

From the President

Welcome to 2007. I do hope you have all had a good Christmas and New Year period.

For EUCMS 2006 presented its own unique challenges and rewards. They will be summarised in the President's report at the AGM.

The challenges of 2007 are numerous and the AGM is your opportunity to understand the current situation, express your ideas and participate in the discussions.

I urge every member to make an effort to attend the Annual General Meeting of **YOUR** society. It will be held on **Tuesday 20th February at Lakeside Road Uniting Church, Eastwood starting promptly at 8pm.** Please give careful thought to your incoming executive.

The society is presented with a rather unique situation for 2007 in that there are 5 members of the current executive who have decided, for a variety of reasons that they are unable to stand for re-election. Lynn Bock is retiring from the executive after many years of devoted service. Lynn has worked tirelessly in many roles within EUCMS executive and she will be sadly missed. Tom Leslie, Liz McCann and Barbara Sharpham have also decided not to stand for re-election. I have also decided that I will not be standing for re-election on the executive. So there is an opportunity for significant change within the executive. If you want to be part of the executive, please ask someone to nominate you, or if you can think of someone, who you believe would be a good representative of your society, please discuss it with him or her. If you are unsure of what is involved then "job descriptions" are available on our website www.eucms.org.au or feel free to ring any member of the executive to find out what is involved.

Nomination forms are included with the AGM information package and need to be in the hands of Belinda Bongers by 8pm Sunday 18th February. ie 48 hours before the start of the AGM.

Remember your must be a financial member of EUCMS for 2007 to vote at the AGM.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM.

Robyn Mead
President EUCMS

Pirates Information

"Oh, happy day, with joyous glee"

At last, after almost 10 weeks since auditions, it is time to begin working on "Pirates"!!

Did I say begin? Let me assure you that the team has been very busy over the Christmas and January holidays to make sure that "all is prepared, your gallant crew await you". I've even been assured that some principals know all their words already! Great!!!

No-one has advised us of an influx of pirates/policemen so, once again, I stress how important it is for us to have a keen and energetic male chorus to complement our "pure and peerless maidens".

Please let Megan Willis (9867 7413) know of any aspiring auditionees for 2/2/07.

I'm delighted to tell you that Megan Carroll will be our Decor Director and Jess Allen the Production Assistant.

Any members who'd like to "pour, oh pour the pirate coffee" (tea or cordial) at rehearsals will receive a great welcome each supper time from cast and crew so a 'phone call to Caroline (9449 4561) would be much appreciated.

As it has been decided by the Executive that we will be performing at Marsden High School, we look forward to rehearsing at Lakeside Rd. and then transferring to Marsden when we will undoubtedly need more help with the logistics involved. Please consider how you may be involved with this undertaking and let Caroline know.

My best wishes for the New Year to all and I'm looking forward to working alongside you.

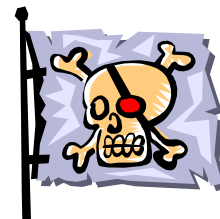
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P.S. That "torso"? Come to Orientation 13/2/07 and find out!!!"

Pirates Booking Agent

We are pleased to announce that our booking agent for *Pirates of Penzance* will be Jenny Beddoe.

We thank all those who offered to do this role, and remind all members that we are still looking for other production roles to be filled such a House Manager and Usher Co-ordinator. I am sure that Caroline and Elaine can find lots of other jobs for you too! Get involved off-stage too with your society!



EUCMS News

2006 AGM - 20 February 2007

By now you should have been posted all the necessary information to prepare yourself for the meeting within the prescribed time. Your annual \$20 subs will be due at the meeting to allow you to vote for the year. If you intend to pay on the night, allow time before the meeting starts to do this.

2007 New Members' Auditions

For anyone who might have a friend or family member who is keen to also get on stage, New Members' Auditions are on Friday 2 February at approximately 7.30pm. People mustn't just turn up, but must ring, as if there are a lot of new members wanting to come, Megan Willis will advise them individually of a time to arrive and needs to know how many people intend to audition so that appropriate numbers of panel members can be organised. Call Megan on 9869 7413 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.

Clean up days

A big thanks to the following people who helped at the 20 January clean-up day: Keith Barrie, Harold Bedford, Colin Wilson, Lynn & Ken Bock, Barbara, Kath and Shirley Sharpham and Robyn Mead.

Our next one will be 24th March. If you can help, please let Barb Sharpham know. Please put this in your diary and again even if you can only spare one hour we would love to see you there.

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.

The Music Man

For our second show for 2007, *The Music Man*, Adam would still like to hear from anyone interested in any of the production roles especially the job of Production Manager.

Free Character Shoes

While cleaning up, we found size 3½, 4, 5 & 8 ladies character shoes, which are free to a good home. First to contact Lynn Bock gets them!

Learning Make-up?

Please speak to Megan Carroll on 9868 2840 if you are interested in learning make-up skills, as she will be going to a training course soon and would love to train others up with her new found knowledge.

Members News

Older members will be interested to know that June Walker, one of our past Business Secretaries, was married on Sunday, 14th Jan. at St. Philips, Eastwood to Albert Lilley and will now be making her home at Beechwood.

Executive Members 2006

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Next Executive Meeting

Monday 26 February, 2007 with the new Executive at a venue decided at the AGM.

Important EUCMS Dates

2 Feb 2007	New Members Auditions
13 Feb 2007	<i>Pirates</i> Orientation Night
16 Feb 2007	<i>Pirates</i> First Rehearsal
20 Feb 2007	Annual General Meeting
23 June 2007	Mid-year Dinner
12 August 2007	Mid-year Church Service