

## 300 Words from Martin

Hi everyone.

By the time you read this, "The Sound of Music" season will be drawing to a final close after an exceptional season. I guess it's no secret that we have had full houses for the entire season, and that our audiences have been extremely appreciative of our performance.

It's been a busy month for your executive team as well.

I mentioned last month that we were busily looking for an alternate venue for next year. That process has moved up a gear, and at this stage we have short-listed 3 possibilities. We're fairly excited to have progressed this far and I'll definitely keep you all informed as to our progress.

Of course, the reason why we're looking is because our trusty old home of 42 years, the Lakeside Road hall, is going to be extensively renovated during 2005.

Eastwood Uniting Church's new worship centre is an ultra-modern design, incorporating many features to cater for a large and diverse range of users, and uses. The final design details have still not been formalised, however, we are confident that we will be able to continue performing at Lakeside Road. We may have to change the way we do some things, but by and large the new design will be far superior to the existing halls, and will in particular be much more attractive and comfortable for our audiences.

We have been in consultation with the Church's planning committee and the architect, and I personally am pleased to report that many of our initial concerns have been addressed. And that we will have a performance venue of which we can be proud.

Of course, we don't stop, and now it's full steam ahead {or is that sail?} to HMS Pinafore. See you there.

Have Fun

Martin

## Sound of Music

Don has been highly delighted with the performances so far. Audience reaction has been fantastic and yes, someone has told him it's the best show ever, as well as one dear old lady saying it was better than the film.... Julie Andrews move over! Don also would like his sincere appreciation passed on publicly to Harold who worked so very hard in Keith's absence. No doubt Don will have more to say at the after-show party, but for now says a great **thank you** to all concerned.

## HMS Pinafore

As the door closes upon SOUND of MUSIC, the window of PINAFORE opens, we say 'Goodbye' to Captain Von Trapp, and 'hello' to Captain Corcoran, and 'auf wiedersehen' to Rolf as we usher in Ralph. Wimples are definitely 'last season', the Nazis have been defeated and hemlines have grown shorter, beehives are in fashion and the Beatles are all the rage! That's right, Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operetta has been reset in the 1960's!

With Elaine Gow at the helm musically, I'm looking forward to an even better 'best show ever'. The show requires a large chorus, not only of sailors, but of sisters, cousins and aunts, so it will be 'all hands on deck' from the moment first rehearsal starts! And, if you feel your sea legs are a little unsteady, well then we'd love to see you backstage, in lighting, on the make-up team, decor team or costume team - wherever you feel you would like to try out your talents, the show has heaps of opportunity to spread your wings! I'm looking forward to seeing you all on deck,

Reporting for duty, Thomas Leslie.

**Auditions:** 5 & 6 July

**First Rehearsal:** 20 July (read through) then 23 July

**Performances:** 22,23,29,30 October & 5,6 November

Please call director Tom Leslie for further details:

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### Editor's Corner....

As we say *So long, farewell* to another wonderful show, many thanks go to Don and his team for all their hard work and dedication during the lead up to a very successful season of *Sound of Music*. We welcome Tom and the crew on deck for *HMS Pinafore*, and we wish them a bon voyage as they set sail. Please find the audition material enclosed with your bulletin. Adam Wilson Ph: 9873 5639 / 0425 313 336 or [panda@tig.com.au](mailto:panda@tig.com.au)

## EUCMS and Members' News.....

### New Members' Auditions

Anyone who might have a friend who loved *Sound of Music* and is now very keen to also get on stage, New Members' Auditions are on 9 July. Niki Barton is the Executive person you need to talk to.

### Storage?

We are looking at options for storage of our under stage stuff for next year. Andrew McAlpine would be interested in hearing from anyone with access to storage space at their home, business etc. or any alternative suggestions for storage.

### Mid-year Dinner Details - 3 July

Our dinner is at the *Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club*. The evening starts at 7pm on 3 July. Please mark this date on your calendar and let Lynn know if you intend to come ASAP. Cost is \$32 per head for a three course meal (with choices for each course) & tea or coffee, not including other drinks. Pre-payment to Lynn is required to secure your spot for the evening.

### Annual Church Service

Another date for your diaries, August 15, is our annual church service. This is a very informal night and we normally get someone to speak on the evening from one of the charities we donate to. More details in the next bulletin.

### Toby Scott Matthews

Weighing in at 4kg, Toby made his arrival into the world just on midnight Friday May 21, two weeks earlier than expected. Scott and Kirrily are home now and all doing well. To quote Scott, "He's going really well, although he thinks that day is night and night is day! Makes for a weary Mummy and Daddy, but not to worry we're really enjoying it!"



Toby - EUCMS newest leading man

### The Hogans' Update

We have bought a 3 acre block of land out of town, and are in the final stages of having designs done for our new home. It's going to be pretty big - 5 bedrooms! But why move away from civilisation if you're not going to make the most of it?? The need for space is a mixture of our family plans, and also wanting to accommodate all of our visitors from the East coast in style! The house will take about 7 months to go up from the time the plans are approved by council.

We have yet to join the local theatre society. They don't seem to be much like EUCMS, although there are 5 shows a year here. They are currently performing "The Cemetery Club", which is a play - although most shows are musicals. John has missed auditions for Cinderella, but could still go in the Wizard of Oz later in the year. No jobs for an MD, though, as the company does not use an orchestra (can't get performers) but tapes - yikes!!

Seb and Piper are both well, and we are settling in here. We miss all our EUCMS friends, and are looking forward to seeing any venturers who head over this way.

Our new phone number is: 08 9923 0456.

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