

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Please find enclosed the President's report as presented at the AGM by Penny Wilson.

## EUCMS NEWS

### New curtains

At last our new curtains are hung! Loads of thanks to Elaine for her months of contact with the curtain man and for her many attendances at the hall to let him in to fit the curtains.

I'm sure everyone who has had a chance to view the curtains will agree they look magnificent.

### New members

Welcome to Simone Caruana, and Laura Rughoover our newest members, who join us onstage for *Anne of Green Gables*.

### Publicising our shows

We are always looking for ways to publicise our shows. Our current banner locations are on the Eastwood Public School fence at the intersection of Shaftsbury Road and Rutledge Street, at the end of Carlingford Road at Epping, on the railway fence and on the fence at Woolies at Marsfield.

We are thinking of increasing the number of banners and would like your suggestions for suitable locations. Please let Adam Wilson have your suggestions (Adam's contact details are on the back of the bulletin).

### *Anne of Green Gables* news



"Gee, I'm Glad I'm No One Else But Me!"

As ANNE OF GREEN GABLES moves swiftly through its first month of rehearsals, I have to join Anne in the above exclamation. It's such a privilege to be working with

such a talented, dedicated cast and crew. Ensemble and principals alike are already giving rehearsals so much energy. And it is so exciting to work on the stage with curtains in place!

Unfortunately, I have to announce the decision of Amelia Burns to step down from the role of Anne. Amelia's school commitments are such that it became apparent to her after a few weeks that she would not be able to continue in the role. Amelia should be praised for handling such a difficult decision with maturity, and we hope to see her back on the EUCMS stage in the future.

With that disappointing news, of course, comes the exciting announcement of our new cast.

**ANNE SHIRLEY** – Abbey Fyffe

**DIANA BARRY** – Olivia Linas

**JOSIE PYE** – Isobel Bongers

Since last report, we also have the addition of Toby Ireland as Moody MacPherson – welcome!

Preferential booking night is now just over a month away (Friday 1 April), and you know what that means – it's time to tell all your friends that you're booking tickets for them! Remember that most of our ticket sales come through the cast.

That's one BIG way you can help the ANNE OF GREEN GABLES team out – are you looking for more? Have a look at the questionnaire to see the specific areas we still need help, and see if you – or someone you know! – can fill any of those roles.

**Caroline**

### Performance dates

Friday 20 May, 8:00 pm

Saturday 21 May, 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Friday 27 May, 8:00 pm

Saturday 28 May, 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Friday 3 June, 8:00 pm

Saturday 4 June, 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm

### Scores and libs

Please contact Jess ASAP (jessa\_melb@hotmail.com or 0405 654 533) if you still need a score or libretto.

### *Anne of Green Gables* trivia questions: Answers

Here are the answers for the quiz in the last bulletin. How many did you get right?

1. Anne is 11 when she first comes to Green Gables.
2. Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert are brother and sister.
3. Marilla's oldest friend is Rachel Lynde.
4. Diana Barry becomes Anne's best friend in Avonlea.
5. Some of the things that Anne names, either on the way to, or after she arrives at, Green Gables:
  - The White Way of Delight
  - The Lake of Shining Waters
  - Snow Queen
  - Bonny.

1. Anne has to apologise to Mrs Lynde, after losing her temper.

2. Marilla suspects Anne of stealing a valuable amethyst brooch, but actually it was caught on Marilla's shawl and Anne hadn't taken it at all.

3. The two female adults who are a big influence on Anne's life in this book (apart from Marilla):

Mrs Allen who is the minister's wife  
Miss Stacy who is Anne's teacher (replacing Mr Phillips when he leaves Avonlea)

4. Gilbert Blythe calls Anne "Carrots".
5. Anne has never tasted ice cream before.
6. Anne saves the life of Minnie May, Diana's younger sister, when she has a dangerous attack of croup.
7. Diana gets drunk by drinking several tumblers full of red current wine, under the impression that it was raspberry cordial.
8. Anne ends up with green hair when she attempts to dye it brown.
9. Aunt Josephine, a wealthy relative of Diana Barry, takes quite a fancy to Anne (although they first meet when Anne and Diana jump on her when she's asleep in the spare room bed at Diana's home).
10. Anne nearly drowns in this book when she attempts to re-enact the story of Elaine, from Tennyson's poem but the boat springs a leak at a most inconvenient time. She manages to jump out before it sinks and clings to a bridge pile. Luckily for her, Gilbert Blythe happens to appear (most conveniently) in a boat and rescues her.
11. Mrs Lynde makes a new dress with puffed sleeves for Matthew to give to Anne for Christmas. Matthew first tried to buy one from a local store, but was frightened by Lucilla Harris, the young lady serving behind the counter (but not before he buys a number of useless items).
12. Gilbert wins the gold medal at Queens, while Anne wins the Avery Scholarship.
13. When the Abbey Bank fails (where the Cuthberts have their life savings) Matthew has a heart attack from the shock and dies instantly.
14. When Gilbert finds out that Anne isn't going to Redmond College after all he recommends to the trustees of Avonlea school that Anne be the new teacher (he had already been offered the post). He takes the teacher's position at Carmody school instead. This means Anne can live at home with Marilla all week, instead of having to teach further away and only get home for weekends.



## Anne of Green Gables in Japan

Believe it or not, *Anne of Green Gables* has a huge following in Japan where it is called Akage No An (Red Haired Anne).

The book is so popular that it was actually made into an animated television series, with 50 episodes. According to the reviews your editor was able to find online, it's remarkably faithful to the book as well.



The picture on the left is a shot from one of the episodes. I'm sure that Anne cast members will be able to guess what this scene is all about!

## AGM

The AGM is over for another year and your new Executive looks remarkably like the old one! Please see the back page of the bulletin for a complete list.

Sadly, one name is missing from our Executive for 2011 and that is the name of a General Secretary. This is an important role for the society and the executive would prefer to fill it rather than have it left vacant. It's not too late to change your mind if you were thinking about nominating for the role before the AGM or if you have subsequently considered it. If you've been thinking about getting more involved with EUCMS this is your opportunity. Please contact Penny or Caroline to find out more about the role. Their contact numbers are on the back of the bulletin.

## Piano update

Our new piano will be delivered on Monday 7 March.

## Lost and Found: Apricot handtowel

In our November bulletin we mentioned that an apricot handtowel was found during the Guys and Dolls season. As yet, no-one has claimed it. If it is yours please contact Megan Willis.

## Questionnaire

Included with this bulletin is a questionnaire (the first of two — the second one to come with your next bulletin).

This questionnaire seeks some responses from you about whether you'd like to be involved in Anne or Joseph in various ways (not just onstage) the mid-year dinner and mid-year church service. We'd love to hear what you think, so please do take the time to fill it out and send it back to us.

Please return your questionnaire to an executive member by the end of March.

## 50th Anniversary Celebrations

As we enter 2011 proper, the preparations for 2012 are ramping up. Next month we will send out a second questionnaire with specific ways you can get involved (yes – two questionnaires in a row!). You needn't wait until then if you have a brilliant idea to share or some spare time to do some work in the next month – just get in touch with Caroline to see how you can help! (Send an email to [cazthelion@hotmail.com](mailto:cazthelion@hotmail.com) or call her on 0401 307 088.)

A reminder of the main events:

- Granny Smith parade (Oct 2011)
- EUCMS Fair (probably April 2012) – open to the public, with history displays, food, and fun!
- The two shows for the year – stay tuned!
- Opening night of the first 50th Anniversary show
- Anniversary dinner – 23rd June, 2012
- Thanksgiving service – 4th Nov, 2012

Two more "events" for the year will be:

- A big publicity effort – approaching local councils and local newspapers to get behind us.
- A collection of history (Don't be surprised if you are asked to share some memories of EUCMS!)

If you have any particular skills or resources in any of the above areas – again, don't wait for the questionnaire next month, get in touch with Caroline now!

## MEMBERS' NEWS



Best wishes to Joan Gillespie who recently broke both her wrists.

Best wishes also to Denys Gillespie who has had an arthroscopy on both his knees.

This month we received a number of cards and letters which we would like to share with our members.

The first is a card from Ros Boyle, after her recent hip operation:

"Dear friends at EUCMS, Thank you so much for the lovely card and good wishes you sent while I was recovering from my hip replacement surgery. It is so nice to receive kind wishes when you are feeling less than 100% and I really appreciated them. I feel very blessed, as all has gone smoothly and I'm walking and able to do normal things again - don't know that I'll audition for a dancing role though!. I hope all goes really well for 'Anne of Green Gables' and that 2011 is a happy year for you all."

We also received an update from Judy Neal who as you may know, lives in Queensland and was recently affected

by the floods. (We gave you an update on their family regarding the Queensland floods last bulletin.)

"Thank you for your thoughts and wishes. The flood was a great shock despite all the warnings, but Paul and I give much thanks that our upper level and therefore most of our living area was saved along with our music and books which we were able to bring upstairs. We are safe as is all our family. Pianos and furniture can be replaced despite no insurance available. Best wishes for 'Anne' and the rest of the year."

We received a Christmas card from the Leisure Learning Choir thanking us for allowing them to use our piano for the Open Day and letting us know that it enhanced the occasion for them.

The originals of these cards will be placed on the notice board for those in *Anne of Green Gables*, along with a Christmas card from our World Vision child, Chiyezhi Charity.

Wedding congratulations to David King and Jocelyn Birdsall who were married on Saturday 19 February.



## 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 (14 March).**

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Or join our members' chat list by sending a blank email to: **euchat-subscribe@yahogroups.com**.

Next Executive meeting: 14 March at Adam & Penny Wilson's house, starts 8:00 pm.

## IMPORTANT 2011 DATES

<b>1 April</b>	Preferential booking night for <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>
<b>5 April</b>	General bookings open for <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>
<b>26 April</b>	Anzac Day observance — rehearsal as normal
<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>17 June</b>	Bump out night for <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>

*Put the calendar on your fridge!*