

From the President

Welcome to yet another new year. For many it is a new start either at school, university or perhaps a new job. To all our members, whether you being starting something new, or continuing on from last year, best wishes for 2004. For me, there is a change too. This will actually be the last message I will write in my current term as President of EUCMS. This decision has been taken after a great deal of thought about my own situation and I believe, is very much in the best interest of the society.

For the society the changes are numerous. The pessimist may read them and say "it's all too much or too hard." But the optimist may read them and hopefully say "there's a challenge." I urge you to read about them in the covering letter from me that is attached to your information about the Annual General Meeting. Never was there a more important year to have a full attendance from all members at the meeting.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past 3 years that I have been President. There are many people who have offered assistance in many ways and to each of them I say a very sincere thank you. To the current executive thank you for all the work, ideas and discussions – no matter how late in the night they may have been.

While the AGM is a very important part of EUCMS life, so is our next show. Plans are well under way for "The Sound of Music", on stage roles have been filled, many of the Production team are in place, but I am sure that Don Glover is still waiting with bated breath for phone calls for a few production positions. Read his report later in the bulletin to find out what's available. Good luck to all the team – great show, great cast, great team, great seller.

I look forward to seeing you all at the **AGM on TUESDAY 24th FEBRUARY, 2004 at 8pm** in the Church Hall to vote in a new executive and be part of the discussion of the society's future. God bless you all.

Robyn Mead

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Editor's Corner....

I would personally like to say a big thank you to Robyn for all her dedication and hard work over the time she has been President. She will be greatly missed and we wish her all the best with all the plans she has for the upcoming year. Also a big thanks to Heather for her work as General Secretary, especially for all her hard work getting these Bulletins out each month. Thanks to all those who have contributed to this issue.

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Sound of Music News

Any ladies wishing to join holy orders this year and become a postulant or nun, should present themselves to the first rehearsal cum read thru of *The Sound of Music* at the church hall at 8pm on **Friday 6th February** next. We have a great cast of principals and need a chorus of ladies in particular who wish to sing some wonderful harmonies. (A knowledge of Latin is not required)

Rob Mead is looking forward to training a goodly number of nuns! Of course, a men's chorus is also needed but will not be required to spend the usual time at rehearsals. So guys, if you'd like to be in the show with fairly minimal rehearsal requirements, please come on Friday next 6th Feb. I hope to see everyone then.

Don Glover.

Show Dates: 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 May and 4, 5 June 2004. We are still urgently looking for a Decor person & team. Contact Don if you or someone you know are keen or can help out. The website has the complete team listed.

EUCMS News

AGM News

Don't forget our AGM is on again, on 24 Feb 2004, in the church hall - starting at 8pm. Stay tuned to your letterbox for the arrival of all the necessary information to prepare yourself for the meeting within the prescribed time. Notices of Motion need to be in writing and given to Heather by Tues 10th Feb. Your annual \$20 subs will be due at the meeting to allow you to vote for the year. If you intend to pay Lynn on the night, allow time before the meeting starts to do this.

Executive Positions Available

Due to Robyn and Heather leaving their positions, we have two very important Executive positions needing to be filled: *President* and *General Secretary*. I encourage everyone to think about these roles and to speak to those people you feel are right to fill these positions. Please call Robyn to discuss these positions further. It is important to get nominations for these roles **BEFORE** the AGM. As well as these two roles, remember that all Executive positions are up for nomination.

HMS Pinafore News

We have a captain! Executive are pleased to announce that we have appointed Tom Leslie as Director and Elaine Gow as Musical Director. Auditions will be in early May before Elaine goes away on holidays. Congratulations to them both!

Welcome to New Members

After our New Members audition night last Friday, Executive are please to announce the following new performing members: Janette Cosier, Laura Cowie, Caryn Kneale and Naomi McSeveny. We look forward to seeing you all in our abbey!

Christmas Party Thanks

A big thankyou goes out to Megan Willis for all her organisation of the Christmas Party. A great night was had by all. Many thanks to Karen and Andrew for opening up their house for the night.

Thank-you Letters received

As a result of our recent donations from *Brigadoon*, letters were received from Technical Aid to the Disabled, Christian Community Aid Service Inc. and Parramatta Mission. All three letters praised the efforts of EUCMS and thanked us for being so generous.

Pens Now Available

Our pens with EUCMS printed on the barrel have now arrived. They will cost \$4 and will be available from Lynn Bock at the AGM, or you can contact Lynn directly if you would like to see them earlier.....

Website Updates?

Want to know when the website changes? Go to www.eucms.org and enter your email address in the box on the front page. Whenever the site changes, you will automatically receive an email.

Member's News

Nappy News - Hogan's



John Hogan says: John, Sarah and Seb Hogan are delighted to welcome to the world Piper Naomi Hogan, who arrived surprisingly early at 11:51am on 27 Jan 2004 at Hornsby Hospital, in the same room where Seb made his appearance in May 2001. Piper weighed in at 3660g, (8 lb 11 oz), thankfully not as big as her big brother, with all the appropriate bits intact. She is 50.5 cm tall, with a head circumference of 35.5 cm. She has a head full of hair. Sarah did really well and both my girls are now recovering well and getting to know each other. Dad held up manfully during labour and delivery, which was mercifully shorter than with Seb, and this time again passed up on cutting the cord.

Seb seems to have forgotten that he originally asked for 'a giraffe' when asked whether he wanted a brother or sister baby, and the two are quite taken with each other.

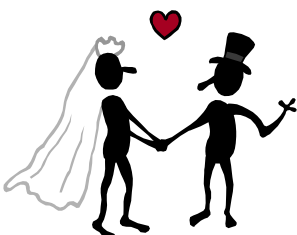
Nappy News - Edgerton's

Our best wishes and congratulations are also with Bruce and Linda Edgerton with the arrival of Cara Bailey Edgerton born Monday 19th January. Proud family members have already made the trek down to see them. *From the photos I've seen, Cara has an amazing head of hair!* Ed



Wedding News

Patricia Rasker & Angus Lyons will be getting married on Saturday 6 March 2004 at 2pm. The ceremony will be held at Christian City Church, Carlingford at Carlingford High School Hall, North Rocks Road, Carlingford. All are welcome to attend, and stay for afternoon tea after the ceremony.



Long Distance Medicine

Yvonne Musgrave wanted to let everyone know that Kylie was offered - and of course, accepted - a place at Adelaide University for Medicine, which means she will be leaving on 10 February to move down there. She wishes everyone well and hopes that Sound of Music is a load of fun for everyone involved. Peter and Yvonne will still be around. *[Congratulations to Kylie for her success with her studies and our thoughts are with both Kylie and her family as they adjust to this big decision. - Ed]*



Lost Score



One **Sound of Music** vocal score (the edition with Julie Andrews running on the cover). Left at the Hall after auditions on 2nd December. If anyone has found it could you please let me know ASAP on 9874 7334. I was very remiss in not putting my name on it and as it actually belongs to my hubby I will be very pleased to retrieve it. Thanks, Belinda Bongers.

OOTI Re-union

Well, all the peasants and grands hommes (anyone OOTI related) are going back to the island - well, at least to Adam and Penny's place. Come and join us for a catch-up/reunion/get-together on Saturday 21st February, from 6pm at Adam & Penny Wilson's place: 46 Pinetree Dr Carlingford. Bring yourself and a drink: we still have kitty money from our post-rehearsal gatherings at Martin & Jen's place, so food will be provided. Also bring swimmers and a towel if you want to enjoy the pool and/or spa. For RSVP (by 10/2/04) or other details please contact Bec Kimpton (rebecca@idx.com.au 0402 970 666 or 9787 8489)



For Sale

One Lemair Fridge/freezer, 270 litres, very good condition, \$150. One Hoover upright vacuum cleaner, almost new \$150. If interested, ring Megan on 9869 7413.

Members' News.....

Public Relations Officer

Don't forget that **Elaine Gow** is the society's Public Relations contact and is also keen to hear of any members' news such as important birthdays, births, deaths, engagements, weddings so that the appropriate action such as sending a card can occur. Contact Elaine on 9894 7434. *Also contact me so that this information can be put in the bulletin. Ed*

EUCMS Email Group Reminder

For general member chit-chat, other non-EUCMS organised events (eg movies, theatre parties, etc) use the EUCHAT group. Official EUCMS information will be sent out on the EUCMS group. By splitting the information up into the two groups, you can decide whether you just want to receive official EUCMS member news and/or general chat emails.

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Any questions? Email Adam Wilson at panda@tig.com.au.

The website...

Have a look at www.eucms.org & check out the secret members-only section at:
www.eucms.org/members.html
Here we will have specific information that is only relevant to our members.

If you misplace your EUCMS Bulletin, remember there is an electronic copy available on the website in the members' section.

Sound of Music Movie Trivia

*Did you know there's a cameo by the real Maria von Trapp? She's the elder of the two women in Austrian peasant garb who are in the background as Maria walks through a brick archway during "I Have Confidence".

*Sean Connery and Richard Burton were considered for the part of Captain von Trapp.

*During the scene with Maria and the Captain at the gazebo, Julie Andrews couldn't stop laughing at the absurdity of singing so closely to someone else's face. After more than 20 takes, the scene was altered to silhouette the two and to hide Andrews' giggles.

*Mary Martin, who originated the role of Maria on Broadway and co-produced the film, would eventually see nearly \$80,000,000 from the film. In contrast, Julie Andrews earned just \$225,000 for her performance.

*Six burly Austrians were hired to pull the heavy car by two ropes while the actors push from behind when the von Trapps are escaping their home in Salzburg.

*According to director Robert Wise the grass on the hill of the opening song was supposed to be much longer than it was. The filmmakers had made an arrangement with the farmer who owned the land to leave the grass long, but when they arrived for filming it had been cut. Robert Wise comments that the scene turned out very well after all.

*The von Trapp street address is '53'. When Maria first comes to the villa and is looking through the gate, the address sign is on the stone pillar to the left.

See you next month! - Adam

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Next Executive Meeting is

Monday March 8 at Lynn Bock's house.

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