

From the Vice-President

While Robyn is enjoying her well-earned trip to Europe, I'd like to take this chance to thank our members for their encouraging and supportive response to the plans for 2009. We always knew that not everyone would see the wisdom of our plan for one "blockbuster" show, and a series of relevant and highly professional workshops, but we have been overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and quality of the questionnaire responses that have come in, as well as by the positive verbal feedback we have had. That said, if you are one of those who has expressed some pain and disappointment (there is a wrench, even in a one-year break from our proud tradition of two full shows each year), please don't feel that you have not been heard, or that these issues were not considered. We hope to be back at Lakeside, and back to two shows, (with some exciting new skills, great memories and boosted confidence from our 2009 ventures) very soon, and are already considering our Homecoming Celebration! We want to treat this upcoming year-and-a-bit as a wonderful opportunity - to strengthen the strengths of EUCMS and also try new things we would not ordinarily be able to do - and for that we will need the enthusiasm and participation of all our members, so please stay on board, and be as involved as you can with all of the events we are planning.

The Show Selection Sub-Committee has a very full list of exciting shows to look at, and will have met to narrow things down by the time you read this - thanks for following our suggestion to "dream big" - you have suggested lots of shows that fit this brief (even though some, currently in professional production, are not available for amateur consideration) and, given the list we have to work with, you may look forward to a timely announcement that may not please everyone (Oh, if only there was one show that could!) but should delight most! The SSSC will also be considering other performance projects to showcase the skills we will learn in our Workshop series. (Thanks as well for some of the topic suggestions - these short seasons of workshops are already beginning to look most enticing!)

In the meantime:

- Please don't delay in booking tickets for *Carousel*, which is coming together beautifully, and deserves an excellent audience - at printing time it is not yet filling up as it should. Don't let us fall into the pattern of having a quiet opening weekend and then selling out when word gets around that EUCMS has once again put on a great show! You know it's going to be a great show, so sell (or buy) the first weekend as well.

- Mark your diary for the revised date of the Mid-Year Dinner - now June 28. It promises to be a lot more than "just any old dinner" - you are going to want to say you were there! It will be a great opportunity to get to know EUCMS members you have not worked closely with before, as well as catch up with those you have!

Penny Wilson (filling in for Robyn Mead)

Carousel News

Ride on the merry-go-round

Ride for a mile for a nickel

Ride on the merry-go-round

With your sweetheart by your side



Yes, our carousel is primed and ready to go so get your tickets before you miss out, whether it is with your sweetheart or anyone else!

It's easy to miss when there are only two week-ends of performances so - hesitate and it's over!

The costumes are ready, the sets are ready, the lighting, makeup and sound are planned and the Company is itching to get onto the Marsden High School stage and spread their wings.

The music is so catchy some of us can't sleep for singing it over and over and we're all excited singers, actors, dancers - everyone.

We just need YOU now to make our delight complete so please give us all your support and come and enjoy this great Rogers & Hammerstein show - you won't be sorry.

On a personal note, my gratitude to all the Cast and Crew who have put their heart and soul into this production. Don't believe a word of Billy's speech "We ain't important" - you all most certainly are, and to all of you I send my sincere thanks!

Have a wonderful show *Elaine*

Show Dates

All performances at Marsden High School as follows:

23, 24, 30 and 31 May 2008 at 8pm

24 and 31 May 2008 at 2pm



Tickets

Ticket prices are \$20 adults, \$15 pensioners and \$12 children (16 and under). Seating plans can be seen on our website showing available seats for each performance.

Bookings are still quite slow so PLEASE call Jenny Beddoe for tickets on 8061 7195.

Volunteers for Ushering

Janette Cosier is looking for people who are willing to usher for Carousel.

If you are able to usher for one or more shows, please contact her ASAP. If you like, it is possible to usher for the same show as the one that you have booked tickets for - just let her know if this is the case - or come and help on another date.

This is an easy job that people who are not in the show can do, and a very helpful way that we can contribute - please help if you can.

Ushers need to be at Marsden High School - at 1.15pm for the matinees or 7.15pm for the night shows.

Please email (hjcosier@hotmail.com) or call her now on 9868 2535.

EUCMS News

Biggest Evening Supper!

Many thanks to all those who supported our effort for the Cancer Council's Biggest "Supper", especially the visitors and it is very pleasing to be able to report that we raised \$241. This was great and we also thank those who did the cooking, serving and cleaning up.



Mid-year Dinner

If you're looking forward to a chance to relax and have fun with your EUCMS friends in a social setting after working hard on Carousel - or if you haven't been involved much in this show and are looking for a chance to catch up with all of us again - that's exactly what the mid-year dinner is all about! This year's dinner will be held at the Epping School of Arts hall on Sat, 28th June from 7pm, and for just \$22 the evening will include dinner, dessert and drinks (BYO alcohol) not to mention a venue where we are free to enjoy each other's company and the evening's entertainment!

There will be more information about the night's activities in the next Bulletin, but for now, we'd love to hear from anyone who has "backstage" EUCMS photos, past or recent which we could scan and return to you. (The older the better!)

Contact Caroline 9449 4561 cazthelion@hotmail.com or Jess 0405 654 533 jessa_melb@hotmail.com
Put your name down now!

Mid-year Service

3 August - Rev. Andrew Williams from Eastwood U.C. will be preacher on the night. More details to follow.

Show Selection Sub Committee

We are pleased to announce that our SSSC for 2008 consists of the following team to help find that blockbuster show for us for 2009! Bec Foulcher, Elaine Gow, Neil Litchfield, Caroline Reddel, Kath Sharpham and Penny Wilson.

What's On Brochure

You will find enclosed with this month's bulletin, the 2008 edition of WHAT'S ON that lists many societies and the shows they have planned for 2008. Get out and see a few!

Bulletin Labels

Check your bulletin label on your envelope to see your current financial status. In the case of where there is more than one member at the one address, only the status of one person will be shown. If you are unsure of your status, please give Lynn our Treasurer an email or call and she will be able to tell you:

kbandlb@optusnet.com.au or 9871 6869.

Child Protection Forms

If your bulletin includes a Child Protection form, then it indicates that our records show that we don't have one filed against your name. Apologies if you have filled one out in the past, but can we ask you fill it out and return it to us via post or via an Executive member as soon as possible.

New Members' Auditions

Bring your friends and family along to New Members' Auditions on 24 June. Contact Beth Madden to register names for this on beth-madden@hotmail.com or 9874 2009. If we miss anyone in June, we will hold a second date if required on 18 July.

SEUSSICAL News

I don't want to dominate this bulletin, which should rightly focus on the lead-up to Carousel, so this is just the absolute basics:

We have set our Audition dates: Friday 27th June and Tuesday 1st July at Marsden Road Uniting Church for adults. (Callbacks, if required, will be on Friday 4th July.)

So as to not tire out the kids, and for a less scary process, we will also hold children's auditions on Saturday 28th June, in the daytime, at my home: 32 Pinetree Drive, Carlingford. In addition to the role of Jojo (a role for a boy between 9-14, although a girl could play him, she should play him as a boy) we anticipate casting between 8 and 12 children, (no younger than 8 years) who would be required at most chorus rehearsals, but only until supper time.

Because we are setting a cap on the numbers of our "junior cast" it will be important for you to let us know that your son/daughter wishes to take part, even if they have auditioned or performed with EUCMS before - this will help us to determine whether further auditions will be needed.

Just a quick reminder, Orientation Night is June 3rd - should be an exciting and informative night.

Penny Wilson



Members' News

Thanks for the Memories...

Jim and Valmai Murch have settled into their new lifestyle at Woy Woy, and have asked us to pass on their thanks for both our gift and the kind words expressed when we farewelled them at the AGM.

Get Well

We wish Penny Wilson well as she recovers from her recent surgery and prepares for *Seussical*.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bronwen Morgan for recently gaining her Trinity Guildhall Diploma in Music (with a distinction) on the oboe. Bronwen last played in our orchestra for Pirates of Penzance in 2007.

Baby News

Congratulations to Ros and Philip Boyle who have another grandson, Andrew Alexander, a son for David and Kirsty and brother for James.

Stage Whispers Revamped

Stage Whispers Performing Arts Magazine has been upsized and renovated.

It has been recently purchased by David Spicer Productions and Neil Litchfield. To celebrate they've slashed the price by 25% and improved the quality by 250%.

It can be purchased at some newsagents and at the Riverside Theatre Parramatta or Performing Arts Bookshop in the City.

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, email Adam.

Check your label... Are your 2008 subs overdue?

Those who were members in 2007 have another month to pay before your membership elapses. If this occurs, you will no longer receive any bulletins by post.

Important EUCMS 2008 Dates

23 May	<i>Carousel</i> Opening Night - 8pm
24 May	<i>Carousel</i> Performances - 2pm & 8pm
30 May	<i>Carousel</i> Performance - 8pm
31 May	<i>Carousel</i> Performances - 2pm & 8pm
3 June	<i>Seussical</i> Orientation Night
24 June	New Members Auditions
27 June & 1 July	<i>Seussical</i> Auditions
28 June	<i>Seussical</i> Kids auditions/Mid Year Dinner
22 July	<i>Seussical</i> Read Through
25 July	<i>Seussical</i> First Ensemble Rehearsal
3 August	Annual Church Service, 6.30pm at Lakeside Road Church

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Next Executive Meeting

9 June at Adam & Penny Wilson's house, starts 8pm.