

From the President



It's nearly November – one wonders where 2009 has gone until you think about all that has been achieved. Numerous workshops, numerous trips to Galston, dedication and opening of the church, midyear dinner, midyear service, "Anything Goes" and it hasn't finished yet.

The BIG MOVE over three weekends – 31st October, 7th and 14th November. This is when we gather all our belongings from here, there and everywhere and bring them all back to Eastwood Church. A very big thank you to all those who have willingly stored everything over the past 3 - 4 years. It is exciting to know that many of you have indicated a willingness to put aside some time to help. To assist with planning it is important that we have as much information as possible about who will be available when so if you have not had a chance to let us now, **get on the internet and register on the online survey** (we really are moving into the C21st) **or ring Elaine, Adam or myself to let us know.** Phone numbers are on the back page of this bulletin.

Planning for 2010 is well underway with **auditions for "Gondoliers"** included with this bulletin. Your executive is planning a 4 hour forum on Sunday 22nd November where we will be discussing many issues relating to the society. If there is any issue you would like us to think about, please do not hesitate to ring me or send me an email. Your ideas will be considered.

With no second show this year, we are hoping that any of you will have the time to be part of our **Christmas service** which will be on **Sunday 20th December at 6.30pm.** If you are interested in being a part of a choral group or have an idea about how you would like to be involved in any other way, please let me know. Our planning has just started and we are open to ideas and offers.

We also look forward to seeing many of you at our **Christmas party** on **Saturday 12th December.**

Robyn Mead

The Gondoliers News

"Buon giorno signorine & signori,

I hope you haven't put your life jackets away yet after the cruise on SS "American" as we are now preparing to set out in gondolas! Those Venetian canals are particularly wet at the moment but Sarah and I are looking forward to working with you on this sparkling G. & S. operetta and we cordially invite you to get on board and share the experience with us.



The audition material is enclosed with this bulletin and we would encourage everyone to strut their stuff for us so that we have the opportunity to choose a wonderful cast. Remember Penny's tips on auditioning?

If you feel you would prefer to be in the chorus, then we'll look forward to seeing you on 5th February, 2010 for Orientation & Read Thru' etc. which is for all those intending to take part.

Apparently some members are not familiar with "The Gondoliers" so a storyline is also enclosed for you to play "catch up".

I know you were promised "exciting" news in this bulletin, so here is the first instalment:

Production Manager: Jessica Allen

Pianist: Jenny Gillespie

Makeup Director: Megan Carroll

Set Construction Boss(!): Bernard Carroll

Choreographers: Jenny Lyle & Rachel Nelson

Wardrobe Team: Beth Madden (convenor) Heather Clarke,

Barbara & Shirley Sharpham

More later - watch this space!

Aren't we blessed to have so many talented members willing to work on a show for our and the audiences' enjoyment.

Pick up the phone now and ring Jess to book your passage (audition)! Call 9716 6832 or 0405 654 533.

Ciao Elaine

The Gondoliers Scores

As the vocal score for *The Gondoliers* is currently commercially available, you are expected to bring your own score for your involvement in the show (We are not allowed to photocopy if a G&S score is commercially available). A score could be purchased new or second-hand or borrowed from someone you know who has one.



IMPORTANT: We are using the Kalmus/Chappell version of the score NOT the Schirmer version.

Some ideas for sourcing a score are as follows:

Lynn Bock says: *Ken and I have been to Berrima for the day today, and I found two Gondoliers Scores in an Antique shop. Of course I bought them. I am happy to sell them off: \$10 (a little worn) and \$20 (in much better condition). Give Lynn a call or email if you are interested on 9871 6869 or kbandlb@optusnet.com.au*

Adam Wilson says: *I have found a couple of stores on the internet where you can purchase a new score for just under \$30. Please contact me if you want that info or look on our website for the links.*

If anyone else has a score or libretto they would like to sell or are willing to lend, please let Jess Allen know.

EUCMS News

Shows for 2010

We are also pleased to announce that our second show for 2010, *Guys and Dolls*, will be directed by Penny Wilson and the Musical Director will be Bec Kimpton.



They would love to hear from any prospective Production Managers whose names could be put forward to the Executive for approval. Other production roles also need to be filled, better sooner than later!!

EUCMS Christmas Party

You should find enclosed an invitation to the EUCMS Christmas party – put it on your fridge so you don't forget! As you know, the date is **Saturday, 12th December**. We can now tell you that the location will be **30 Burraneer Ave, St Ives** (the Reddels' house) and the socialising will begin at 5pm for **dinner at 6:30pm** (this will be plenty of time for you to attend Jenny Byron's wedding in the afternoon as well!) Families are welcome!



The cost of \$15 (\$10 for kids under about 12 – but if your child is not going to eat, there's no need to pay) will cover the catered dinner, dessert, soft drinks, and nibbles. Payment in advance is appreciated – you can give this to any member of the executive (e.g. at the moving days) if you have the correct change or a cheque in a labelled envelope.

On the night, we'd also love you to bring a donation to the CCA to share the Christmas spirit. The invitation also lists some ways you could volunteer to help with preparation or on the night.

Please RSVP: by Sun, 6th Dec to Caroline - 9449 4561, 0401 307 088 or cazthelion@hotmail.com (or another member of the social committee – i.e. Jessica Allen or Beth Madden)

New Members?

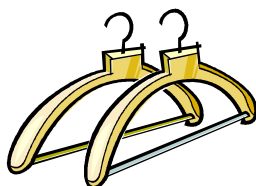
If there is enough interest, we will hold a new members' audition night in November. If you know of anyone who is thinking of joining as a performing member, please ask them to get in touch with Caroline on 0401 307 088 or 9449 4561 or cazthelion@hotmail.com



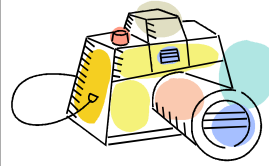
ANYTHING GOES Costume Return

Well, some hard work has been put in to constructing our storage area, so we now have a date for costume return - **Fri, 30th October**. You can bring your costumes down **between 8 and 9 pm** - please make sure they are washed and ironed.

If you are able to stay for a bit and help with some cleaning (to help prepare for the first of the moving days the next day), that would be great. If you're going to do that, wear some sensible shoes and old clothes!



ANYTHING GOES Photo CDs



Just a final reminder for anyone that may have purchased the CD/DVD photo set for the show and has yet to receive it. Please let Adam know by email or phone and he will get your discs to you. We have had a report of one disc not playing, so please let me know if you are also having problems. Remember you will need a CD drive or DVD drive depending on which disc in the set you use.

ANYTHING GOES Help

A last thank you for *Anything Goes*. You might look at your program each show and note the names in it. But do you know just how many people contribute to putting a show together and DON'T get their names in the program (it would be an epic if they did)? Megan and Barbara would like to acknowledge the contributions of the following people who helped in ways not noted in the program: Elaine, for her efforts with "the blind man" to ensure that matinee audiences were kept in the dark, for her calendar pictures which decorated the hall and for all the signs directing audience members where to go in the new complex; Adam Wilson for laminating signs, electrical tagging, smoke machine operation, amplifiers, cabling, website updates, baby monitors, CDs, seat markers, show booklet printing; Andrew McAlpine, Peter Bulfin and Tim Keith for their house manager-ship on the middle weekend, all the ushers and to Janette Cosier for her organisation of them; to Paul Taylor, Belinda Bongers, Stephen Ireland and Clare Burgess for supper organisation during rehearsals and performances; Penny Wilson and Rosie Roach for the idiot board decoration.



There were those who helped Wayne with the initial lighting set up, those who went out to Galston on the weekday just prior to 1st dress rehearsal, and those who came down to help set up the chairs and clothing racks on the Friday afternoons - Matt Sismey, Michael Brown, Tony Quance, Lynn and Ken Bock, Ruth and Stephen Ireland, Ericka Flores, Aaron Lim, William Szforcina. If we have forgotten anybody, it's not intentional and we do thank you for all your help.

Members' News

In Sympathy

EUCMS is saddened to learn of the death of Maurice (Maurie) Wheeler at the age of 93. Maurie was one of our Foundation Members and one of the instigators of the formation of Eastwood Methodist Musical Society, arising out of the Gilbert and Sullivan productions which the then Youth Club performed while Maurie was the leader of the group. We remember Maurie directing our first "Pirates of Penzance" and his enthusiasm for all our productions and extend our sympathy to Lorraine and family and remember him with sincere appreciation.



Our sincere sympathy to all the Cosier Family on the death of Janette's father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with Belinda, Philip, Isobel and James on the death of Belinda's mother, Mrs. Galyer who passed away on 1st October.

A Wedding Invitation



Jenny Byron and Nathan Jenkins invite you all to their wedding on the 12th December, at 2pm, at Eastwood Uniting Church. An afternoon tea reception will follow and all are welcome, however an RSVP to Jenny at jenniferabyron@hotmail.com or to Julie on 9876 1350 would be appreciated in order to

estimate numbers.

Oliver

Gabriela Bourke writes: This is going to be an amazing production of OLIVER featuring a live orchestra and a total cast & crew of over 150 people! This musical will also introduce an incredible young talent Zac Collins-Widders, a 13 year old boy from Laurieton in northern NSW.

OLIVER! is being presented by Artes Christi & Yalari with 100% of profits going to Yalari to support their indigenous education work in schools across Australia.

♪ PERFORMANCE DATES ♪

Wednesday 28th October ~ 7.30pm
 Thursday 29th October ~ 7.30pm
 Friday 30th October ~ 7.30pm
 Saturday 31st October ~ 1pm
 Saturday 31st October ~ 5pm



GROUP / FAMILY TICKETS

Groups Ticket (Groups of 7+) \$25 each
 Family (2 adults & 2 children) \$100
 Oliver Groups Hotline Ph. 0435 486 961

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

Adult \$35, Concession \$30, Seymour Centre Box Office
 Ph. (02) 9351 7940 or online at <http://www.whoisoliver.org>

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: 9 November, 2009