!

You can turn up on the night of a workshop, but for planning purposes Lynn would appreciate an indication of numbers for each session.

February 2009 includes: Auditioning Workshop (13th), Using Your Voice (20 Feb & 6 March).

Actors Still Needed!

Thanks to those who have volunteered to help out as actors for our seven enthusiastic new directors. We still have not quite enough people for each director to work with two actors... but it's getting close! More volunteers urgently needed to make this experience work for our directors of the future. If you have already volunteered, I'll be in touch very shortly, as our limited actor numbers restrict our choice of scenes.

Please contact Penny to volunteer on 8812 2575 or email: ozpanda@optusnet.com.au

2009 New Members' Auditions Again!

We warmly welcome those who recently attended our new members' night last week. We will have a full list in next month's bulletin.

For anyone who might have other friends or family members who are keen to also get on stage, we will run New Members' Auditions again on 15 May at 8pm. This will allow people to audition just before our rehearsal period starts for ANYTHING GOES.

People should not just turn up, but must ring, as if there are a lot of new members wanting to come, we will advise them individually of a time to arrive. We also need to know how many people intend to audition so that appropriate numbers of panel members can be organised. Call Adam on 8812 2575 or email ozpanda@optusnet.com.au to register your interest or to answer any questions that a new member might have.

People who are keen to help out as a non-performing member are asked to also come on the night for general society information and filling out of forms.

2008 Financial Accounts

These will be available at the AGM, but if you would like to view them beforehand, Lynn Bock will have a copy available at each of the workshops, or you can contact her on 9781 6869. If you cannot make it to the AGM, contact Lynn and she can arrange to have a copy posted to you with your March Bulletin.

Members' News

Wedding Invite No. 1

Niki Barton and Ben Cosier invite you all to celebrate in their upcoming wedding ceremony. The details are:

2.30pm, Saturday February 28

Epping Presbyterian Church, Corner Bridge & Rawson Streets

Afternoon tea provided in the hall afterwards. We hope to see lots of you there!

Niki and Ben

Wedding Invite No. 2

Brigitte Carroll and Paul Madden would like to welcome the members of EUCMS to their wedding on the 14th of March 2009, at 3:30 pm, at Epping Church of Christ 31 Bridge Street, and afterwards in Boronia Park for afternoon tea.

We'd love to share our day with you all. Bring your best singing voices!"

Brigitte and Paul

Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to all concerned in the Sharpham Family on the birth of a great grandson for Ern & Isobel Sharpham - Angus Niperess. Shirley, Barbara and Kath are also elated that Elizabeth has had a son - at last!

Know a Good Farm?

Clare Burgess is shooting a short film in April in which she requires a large fertile farming property.

It doesn't matter what kind of farm, but it must be doing well and either secluded or at some distance from the next property.

If anyone any help me with an exact farm location with either photos and/or contacts I would greatly appreciate it. Contact Clare on 9831 8914 or theprincessbride1980@hotmail.com

The Gang Show

Congratulations also to Matthew Forbes who has successfully auditioned for the Gang Show along with David Lang and Isobel Bongers.

EUCMS and all their families are very proud of them.

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Your News?

A reminder for members that they can let us know of their news or other items they wish passed onto members via the bulletin. If so, contact Elaine Gow on 9872 6453 or eebeegee@bigpond.com

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