

From the President

Each month seems to get busier and busier. But I want to encourage everyone to consider whether they could make time to attend the

Opening and Dedication of the new Eastwood Uniting Church on Saturday 15th August 2009 at 2.30pm

The plans are well underway and they are expecting a big crowd. One way to guarantee you a seat is to be part of the choir for this occasion. EUCMS has been asked to form the choir on the day, together with some members of the church. Rehearsals will be on Friday nights from 7.00pm -7.45pm at Eastwood Uniting Church. There will be 4 rehearsals : 24th & 31st July, and 7th & 14th August.

I would love think that we had a great representation of both past and present performing members for this special occasion. Please contact me if you want to be part of the choir, even if you are unable to make every rehearsal. If you want to attend the service, but are unable to be part of the choir, please also contact me so that I can advise the church of numbers. Send an email to mead_19@hotmail.com or ring on 0409 993 461.

To other equally important matters:

Tickets are now on sale for "ANYTHING GOES." Great Cole Porter music – singing, dancing, lots of laughs all in our new hall. Caroline and her team have been working tirelessly to bring this show together and it is full of energy, so check the September dates and don't miss out. See our new seating plan in this bulletin.

The last of our workshops, "Stagecraft with Stuart Maunder" is fast approaching. This is an amazing opportunity to learn from one of the best. 21 – 22nd August. Details in this bulletin, but you must book.

Over the next few months we will asking for lots of help to move all our belongings back to Eastwood. It is a task that cannot be done by just a few so please think carefully about offering to help. It would save us many phone calls if you could reply with the offers, rather than waiting to be asked individually. We look forward to having much closer access to costumes and staging, but it will take lots of work.

A big thanks to those who organised our recent midyear dinner – a great evening of eating and trivia. Our midyear service was a very special occasion as it occurred on the weekend that Eastwood Church had the keys handed over. So it became quite a celebration of "returning home". Thanks to the team involved in

preparing the service.

It is good that every now and again there is a light hearted moment at executive meetings. For those who don't know, much of our gear has been stored in 2 shipping containers on a farm at Galston. Some of our members were out there a few weeks ago, bringing back items from the containers that were needed for ANYTHING GOES. As they were locking up one container, they noticed that some of the goats from the farm were hanging around the door of the other container, and making quite a noise. Not sure what was wrong our members decided to check inside the closed, but not-yet-locked container. Much to their surprise they found another couple of goats that had apparently wandered into that container while they were locking the second container. Anyone else picturing a certain puppet show in "The Sound of Music?"

Robyn Mead

Anything Goes News

Have a high time, a low time and in no time you'll be singing "Home, sweet home"

The day has finally (almost!) arrived – we should be able to move rehearsals back to Eastwood Uniting Church in the next week or so. What an exciting time to be involved! The new hall looks fantastic, as many of you will already know, and everyone's looking forward to rehearsing in our performance space. Our time at Marsden Rd has been fun, but there's nothing like the feeling of coming home.

Along with this Bulletin, you should be receiving a very important item – a flyer for Anything Goes. As of now (or Tues 21st for the general public), tickets are on sale. Here, as you're all aware, is an important job for not only the cast but everyone involved in the production, and the Society in general – SELL, SELL, SELL those tickets!

I'm so proud of the work that's already being done by my cast and production team, and now we need the final ingredient – the audience. Keep selling tickets to your friends and family, and be pushy about it!

To the cast – keep up the great work. But especially, take care of your health! We've had a lot of illnesses in the last few weeks, so I need everyone to rest up and recover well.

If anyone's still wondering how they can be involved in the show, through helping with set or painting or suppers - there is still plenty of work to be done, so get in touch!

Caroline cazthelion@hotmail.com 0401 307 088

Props Needed

We are still looking for one item for *Anything Goes*:

- Camera - 1930s style (preferably with a working flash, but just the camera will do)

Can you help? Let Barb know on 9817 2779 or via email at barb1010@tpg.com.au

Supper Help

Barb is also looking for help with suppers on the following rehearsal and show dates: August 4, 11, 18, 25 and September 1, 5, 12 (2pm & 8pm) and 19 (2pm). Give her a call now!

Tickets Newsflash!

Public bookings open Tuesday 21 July.

We are pleased to announce that for *Anything Goes* we will be accepting credit card bookings in person or over the phone, and debit card bookings in person (as YOU need to enter your PIN). To cover the hiring of equipment from the bank, there will be a \$2 surcharge for credit/debit card bookings per transaction, regardless of the number of tickets purchased in that transaction. For phone bookings, this will include posting the tickets to your nominated address. We will also be able to process these card bookings in person too, both at rehearsals and on show days.

You will also still be able to pay by the usual means of cheque or cash if this is your preference.

[Due to a recent increase in unclaimed unpaid tickets, payment is now required before seat allocation will occur.](#)

Ticket Booking Agent

From July 21 our booking agent is Jenny Beddoe on 8061 7195. Please call after 7pm (on weekdays) to book tickets from this date onwards.

EUCMS News

Monochromatic madness (a.k.a. mid-year dinner)

The 2009 mid-year dinner may not have been madness, but it was certainly black and white! All the many guests looked fabulous in their finery. The evening was a well-rounded experience of food, friends, trivia, and a spot of exuberant dancing (yes, the Nutbush made an appearance).

Thanks to everyone who offered their time and resources to help make the evening wonderful and run smoothly, including Brigitte and Paul, Brian, Keith and family (on his birthday, too!), Cathy and Melody, Stephen, Kath, Shirley, Bess and Andrew, Rosie, and Adam. Thanks too to everyone who brought desserts and slices... it was a superb end to the evening!

We're already looking forward to next time – let's make it bigger and better than ever!

- Caroline, Beth and Jess

Mid-year Church Service

Our mid-year church service was held on 5 July, in "our" very own hall at Eastwood Uniting Church! The EUCMS Choir sang beautifully (thanks, Sarah, Andrew and singers), worship was led by Cathy Bulfin and Adam Wilson, and several other EUCMS members were involved in drama, Bible readings or prayers. It was a night of praise and of celebration for all who attended (including, according to Rev. Andrew Williams, those of the regular evening congregation who were there). Thanks also to those who helped in many other ways - providing or serving supper, welcoming the congregation, and of course to Rev. Amelia Koh-Butler for sharing with us.

Final Workshops

21st August - Stagecraft Pt 1 - 7.30pm - 10.30pm - Stuart Maunder

22nd August - Stagecraft Pt 2 - 2.30pm - 9.30pm (with dinner break between 5.30-6.30) - Stuart Maunder

Epping Street Fair

Whilst we are still awaiting confirmation from the organisers of the event, we anticipate that there will be a EUCMS stall at the Epping Street Fair on Sunday 30th August, promoting EUCMS and selling tickets for *Anything Goes*.

This will be in place of our regular involvement in the Eastwood Granny Smith Festival, because of the unusual circumstance of our only performing one show this year. The Epping Street Fair is a smaller event, but still very popular, and October (when Granny Smith takes place) is a little too early to start advertising next years' shows! So please note the date for your diary - we expect to need some volunteers to promote YOUR society and this wonderful production.

Members' News

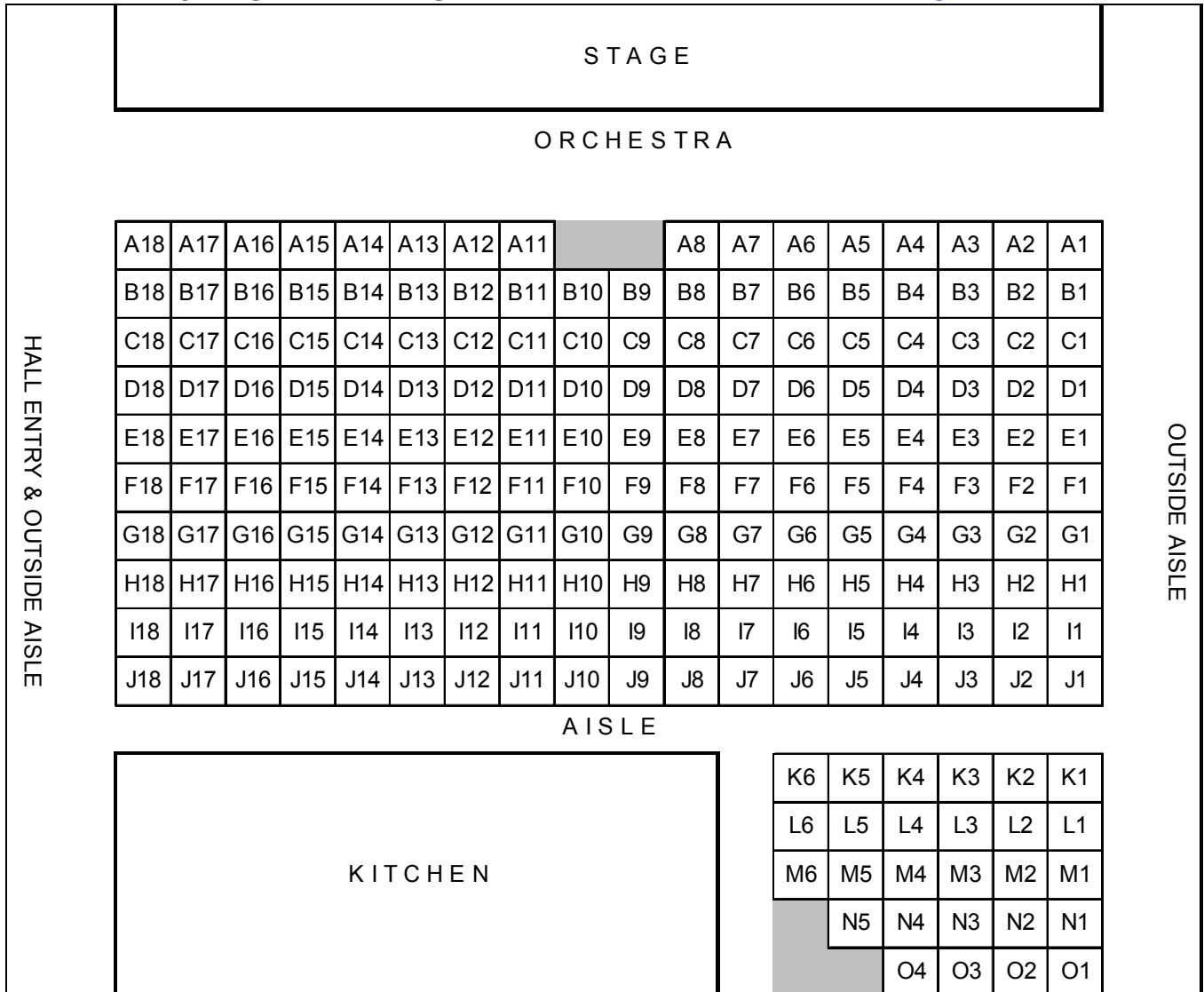
Bon Voyage!

Our best (slightly green-tinted) wishes to Lynn and Ken Bock, as they depart for their tour of Europe, and to Caryn and Peter Kneale, bound for New York (and other ports of call in both America and Europe!) Sorry, folks - it's too late to take a leaf out of the *Anything Goes* libretto and stow-away!

Dedication from a Distance

Congratulations to Rosie and Peter Roach on the purchase of their first home. Sadly for EUCMS, it's in the Shoalhaven district... but Rosie is continuing in her role as General Secretary for the rest of the year - what

Anything Goes Seating Plan - Note: Rows K to O are no longer raised



a trooper! If you need to contact her for society business, please note the new phone number below. For the present, emails will still get through to her at the same address.

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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Next Executive Meeting: 10 August at Adam & Penny's house