



From the New President!

Paterson's Patter, or 300 Words from Martin. On things you really ought to know about The Team!

Our new executive team had its first meeting last Monday night. The most important item of course, was the filling of two casual vacancies. A big thankyou to Belinda Bongers for volunteering to take on the role of General Secretary and Caroline Reddel who is our newest floor member. Thanks for stepping into the breach so admirably. We now have a full team of ten. Unfortunately Kath Sharpham resigned from the executive due to personal pressures. Kath, your contribution and experience will be missed!

The Show!

The Halls are alive with the sound of music! Robyn is doing an exceptional job of moulding our eager ladies chorus into a cohesive band of merry melodics. We're very happy that Robyn is back on deck after her recent illness and wish her continued good health. Our host of angelic Nuns are sounding exceptionally heavenly. Keep it up ladies, there is no doubt that your singing will be a highlight of our show.

Don is happy with general progress to date and it looks as though we're headed for another "Best show ever".

The Future!

Discussions are continuing with Eastwood Uniting church, regarding the re-development of the Lakeside Road site. One thing that is certain is that the new development is due for completion in late 2005. Several things that are not yet certain concern the operations of EUCMS during the construction phase. The Executive team have some ideas at present but please don't feel excluded from contributing to the discussions. All ideas are being considered. Topics include, but are not limited to:- Venue? Shows? Workshops? Set Construction sites?

Other issues also needing ideas include our overall marketing strategy. This means getting our message out to our market, maintaining our public presence and defining/refining our image and position within the local church and community. Positioning ourselves within the wider communities such as other churches, other theatre groups, local businesses and other community groups will enhance our prestige and audiences. Ring me, or if that's too scary, ANY EXECUTIVE MEMBER.

These are exciting and challenging times. The executive team does not have a mortgage on ideas, but is charged with the responsibility of implementing the strategies needed to carry EUCMS forward during a period of change. I'm looking forward to the ride.

Have Fun!

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Editor's Corner....

Welcome to the first bulletin from the newly appointed Executive Committee. Here's to an exciting year ahead! Thanks to all those who have contributed to this issue. A big thanks goes to Heather for printing the bulletin this month while the photocopier is still at her place. I hope you all enjoy reading all the society news!

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Sound of Music News

"The halls are alive with the Sound of Music!" Don, Robyn and team are working hard putting together this brilliant show. Robyn is working the Nuns hard and they are sounding fabulous. Don is really pleased with the progress of the children and at the moment we are on schedule. Stage crew have the difficult task of transforming the stage from an Austrian mountainside to an abbey to an aristocratic villa in a matter of seconds but they are rising to the challenge. Phillip is working to have the cast turned out in wonderful costumes and the lighting crew have finished designing the lighting scheme. All we need now is to sell, sell, sell tickets with General Bookings opening on 20th April. So start compiling your lists of people to approach. With such a great, well known and loved musical it shouldn't be hard.

Jeni Taylor (and don't forget it was costume week this week for cast members... Have you got your material?)

Jeni is also chasing the following props.... Can you help? Carpet bag, silver coffee service set, silver handheld mirror, hard guitar case and a captain's whistle. Call her if you can supply any of these.

Remember - Show Dates: 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 May and 4, 5 June 2004. Pref bookings are 16 April then public on 20 April. Remember that although the cast normally sells the most tickets, as members we all should start promoting the show now! Flyers will be available soon. Adults \$18, Seniors \$12 and Children \$10.

EUCMS News

We still need a booking agent and a house manager... Is it you? Call Martin NOW!

A Full Executive!

As Martin mentioned earlier, we now have a full Executive committee and we welcome Belinda Bongers and General Secretary and Caroline Reddel as a floor member. These positions were filled after we sadly had an Executive resignation from Kath Sharpham. We will miss you Kath!

The new Executive are pleased to announce the following appointed positions. There are still some roles to be filled, so ask an Executive member for details of a position that you know needs filling. We are always looking for people to assist with publicity!

Public Relations - Elaine Gow
Bulletin Editor - Adam Wilson
New Member's Convenor - Niki Barton
Show Selection
Sub Committee - Elaine Gow
 Don Glover
 Rebecca Kimpton
 Caroline Reddel
 Penny Wilson

Publicity Committee - Andrew McAlpine, Adam Wilson
Public Officer - Lynn Bock
Mail Bookings - Helen Wilson
Wardrobe Librarian - Tom Leslie
P.C/Elders/CC - Narelle Murray
Usher Co-ordinator - Liz McCann
Lighting Officer - Peter Roach
Archivist - Karen McAlpine

Farewell Alan Murray

It is with a great sense of sadness and loss that we record the death of one of our long time members, Alan Murray on Friday 20th February.

Alan, with his wife Narelle, was a Foundation Member of EUCMS and a valued performer from the time of our first production, "The Gypsy Baron", when he sang the principal role of *Homonoy*. From that time on he continued to delight audiences with his towering stage presence and beautiful bass voice especially in productions such as "Merrie England", "The Land of Smiles", numbers of Gilbert & Sullivan roles and, of course, "Showboat" (who can forget Alan singing *Ol' Man River*. Whilst leaning on crutches - the result of a torn hamstring muscle!)

In his own quite and unassuming way Alan was always ready to use his talent to entertain others and to enhance worship services with his special witness in song. We will miss his friendship and ready smile and send out love and prayers to Narelle, Roslyn and the family.

Is this your Last Bulletin?

Have you **paid your subs** for 2004 yet? A friendly reminder to do so immediately with Lynn Bock in person or post a cheque to our PO Box. If you don't, this may be your last bulletin!

Resignations

It is with regret that we accept resignations from the society from **Phil & Marie Short** and **Ruth Ireland**.

Sound of Music Ushers

It is never too early to put your name down for this important job. Let Liz McCann know right now!

ACT Conference Weekend

If anyone has an urge to learn more, the *Association of Community Theatre* is running their conference weekend again this year on September 11 & 12 at NIDA. I urge you all now to put this into your diaries as it looks like it will be a wonderful weekend of learning at the newly refurbished facilities at NIDA. The cost will be about \$30 - \$40 basically to cover the cost of food for the weekend as NIDA have practically donated their resources for the weekend. If you would like to suggest any particular workshops to be run, let Adam know and he will let the organising committee know... they would LOVE suggestions! More details soon.

www.showline.com.au is their website

What's On Brochures?

Easy come, easy go.... I had 250 of the 2004 **What's On brochures** after the ACT AGM on Sunday and when I went to pick my bundle up, someone else had already left with them. Hopefully you will still get one included in this month's bulletin if I can chase some more in time, or otherwise it will be in next month's mailout. There are a lot of great shows coming up this year... *Sound of Music* and *HMS Pinafore* are just two of them! Let me know if you require additional copies.

HMS Pinafore Audition Dates

Our dates for auditions for HMS Pinafore have changed to 5 & 6 July 2004. New member's auditions will precede this on 2 July 2004. Put these dates in your diaries now!

HMS Production Manager

Have you got what it takes to prepare this ship to set sail? If so, call Tom Leslie now for details.... He would love to hear from any potential Production Managers.

Pens Now Available

Don't forget that our pens with EUCMS printed on the barrel have arrived. They cost \$4 and are available from Lynn Bock.

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. Too easy!

Member's News

Settling In...

Kylie Musgrave asked me to thank everyone for all the well wishes that were given for her move to Adelaide and for the start of Uni there. I am sure she would love to hear from you, and can be emailed at: kylie.musgrave@student.adelaide.edu.au

Engagement News

Jeni Taylor is very excited to announce her recent engagement. We wish them both well for the upcoming wedding plans. Obviously Jeni is finding the role of Production Manager a breeze and needed something else to keep her busy!

Baby Congratulations

Jan Foulcher is delighted at the arrival of another granddaughter, **Crystal**. Best wishes to all, especially aunties Rebecca and Clarissa, and let's not forget about the....

30th Celebrations

Lots of Happy 30th birthday wishes go to auntie Clarissa. We hope you had a great birthday.

I am 16 going on 98.85!

More big congratulations go to our Leisl, **Wendy Cosier** for a mighty fine performance in last year's HSC. Wendy came first in NSW for *Community & Family Studies* and managed a UAI of 98.85. Now that deserves a standing ovation!! Wendy says she owes some of her inspiration to the wonderful group of EUCMS members that happened to be supervising some of her exams!

Members' News.....

A Sad Farewell

This month we bid a fond and sad farewell to John, Sarah, Seb and Piper Hogan, who are moving to Perth. We wish John well with his work over there and our thoughts and prayers will be with you all as you settle in over there. You will all be greatly missed and we all appreciate the huge contribution you have made to EUCMS. I will try to include contact details in the next bulletin. It sounds like a great reason to check out Perth!

Baby News

It is with much excitement that Penny and Adam Wilson announce their pregnancy. Penny had an ultrasound last Friday and the baby was seen to be moving around quite a lot. I think it is already practising how to do a box-step. Keep us in your thoughts and prayers at this exciting and scary time! ...and we thought other productions we have been involved with have been huge... Our showtime is mid October!

House-sitters?

Just in case Penny and Adam didn't have enough to deal with, our plans of house extensions have turned into a complete rebuild of our house. So for a good six months we will be looking out for anyone that might need a house-sitter. Let Adam know if you might know of someone looking for 2+ humans & 3 dogs to mind a house! Our house plans go to Council this week.

Sound of Music tickets
available soon:
Prefs sales: 16 April
Public sales: 20 April

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 9872 6453. *Also contact me so that this information can be put in the bulletin. Ed*

EUCMS Email Groups

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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Informal chatting - send a blank email to join:
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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.

See you next month! - Adam

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