



## From the President

I am sure that you've all been saying to yourselves over the past few weeks "Wow, can't believe it's nearly April already..." well, so has your Executive!

Now that we are getting settled into our (largely) new roles, we are looking to tackle some of the issues which have been burdening the society for the past few years. Our first focus is participation, which has been hallmarked by the increasing difficulty in filling production and cast roles for shows – particularly our male contingent. So, now that the ship of Pirates and Policemen (and fair maidens, of course) is safely underway, we are casting as wide a net as we ever have in calling for interest in involvement for *The Music Man*.

This year, the questionnaires which accompany this month's bulletin are being sent not only to our current financial members, as has been the case in the past, but also a cut down version to all those who have, by indication or participation over the past few years shown that they are keen to be involved in EUCMS. We hope that this chance for our wider "associates" to have a hand in the direction of EUCMS will encourage more active participation in our upcoming undertakings.

The message for our current - and very important - members is that although your voices are going to be in the forefront of our minds, they will not be the only ones there. If you are keen to see a particular show or idea considered, make sure you respond, and ask your fellows to respond with you, but most importantly, indicate how you will be INVOLVED in the shows that you suggest – these are the most likely to be looked at first!

Our questionnaire is also going to be available on the front / general access page of our website, and via email. If there are people that you feel would like to be involved with EUCMS shows in the future, please direct them to the website for their chance to participate.

The Executive is also looking more closely at running workshops, to be available both to EUCMS members and members of other musical societies in the area. Our very talented make-up captain, Megan Carroll, is already scheduled to run a make-up workshop for the cast of *Pirates*, and we are hoping to run a similar workshop for wider consumption shortly. We are also looking at running a workshop, or series of workshops, on audition technique. These opportunities would be invaluable to thespians everywhere, and we hope to see many

EUCMS attendees – more details to follow!

We are also shortly commencing a re-evaluation of our OH & S procedure in relation both to the performance and production stages of our shows. I encourage everyone to participate in these undertakings, and then show respect for the changes we implement. Your safety is a top priority, and we will not compromise it!

I shall curb my natural inclination to waffle (I'm a lawyer, it's hard to resist!), and wish you all a blessed Eastertide. May we remember the grace gifted to us as we commemorate the resurrection.

*Sarah Hogan*

Illustrious, verbose leader ☺

PS – SELL SELL SELL for Pirates!!

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## Society Roles for 2006

Please find below our society positions, some have already been filled, others still need filling.....  
CAN YOU HELP?

**Public Relations Officer** - Elaine Gow

**Bulletin Editor** - Adam Wilson

**Show Selection Sub Committee** - Rebecca Foulcher, Elaine Gow, Neil Litchfield, Caroline Reddel, Kath Sharpham and Penny Wilson

**Publicity Committee** - Nicole Barton, Sarah Hogan, Andrew McAlpine, Adam Wilson

**Public Officer** - Lynn Bock

**Mail Bookings** - Helen Wilson

**New Members Convenor** - Nicole Barton

**Parish Council/Elders Rep** - Narelle Murray

**Wardrobe Librarians** - Heather Clarke and Jenny Lyle

**Usher Co-ordinators** - The Cosiers

**Lighting Officer** - TBA

**OH & S Officer** - Nicole Barton and helpers please!

**Concert Party Organiser** - Elaine Gow

**Archivists** - Andrew & Karen McAlpine

Please contact Belinda on 9874 7334 or [bbongers@froggy.com.au](mailto:bbongers@froggy.com.au) if you would like to be considered for these roles or simply have some more questions to ask regarding the roles.

**Next Executive meeting:** 16 April at Sarah Hogan's

**Website:** [www.eucms.org.au](http://www.eucms.org.au)

**Mail:** PO Box 246, EASTWOOD, NSW, 2122

## Pirates Information

*"Ahoy there, me hearties!"*

Rehearsals for "Pirates" are now well under way and we are thrilled to have a full complement of pirates and policemen. Costumes are in the process of being distributed/fitted and all departments are pumping (not the bilges, thank goodness!)

*"Oh happy day....we will away....."*

My very special thanks to Jim, Megan & Ben who are working away on the plans for our Yeoval performance and also a huge thank you to all those who are able to travel there and do their part.

Two new team members are Lauren Quick and Jan Grant who will be looking after hairstyles and hats respectively.

*"We....implore your kind assistance"*

No doubt you have all entered Preferential Booking night (10/4/07 from 7 p.m.) and General Booking night (13/4/07 from 8 p.m.) into your diaries BUT as these dates are immediately after Easter, can I urge you to get cracking now as we know from experience it can be difficult to persuade some patrons to see our shows at a different venue.

We need everyone's best efforts here. Even if you are not actively engaged in "P of P", I'm sure you can remember how much you appreciated playing to a large audience and what a thrill rippled thru' the cast when a "full house" was declared.

My thanks also to those stalwarts who are supplying our suppers and keeping us awake until 11 p.m. and if you can help as an Usher, please let us know ASAP. It can be a thankless job chasing up personnel for this task.

Easter blessings to everyone Elaine

## EUCMS News

### 2007 Subs Reminder

Have you **paid your \$20 subs** for 2007 yet? Just a friendly reminder to do so immediately. You can pay Tristram Fieldhouse in person or post a cheque to: EUCMS, PO Box 246, Eastwood, NSW, 2122.

### Another Clean-up Day

Many thanks to Caroline R., Megan W., Heather C., Shirley & Barbara S. and Jess A. for their assistance with the understage clean up on Saturday. Hopefully we are nearing the end of this task and maybe one more day will see it completed. A big thanks again to Elaine for organising the day.

### New Members

After the recent new members auditions, we welcome the following people into the EUCMS

membership: **Amy Neville, Andrew Forbes, Roger Perry and Scott Hatfield.** We trust that you will have a fantastic time with us in Pirates and other upcoming shows.

### 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.

### The Great Australian Bite

The Great Australian Bite is a community participation event held each year in April. Simply by hosting a 'bite' to eat with friends, family, colleagues or neighbours and asking them to make a tax deductible donation, hosts and their guests make a vital contribution to the fight against diabetes. Donations made at our show suppers for yummy food will contribute to this great cause. Other EUCMS members can contact a *Pirates* team member if they would like to make a donation.

### Music Man Dates Mix-up

Apologies for getting the audition dates wrong in last month's bulletin for *The Music Man*. The real dates are 16 and 17 July with the first chorus rehearsal on 3 August. Show dates will be 9, 10, 16 and 17 November at Marsden High School.

### Changed Details?

If any of your details have changed such as phone number, email address or postal address, please write these new details on the questionnaire sheet so we can update our member's database.

## Members' News

### Get Well Wishes

We send best wishes to Dot Southwell who at the time of print is in Sydney Adventist Hospital awaiting surgery.

### Pirates of Penzance Trivia Answers

*Sherry, Pilot, 47, He is shocked by what they are about to do, All the songs from "The Mikado", He was an orphan, Poetry, Tarantara, 5, He lied to them, 1940, False, Hammer, Half-past ten, They're actually all noblemen*