

The Music Man Update

The Music Man Show Dates:

9 November at 8pm

10 November at 2pm and 8pm

16 November at 8pm

17 November at 2pm and 8pm

At Lakeside Road Uniting Church Hall, Eastwood.

BOOK NOW ON 8061 7195

With only six performances and a large number of children involved in the show, we expect ticket sales to be very strong. So, don't be disappointed and miss out on great seats by waiting until November. As they say, *Book early to avoid disappointment!*

Music Man Ticket Sales

As of 15 October, ticket sales were as follows:

9 November at 8pm (39% sold)

10 November at 2pm and 8pm (36% and 25% sold)

16 November at 8pm (43% sold)

17 November at 2pm and 8pm (48% and 46% sold)

You can access this ticket sales information on our website at any time to help with your bookings.

REMEMBER WE ARE RELYING ON ALL MEMBERS TO SELL, SELL, SELL TICKETS AND PROMOTE OUR UPCOMING SHOW. IF YOU REQUIRE FLYERS, PLEASE CONTACT BELINDA AND SHE WILL GET SOME TO YOU OR COME DOWN TO REHEARSAL & PICK SOME UP.

We need your help!

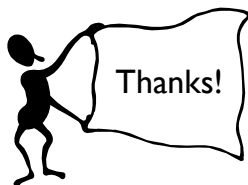
We would really like some assistants to help with cast suppers during the shows, ushering, and setting up the hall on two Friday afternoons - the 9th and 16th. These jobs are vital to the success of our shows so if you are not involved in Music Man, please consider whether you can "do your bit" for the society by assisting. If you can help with any of these then please call Megan for suppers and hall setting up, or Jeanette Cosier (9868 2535 or hjcosier@hotmail.com) for ushering.

Show Flyers

If you require more standard A5 flyers, please let Belinda know and she can get some to you. If you have a prominent location for a full A3 or A4 colour poster, please let Adam know and he will get them to you.

Banner Making Lunch

Although we were few in numbers for banner making, those attending included Jess Allen, Clare Burgess, Jess Burns, Beth Madden, Caroline & Megan Redell, Adam & Penny Wilson. Big thanks to Andrew McAlpine and the family for cleaning the banners before we started & hanging them in position afterwards!



Welcome the prompt!

Now that the cast is on stage and lib-less, we welcome Valmai Murch as prompt for the show. Of course, nobody will need her services! If you aren't in the show - come one and all to test that theory.

Props

We are still looking for the following, so if you can assist, please telephone Megan (9869 7413) ASAP: pocket watches, stamp and stamp pad, old fashioned wooden dining chairs (we have some but need more), rocking chair (or one that looks like a rocking chair, even if it doesn't), old-fashioned "globite" suitcases, a gold cornet, various brass instruments, not necessarily in working order but just looking that way.

We also need an old (or at least old-looking) biggish, thick, impressive-looking book, which can have pages torn out of it.

EUCMS News

Questionnaire

Please find attached our second questionnaire for the year. Please fill it out and return it to our PO Box or pass them on to an Executive member. If you would like an electronic version to fill out instead, you will find it on our website. Click on the little black note on the front page to get to the members' section and follow the prompts.



Directors' Seminar

Elaine would be very happy to talk to anyone who is interested in possibly directing a show for EUCMS on Wednesday, 31st October at 8 p.m at her home:

4/291 North Rocks Road, North Rocks

She would need to have people contact her on 9872 6453 so that she would be prepared for whatever number there may be, as she intends to give each person a copy of her notes for future reference.

Even if you have the slightest interest in directing in the future, it will a valuable evening to talk to Elaine and others who have directed previous EUCMS shows.

If you have directed before, we are sure Elaine would love your support by attendance on the night too.

Donations

The Executive kindly thanks all those members in the previous questionnaire who suggested charities you would like to see us donate to. Based on those suggestions, we are pleased to announce a \$500 donation to each of the following groups: *Uniting Church Moderator's Drought Appeal, The Bible Society and Beyond Blue* (depression, anxiety and related substance misuse disorders). We hope to make further donations in December.

Carousel

We are pleased to announce the following roles for the production team of Carousel for 2008:

Director: Elaine Gow

Musical Director: Ben Cosier

Production Managers: Barb Sharpham & Megan Willis



2nd Show 2008

The SSSC has made a recommendation for the second show in 2008. Before announcing the show, the Executive would like to ensure that a production team is available. If you would like to be involved in the production team for the second show next year, please phone Belinda, as we would hate you to miss out just because we didn't know you were interested. We suggest anyone that may be keen to direct this second show, attends Elaine's Forum as detailed earlier.

2008 EUCMS Plans

Elaine caught up with the latest news re the development at Eastwood. There is now more than a definite expectation that work will commence early next year. They could be starting demolition etc in February which means quite a number of things for EUCMS:

1. We will need to have all of our stuff taken away and stored by the end of January.
2. We will not be able to rehearse the first show at Lakeside Road as they will have pulled up the hall floor
3. We will need to rehearse at Marsden Road church or elsewhere for the whole period.
4. We will have to perform "Carousel" at Marsden High School.
5. Any set building will need to be done somewhere else.

We will need volunteers to help move our equipment, so please think about whether you can give some time in the new year. We would also love to have offers of accommodation for our gear, in particular, safe, dry, weatherproof and vermin-proof storage for our remaining costumes and other perishable props.

New Minister for Eastwood

With the departure of Greg McConnell, the Eastwood UC now has a new Minister, the Rev Dr Andrew Williams. Several members attended his recent induction and as a result of their introduction to him on that occasion, Andrew was invited to attend a rehearsal and to be introduced to members. This happened last Friday when Andrew spent some time watching the cast rehearse and afterwards shared supper with them. We are sure that the society's long and close involvement with the ministers at Eastwood will be continued with Andrew, who expressed a firm intention to attend one of the Music Man performances.

EUCMS T-Shirts

We are currently compiling a list of names of those who would like a EUCMS shirt with an embroidered note logo (as on the top left of page 1). We will be getting black shirts with a white logo, but if we have enough interest we can hopefully organise other colours as well. Cost for a short sleeve T-shirt will be about \$25 and a short sleeve polo shirt will be about \$30 depending on the quantity we order. If you would prefer a sloppy joe we can consider getting some of those too. Please let Belinda know if you are interested.

Christmas Party 2007

As mentioned last bulletin, this time around we are looking for venue ideas for our family Christmas party to be held on **8 December**. You might know of a good "kid-friendly" park with a decent BBQ area etc that is local or a big house would also work! Contact



Belinda if you have any suggestions.

Christmas Service

A reminder that EUCMS has a Christmas church service, usually the Sunday before Christmas and we ask people to keep the date in mind and free, if they are not involved in their own services. Confirmed details next bulletin.

Members' News

Golden Anniversary

Congratulations to Beryl and Don Glover as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary in October!

Get Well Wishes

We wish John Kane all the best wishes as he recovers from his fall last week at rehearsal. We hope you are back up on stage again real soon John!

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Next Executive Meeting

19 November at Adam Wilson's house, starts 8pm.