

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am going to take up very little of your reading time right now - *Anne* is the rightful focus of all excitement at the moment... and as the wife of the Ticketing Agent, I can say for certain that the excitement is not just from within EUCMS! Now that matinees are, to all intents and purposes, sold out (!!!) I hope that all of our members who have not yet booked are preparing to spend an evening in Avonlea! It will certainly be a delight!

Very quickly, our apologies for the late Bulletin - our Bulletin Editor has been quite overwhelmed, between *Anne* and some big issues at home, and needed a reprieve at the last moment... but this only means that you will be able to look forward to another Bulletin in about two or three weeks time (and can I just say... make sure you read it - there will be a few very interesting announcements about upcoming shows...)

In the meantime, to the team, cast and crew of *Anne*, all the best for a really wonderful season of performances - you deserve a terrific run!

*Penny Wilson - President*

## ANNE OF GREEN GABLES NEWS

### "Did You Hear?"



Evidence of ANNE's popularity was obvious right from the first start of ticket sales. Sales began with a vengeance, with one matinee almost sold out before a week was up. Well done, everyone, and keep it up! Keep an eye on the seating plans on our website, and try to encourage your friends and families to plan for the evening performances.

A big thank-you to Megan Carroll, who ran a makeup workshop on April 9<sup>th</sup>. It was greatly enjoyed by – and very helpful for – the newer members (and some who wanted a refresher). If you would like to join the makeup team, it's not too late! Contact Jess on the details below.

### Can you help??

The ANNE OF GREEN GABLES team is still looking for some props. If you can supply any of the following, get in touch with Jess at [jessa\\_melb@hotmail.com](mailto:jessa_melb@hotmail.com) or 0405 654 533).

We need:

- Afghan
- carpet bag
- butterfly nets
- rubber frog
- pitchforks
- powder puffs

- fob watch
- tins/jars etc that could be sold by the Avonlea General Store (e.g. pickled preserves)
- fake lamp or fake candle that looks old
- stove top kettle
- courier bag/satchel

Also, as the rehearsal season starts slipping through our fingers and we begin the rush towards performances, we are still looking for some more volunteers to help with cast and crew suppers and with ushering. Contact Jess (as above) if you can help for one or more performance.

*Caroline Reddel - Director*

### Ticket Bookings

We are pleased to announce that our matinees are sold out except for the odd seat here and there. However, you can still buy front row seats for some of our evening shows! Please encourage your family and friends to support our evening shows as well as I am sadly turning away customers with children who are too young to come to an evening show. If anyone has spare 2pm tickets, or they are prepared to swap from a 2pm show to an 8pm show, please call the booking line on 8061 7195 and let Adam know.

Sales as of 1 May are as follows:

Date	Seats sold	% sold
Show 1: 20 May 2011 - 8pm	92	49%
Show 2: 21 May 2011 - 2pm	181	97%
Show 3: 21 May 2011 - 8pm	96	51%
Show 4: 27 May 2011 - 8pm	87	47%
Show 5: 28 May 2011 - 2pm	185	99%
Show 6: 28 May 2011 - 8pm	74	40%
Show 7: 3 June 2011 - 8pm	82	44%
Show 8: 4 June 2011 - 2pm	186	99%
Show 9: 4 June 2011 - 8pm	142	76%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1125</b>	<b>66.8%</b>

### Publicising Anne of Green Gables

Have you been to a library, shopping centre, church or McDonalds etc recently in the area and can't find a sign up or pile of postcards? If so, let Adam Wilson know or take one there yourself. The banners have been proving really popular this time around for ticket sales but we would also love to see our posters and postcards being put to good use too. We have taken bookings from Newcastle, Kiama and Mudgee for this show, so cast your net wide - Anne is certainly loved by many! If you want a show blurb to email around, let Adam know or jump on our website, or click on our Facebook group link and start messaging.

## Ushering for Anne of Green Gables

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

Please help if you can. If you are able to usher for one or more shows, please contact Janette on [hjcosier@gmail.com](mailto:hjcosier@gmail.com).

It is possible to usher for the same show as one that you have booked tickets for - just let Janette know if this is the case or come and help on another date.

If you'd like to help, please email Janette, letting her know:

- *the dates that you are able to help, and*
- *whether or not you are booking a ticket for that performance.*

Ushers need to be at Lakeside Road Uniting Church at 1:15 pm for the matinees or 7:15 pm for the evening performances. Ushers need to wear black clothes (or white top and black bottom). EUCMS supplies vests that can be worn over this.

## EUCMS NEWS

### Biggest (Morning) Tea/Supper

We will be holding a supper for the Cancel Council during one of our final rehearsals for Anne, so if you are not part of the show, contact an Executive member and find out how you can contribute financially with a donation or perhaps you could bake us something to sell. Let Penny know this week please.

### Mid-year dinner.... fun, friends and food!

Save the 25<sup>th</sup> June in your calendar for the EUCMS mid-year dinner. This year's dinner will be held at Eastwood Community Hall, Shaftsbury Rd, Eastwood.

The evening will commence at 6:30pm and tickets will cost \$25 per person.

Tickets need to be booked and paid for before the night.

To book contact Jess Allen on 0405 654 533 or 8034 1250.

### Annual Church Service

The EUCMS annual church service will be held on 21 August, 7:00 pm at Marsden Road Uniting Church. Mark the date now. More details will follow later this year.

### Concert Night

Do you remember how much fun our *Curtain Raiser* concert was last year? As it was so popular, there will be another concert on 6 August, details of which are still being organised. Start thinking about your acts now for another opportunity to perform that show tune from a show that EUCMS may never do otherwise! Tim Keith would love to hear from you as he and a team being planning this event.

### Clean-up Day

There will be a clean up on 11 June. We need help. If you can help, please let Jess Allen know.

## Last Minute Mother's Day Ideas - or treat yourself!

Thanks to Elaine for noticing in the catalogues this week the following specials:

- ◆ The much loved *Anne of Green Gables* DVD at Big W for \$19.72
- ◆ *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on DVD at the ABC Shop for \$9.99
- ◆ A selection of Gilbert and Sullivan titles on DVD, also at the ABC Shop for \$19.99 apiece

## What's On Brochure

Please find enclosed with your bulletin the latest **What's On** from the Association of Community Theatre (ACT). They have now decided to produce this twice a year to allow more updates and additions to be made by societies. We encourage you to get out and see a show and support community theatre! If you receive your bulletin electronically, let Adam know, and he will pop one in the post for you.

## EXECUTIVE NEWS

More non-executive appointments have been made since last meeting:

*Wardrobe co-ordinators:* Jenny Lyle and Heather Clark

*New Members' convenor & Exec floor member:* Tim Keith

*Bulletin Editor:* Cathy Bulfin

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

### Finding Foundation Members

We've had a great response to the request in last month's bulletin for Foundation members' addresses. We are still looking for details for the following Foundation Members:

*Warren Bartholomew, Richard Brown, Toni Cowlshaw, Jennifer Dibley, Margaret Dibley, Nancy Douglas, Betty Francis, Bob Hetherington, Keith McCoy, Barrie Martin, Peter Moore (orchestra, not singer), Merrill Penman, Gail Perryman, Robyn Slater, David Stanton, Nerida Tonge, and Megan Wade.*

If you can help with any of these people, please call Megan Willis.

### Missing Slides

As a result of recent requests for memorabilia in preparation for the 50th anniversary, Ron and Barbara Lyle went looking for the collection of very old slides covering the first 10 or so years of the Society from the original 'Gypsy Baron' and including some early Christmas plays. They discovered the slides were missing from the large box where they were always stored - the labelled space for them being empty. They think they may have lent them to someone, who hopefully still has them. Any lending would have happened before they moved five years ago. If you do know of the whereabouts of the slides, or even if you recall being at a get-together where they were shown, please contact the Lyles (if you have their contact details) or Megan Willis if you don't.

## MEMBER NEWS

### Baby News

Congratulations to great aunty Elaine Gow on the safe arrival of twins Madison Grace and Bailey Austen Grant. These are the children, and grandchildren of former members Darren and Jan Grant.

### Birthday Congratulations

Birthday congratulations go to Max Whelpton who celebrated another special milestone on 25 April.

### Get well soon

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Beryl Glover who has broken her leg.

### Your news?

If you have something to share please contact Elaine Gow on 9872 6453 or at [eebeegee@bigpond.com](mailto:eebeegee@bigpond.com) so we can include it in the next Bulletin. All items for the Bulletin must be received before the next Executive meeting on 9th May.

## EXECUTIVE MEMBERS 2011

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Or join our members' chat list by sending a blank email to: [euchat-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:euchat-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

**Next Executive meeting: 9 May at Adam & Penny Wilson's house, starts 8:00 pm.**

## IMPORTANT 2011 DATES

<b>20 May</b>	Opening night for <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>
<b>21 May</b>	Matinee and evening performances for <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>
<b>27 May</b>	Evening performance for <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>
<b>28 May</b>	Matinee and evening performances for <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>
<b>3 June</b>	Evening performance for <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>
<b>4 June</b>	Matinee and closing night for <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>
<b>25 June</b>	Mid-year dinner
<b>6 August</b>	EUCMS Concert Night
<b>21 August</b>	EUCMS annual church service, at Marsden Road Uniting Church

*Put the calendar on your fridge!*



**Don't forget to book your tickets for *Anne of Green Gables* now!**

Want a sneak look at our upcoming cast? You can find a link to our recent ANNE cast photo shoot at Fagan Park on our website: [www.eucms.org.au/annephotos.htm](http://www.eucms.org.au/annephotos.htm)