



### ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE

Don't miss our annual church service on Sunday 21 August, starting at 7:00 pm. The service will be held at Marsden Road Uniting Church. Our guest speaker is the Reverend

Helen Edgerton. It promises to be an evening of joy and fellowship. Come and join us!

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello there EUCMS! How excellent was Encore??? If you weren't able to attend (or perform) you missed an absolute treat – one lady in the audience wanted to book us on the spot for a whole series of concerts at her own church!

Thank you so much, all who were involved (yes, even you, Keith and Tony), for sharing your talents and passion and joy in performing for such a good cause. Not only do the people of PNG benefit from cleaner water and better sanitary conditions, but EUCMS is also able to support the EUC and build stronger links with our community by doing what we do best.

Congratulations to everyone, a special thankyou to Mel, Philip, Andy and Adam for accompanying everyone, and our eternal gratitude to Sarah and especially Tim for his tireless work in bringing the show together. It was a great success, and if both shows were not quite sold out, they were both well attended, so having two performances was more than warranted. We managed to raise over \$2500 which will all go directly to building the equipment needed by the Water Purification Project.

Speaking of great shows, I can't believe how far Joseph is coming along already! This is truly an all-star cast, sounding and looking good already, and with sets and costumes coming together at a dizzying pace. It really is getting scarily close to preferential bookings night, so now is the time to organise your friends and family and decide which performances to book for.

While your diary/smartphone/tablet/calendar is open, make sure you are also planning to attend the EUCMS annual Service of Thanksgiving, at Marsden Road Uniting Church, 7 pm on Sunday, 21 August. Rev. Helen Edgerton has planned a service which should really appeal not just on a spiritual level, but a theatrical one as well, and there are still one or two openings to join the Choir directed by Stephen Lee.

## JOSEPH NEWS



Rehearsals are well underway, and we are thrilled to be working with such a great, enthusiastic ensemble! The singing, staging and dancing that has been taking place at

rehearsals is already bringing smiles and laughter to those fortunate enough to see and hear... so we are looking forward to a great show!

We are pleased to have a complete principal cast, with the following roles recently announced:

**Brother:** Dion Jaeschke

**Potiphar's wife:** Olivia Linas

**Baker:** Howard Cosier

We are also excited to welcome **Melissa Boulden** as our pianist!

The various members of our production team have also been very busy and active – costumes are being cut out, sets are being built, and a myriad of plans have been discussed, made and are moving forward to action.

We are delighted to announce the following additions to our team:

**Décor:** Liz McCann

**Make-up coordinator:** Jeni Sistrom

Preferential booking night is less than a month away – so start talking to your friends and thinking about who else you can invite to come and see the show!

### Roles available

Rehearsals for Joseph are well under way now with singing, choreography and staging workshops on each Tuesday and Friday from 7:30 to 10:30 pm. While we have filled many roles we are still in need of some helpers. If you, or anybody else you know, would like to assume the role of Stage Manager, Hair and Wig Coordinator or Supper Coordinator please give our Production Manager, Alex Pottie, a call on **0488295618** ASAP.

We are also in dire need of helpers at supper. So if you are free from 8:40 pm to 9:30 pm on a Tuesday or Friday, please call Alex to arrange a few dates so the cast and crew can get back to rehearsing for your next EUCMS show of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

### Props

Do you have any of the following hanging around your home that we could borrow for the duration of the show?

- Sunday school visual aids of Joseph story
- two large baskets
- coins/bag of coins
- small briefcase
- framed picture of pyramid

- three baskets of coins
- feather dusters
- cloths to wipe furniture with
- medals
- signet rings
- pom poms for six cheerleaders
- fake corn
- chaise lounge.

Thanks for helping us bring this great Bible story to the stage (using some artistic license of course!).



### PREFERENTIAL BOOKING NIGHT

Our Preferential booking night is Friday 2 September. For cast and crew, this is your chance to get in early and book seats before bookings open to the general public on Tuesday 6 September.

Bookings will open in the Atrium, from 7:00 pm.

Preferential tickets MUST be paid for on the night – cash, cheque or credit card. Bookings will close at 8:00 pm, so that rehearsals are not disrupted. EUCMS members are limited to purchases of 20 tickets at a time (you can join the end of the line again!). To help cover bank costs, each credit card booking will incur a \$2 booking fee regardless of the number of tickets purchased in one transaction.

From Tuesday 6 September, tickets will be available for purchase for the general public. Jenny Beddoe is our booking officer and can take your orders via phone, via the website, or in person in the Atrium, prior to show rehearsals, from 7:30 pm. We encourage you to pre-book your seats during the week with Jenny so that order processing on Friday nights is quicker.

Prices for tickets are \$12 for children (under 16), \$16 for pensioners and \$22 for Adults. Our Opening Night special is students for \$16.

### ON-LINE BOOKINGS - A NEW SYSTEM!!

For those of you who booked online for the ENCORE concerts, you would have tried our new live booking system called *TryBooking*. We are pleased to announce that the same system will be used for JOSEPH tickets. How does it work? Go to our website, follow the link and you will be able to see live seating availability for all the performances. Select your own seats, pay for them with credit card and print your own tickets at home, 24 hours a day! It is that easy. The usual phone booking methods will continue to operate of an evening after 7pm on 8061 7195 for those who don't have internet access and credit cards. Jenny Beddoe is our booking agent.

### Encore!

Congratulations to all who were involved in the recent Encore! Concerts. A good time was had by performers and audience members alike will raising over \$2500.

Our sincere thanks go to Tim and Sarah Keith, who put so much time and energy into organising the event and to our official pianists: Phillip, Mel, Andy and Adam!

If you missed it, have a look at the programme on our website, what a great selection of performances it was. Who will forget *I'm My Own Grandpa*?

### Have you seen a microphone stand?

During the clean-up after the evening Encore! concert, a microphone stand (hired by EUCMS) went missing. The stand is a boom mike stand. Please let Tim know if you have seen it.

### New members

We have had quite a lot of new members join EUCMS for our upcoming production of Joseph. The full list is below:

- Guy Burge
- Colleen Burns
- Michelle Harley
- Dion Jaeschke
- Mary O'Byrne
- Kathleen Sear

A warm welcome to all of you — we hope that you will be part of many more EUCMS productions!

### Child Protection

Our new Safe Church Officers (Child Protection) are Sarah Keith and Adam Wilson. Thanks to both of them for volunteering to undertake this very important role.

### Donations

Out of the profits for *Anne of Green Gables* we are donating a total of \$5,000 to the following charities:

\$500 each to: Beyond Blue, Christchurch Earthquake Appeal, Japan Tsunami appeal, White Ribbon, Food Bank, McGrath Foundation, World Vision, Parramatta Mission; and \$1,000 to Eastwood Christian Community Aid.

### Granny Smith Festival



We are currently making plans for our stall in this year's Granny Smith Festival, at Eastwood. We also intend to be part of the street parade this year too! The festival takes place on 15 October.

We will be concentrating our event publicity efforts for Joseph at this, as we were not able to obtain a stall for the Epping Street Fair this year.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS



Have you sent us a contribution for our written history?

### Some thought starter questions....

*What keeps you involved in EUCMS; or what brought you back after ceasing your involvement?*

*What makes EUCMS different to other theatre societies you've been involved with?*

We would love to hear your stories. Please send them to **50th@eucms.org.au** or go to our website for lots of thought starters and enter your ideas there on the fill-in forms.....

### Leisure Lea concert

Elaine would like to thank all of those who took part in the very successful and well received concert which was presented for Leisure Lea Retirement Village on Sunday, 24 July. The audience was overwhelming in their appreciation of the programme and we have received a cheque for \$200 to add to our charity contributions.

Well done Andrew Myles (accompanist), Belinda and Isobel Bongers, Philip Boyle, Cathy Bulfin, Wendy Cosier, Abbey Fyffe, Melody Newberry, Ellie Short and Daniel Tambasco (who was successful in the tenor section of the recent Eisteddfod).

### Show shirts for sale!

Jess Allen has four hoodies and one polo shirt for sale from our 2010 production of *The Gondoliers*.

The items are in new condition and have never been worn.

They are available at the very reasonable price of \$10. The sizes available are:

**Hoodies - two of each size:** XL, L

**Polo Shirt:** L

If you would like to purchase one of these shirts please contact Jess on **0405 654 533** or email **jessa\_melb@hotmail.com**

### Housekeeping stuff

All our tea towels are missing!! If you took any home to wash and haven't returned them yet, could you please do so as soon as possible.

A couple of reminders for those using the kitchen facilities: first, if you want a drink of water, please do not use the

glasses in the cupboards near the sink. All EUCMS "supper stuff" is in the cupboard under the servery. Please use either a EUCMS mug or one of the plastic cups. This extends generally to other kitchen equipment.

Secondly, when you help to wash up, we only use our own tea towels (when we can find them). The church has several drawers of tea towels near the dishwasher, but they are not for our use.

## OTHER NEWS

### Nicodemus - the Mission Musical

EUCMS members have the opportunity to be part of a very exciting

musical event that will be staged before Easter 2010.

The musical (called *Nicodemus*) has the aim of presenting:

"... an authentic Jesus and an authentic Gospel. Our goal is to communicate the gospel to 10,000 people before Easter 2012."

So far, 23 churches are taking part in this mission event and the Producer and co-writer of the musical has been in touch with EUCMS to invite our members to participate as well.

Some auditions have already been held, but there are further auditions taking place on Saturday 3 September from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at St Matthews West Pymble (2 Eppleston Place - cnr Eppleston Place and Kendall Street West Pymble)

EUCMS members who are interested in taking part and attending the auditions are encouraged to go to the show's website: **www.stmattswest.org.au/nicodemus** for more information.

## MEMBERS' NEWS



Congratulations and best wishes to Warren and Elaine Charlton, who have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

We send our sincere sympathy and love to Clare and Paul Taylor on the death of Paul's mother and Jeni Sistrom's grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you

## YOUR NEWS?

If you have something to share please contact Elaine Gow on **9872 6453** or at **eebeegee@bigpond.com** so we can include it in the next Bulletin. **All items for the Bulletin are needed before the next Executive meeting (5 September).**

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Click here to access the member section of the website.

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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).

Email us at [50th@eucms.org.au](mailto:50th@eucms.org.au) with anniversary-related information or questions.

Next Executive meeting: 5 September at Adam & Penny Wilson's house, starts 8:00 pm.

## IMPORTANT 2011 DATES

<b>21 August, 7:00 pm</b>	EUCMS annual church service, at Marsden Road Uniting Church
<b>2 September</b>	Preferential booking night for Joseph
<b>6 September</b>	General bookings open for Joseph
<b>24 September</b>	Bump-in for Joseph
<b>15 October</b>	Granny Smith Festival
<b>21 October, 8:00 pm</b>	Opening night for Joseph
<b>22 October, 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm</b>	Matinee and evening performances for Joseph
<b>28 October, 8:00 pm</b>	Evening performance for Joseph
<b>29 October, 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm</b>	Matinee and evening performances for Joseph
<b>4 November, 8:00 pm</b>	Evening performance for Joseph
<b>5 November, 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm</b>	Matinee and closing night for Joseph
<b>18 November</b>	Bump-out for Joseph

*Put the calendar on your fridge!*

