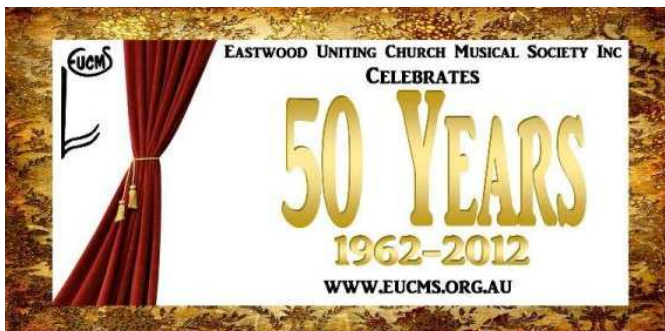


50TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS



“Did you hear the one about the fish?”

Many thanks to those members who have contributed some written memories for the history book. It has been a privilege to read them. Jess and Megan look forward to receiving many more in the next couple of months. At the moment there is no cut-off point for you to contribute to the history, but we will soon get to the point where we have to give you a deadline, so again, PLEASE, if you intend to contribute, get writing now. Celebrating 50 years is really a big deal. The chance to celebrate the next 50 years won't come round again for a long time! So.....don't put it off for too much longer and miss your opportunity to contribute.

It's surprising how the same memories have stayed with a number of people – such as in the first *Bless the Bride* when some nameless prankster added a live goldfish to each bowl of soup (water) in one scene on the last night, which was quite a surprise to the principals.

If you are stuck for what to write, check out the website for the “thought starter” suggestions, or look at last month's bulletin, which included a copy. Remember too – it's not a test, there are no right or wrong answers and there is no word limit. It's all about your memories.

If you have a “EUCMS kid” the coming school holidays is the perfect opportunity to get them onto the computer for a good reason – we want their views on their time with the society. Hopefully amongst our current E-kids are some who will be celebrating the next 50 years.

Please send your contributions to 50th@eucms.org.au or go to our website and use the fill-forms.

JOSEPH NEWS

Our fantastic cast and crew continue to be hard at work, putting together another fun show. There are all kinds of action, dancing and singing being rehearsed, various items of the set are appearing week by week, costumes are coming together, and Joseph's coat (rumoured to be amazing and technicoloured) is soon to make an



appearance. Having passed the “halfway” mark in our rehearsals, and with tickets now on sale, excitement is truly building. Call your friends, family and arrange to book your tickets now!

This month we welcome onto the team:

Head of sound: Andrew Yager

Andrew is looking for people to join his sound team – so if you (or someone you know) are technically-minded (or keen to learn) and willing to help out in this area, please contact Alex (Production Manager) ASAP.

We also officially welcome Liz McCann in the décor department. She is hard at work painting, sourcing and creating some Canaan and Egyptian ambience!

Not in the current musical? Still want to be a vital part of the show?

We are still needing some help with serving suppers. If you are free from 8:40 pm until 9:15 pm on a Friday night, give Alex Pottie a call on 0488 295618 or send a quick email to pottiefamily@gmail.com. Come and listen to the magnificent cast and be a part of the team by showing them your hospitality.

Preferential booking night for Joseph

Our preferential booking night on Friday 2 September was a resounding success. We sold a total of 618 tickets, with a breakdown of cast bookings (235), mail bookings (215) and charity bookings (168).

Our particular thanks must go to Helen Wilson, who has looked after our mail bookings for 17 years. Friday night was particularly busy for Helen, as she processed a record number of 215 bookings for Joseph!

At the time of going to press we are happy to report that Joseph is already 41% sold out! The breakdown of figures is shown below.

	% sold
21 October, 8:00 pm	51%
22 October, 2:00 pm	71%
22 October, 6:30 pm	33%
28 October, 8:00 pm	15%
29 October, 2:00 pm	73%
29 October, 8:00 pm	18%
4 November, 8:00 pm	5%
5 November, 2:00 pm	70%
5 November, 8:00 pm	36%

This is a fantastic result for a very short period of ticket sales. As you can see, the matinees are again proving to be our most popular performances, but don't forget to remind your family and friends about the 6:30 pm performance on the first weekend of the show.

Ushers needed for Joseph

Janette Cosier is looking for people who are willing to usher for Joseph. This is an easy job that people who are not in the show can do, and a very helpful way to contribute. Many people who often help with ushering are in the cast this time, so we really need extra helpers.

Please help if you can. If you are able to usher for one or more shows, please contact Janette ASAP by sending an email to hjcosier@gmail.com.

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

Please email Janette now if you can help, and tell her:

- The dates that you are able to help
- Whether or not you have a ticket for that performance.

Ushers need to be at Lakeside Road Uniting Church at 1:15 pm for the matinees or 6:15 pm for the evening shows (**5:15 pm for our 6:30 pm performance**).

Ushers should wear black clothes (or else, white top and black bottom). EUCMS will provide a vest to cover this.



JOSEPH IS NOW ON SALE!

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 is being used for JOSEPH tickets.

How does it work?

Go to our website (www.eucms.org.au), 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 your credit card and print your own tickets at home, 24 hours a day! It is that easy.

Can I still book over the phone?

The usual phone booking methods will continue to operate in the evenings (after 7:00 pm) on 8061 7195 for those who don't have Internet access and credit cards. Jenny Beddoe is our booking agent.

Can I book at Friday night rehearsals?

Jenny may be available on some Friday nights for purchase of tickets prior to rehearsals, but this should be by prior arrangement, as she will not normally attend Friday rehearsals for this purpose. Please ring the booking number (8061 7195) if you need to purchase tickets from Jenny prior to a Friday night rehearsal.

Ticket prices

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

EUCMS NEWS

“You shall go out with joy...” – the EUCMS annual service

On Sunday 21 August, members of EUCMS gathered at Marsden Road Uniting Church for a joyful evening of praise and thanksgiving at our annual church service. We were also joined by some members of the Marsden Road congregation.

The Rev. Helen Edgerton, minister at Marsden Road Uniting Church, who was also our guest speaker, entered into the planning of the service with great enthusiasm with Elaine Gow. Both Helen and Elaine worked hard to come up with a service plan that reflected the core faith underpinning our society, as well as the joy and musicality that Helen says she sees reflected in our onstage productions.

The theme of the service was joy, music and encouraging others through our service in the society. Coloured balloons, labelled with various fruits of the Spirit, decorated the communion table at the front of the church. Colour was everywhere, from the brightly coloured folders used by the choir, to the gaudy assortment of garments worn by Tim Keith (who graciously agreed to dress as a representative, colourful “character” to start and end the service).

The service started with a call to worship, led by Tim, and continued with the singing of hymns and songs selected by Helen and Elaine to fit in with the theme of the service. Phillip Bongers provided able accompaniment on the church organ for these.

The Cosier family read a version of 1 Corinthians for the Bible reading, while Caryn Kneale and Elaine Gow led us in prayer.

There were three musical items enjoyed by the congregation during the service. The choir (organised and led by Stephen Lee) offered a rendition of “Make me a channel of your peace” and a beautiful version of the Lord’s Prayer. A small group (Stephen Lee, Jess Allen, Caroline Reddel, Beth Madden, Megan Reddel, Bec Kimpton and Adam Virzi) delighted us with “We beseech thee” from the musical Godspell, an item that they had previously performed at the recent Encore! concerts.



The Rev. Helen Edgerton spoke to the congregation in an informal address, taking the opportunity to thank the society for its continued ministering to others, through the many onstage productions she and others have enjoyed and encouraging us to continue our fellowship through mutual enjoyment of what we do onstage. It was a humbling insight into the impact EUCMS’ ministry has on the wider community, reminding us that while we get a lot of enjoyment out of performing, it also gives a lot of joy and enjoyment to others.

The evening closed with a blessing from the "character", and a rousing rendition of "You shall go out with joy", leading us out of the church and down to the hall. The evening concluded with a delicious supper, organised and coordinated by Megan Willis.

The Executive would like to thank the many people who gave up their time to organise or be involved with the service, particularly Elaine and Stephen. We would also like to thank Helen, who not only allowed us to hold the service at Marsden Road, but made us feel so welcome there. Thanks also to Phillip Bongers, for being our organist and for assisting with the preparation and printing of the order of service, and to Brigitte and Bronwen Caroll for the wonderful job they did as welcomers at the door of the church (not an easy job on rather a cold night!)

It was a wonderful evening of fellowship and a fantastic opportunity to give thanks for the many blessings we have experienced as members of EUCMS.

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.

Granny Smith Festival, Saturday 15 October (morning)

The Eastwood Granny Smith Festival is approaching, and this year, we are hoping to have both a stall **AND** a spot in the parade!

This will be great publicity, both for Joseph (which will open the following week) and for the start of our 50th anniversary celebrations.

Please put this date in your diary now and let Caroline know if you are keen to be involved so we can make sure you have all the relevant info for the day!

You can contact Caroline on cazthelion@hotmail.com.



OTHER NEWS



Avenue Q

Kath Sharpham is appearing in *Avenue Q* with Rockdale Musical Society. Come and see her sing, dance, act and work a puppet!

Avenue Q opens Friday 9 September at Brighton Amateur Fisherman's Association:

100 Bestic Street
BRIGHTON LE SANDS NSW

The performance venue is a five minute drive from the Rockdale Town Hall.

Note: Avenue Q is not suitable for children but would make an excellent parents' night out!

Tickets can be purchased from the society's website at www.RockdaleMusicalSociety.com or over the phone on **8093 6562**.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Our love and sympathy are extended to Tony Quance and his family on the death of Tony's father, Phillip. We will have you in our thoughts, especially whilst you are travelling overseas.

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 (3 October).**

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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**.

Email us at **50th@eucms.org.au** with anniversary-related information or questions.

Next Executive meeting: 3 October at Adam & Penny Wilson's house, starts **7:00 pm**.

IMPORTANT 2011 DATES

24 September	Bump-in for Joseph
15 October	Granny Smith Festival
21 October, 8:00 pm	Opening night for Joseph
22 October, 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm	Matinee and evening performances for Joseph
28 October, 8:00 pm	Evening performance for Joseph
29 October, 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm	Matinee and evening performances for Joseph
4 November, 8:00 pm	Evening performance for Joseph
5 November, 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm	Matinee and closing night for Joseph
18 November	Bump-out for Joseph

Put the calendar on your fridge!