

## 300 Words from Martin

By the time you read this, HMS Pinafore will be sailing with a fair breeze and full sail, proudly wearing the colours of success and fuelled by the famous EUCMS enthusiasm!

Jenny and I have been away for a month, travelling around France and the UK in a somewhat less flamboyant mode of transport, a rental car. Like all such holidays, the journeying itself was as important as reaching the destination. In our case, we had many destinations, and journeyed nearly 5,000 km by car.

For the cast and crew of HMS Pinafore, the journey has been through the long and sometimes choppy waters of the rehearsal period, and the destination, the performance season is now clearly in view. When you're in the middle of a long and arduous journey, its sometimes hard to judge your own progress. We've had the advantage of being away, and coming back, and when I saw the full show being rehearsed last Tuesday, I was surprised and delighted at what is going to be an excellent production of HMS Pinafore. Sure, there's still work to be done, but keep the enthusiasm levels high and success is assured. Congratulations to everyone involved in the show.

I have recently been encouraged by two messages which I would like to share. The first was delivered by Aryun Lee, at our annual church service at Marsden Road church. Aryun reminded us that when we look at clouds, our imagination makes us see things that we might otherwise miss. God wants us to "look to the clouds" and see the possibilities that lie ahead for us, and to not be afraid of going where we haven't been before. The second message came from the Lakeside road farewell service. We were challenged with the question, "What makes a place sacred?" The answer came clearly that it is the combined memories of many many people who have come to a place to share in something important to them. For EUCMS, that place is the Lakeside road hall. The stage, the kitchen, foyer, wings, change rooms, make-up areas....they all hold

memories for us. As we move forward into uncharted waters, I think its important to realise that the real "sacredness" of our place lies within the EUCMS membership, the combined talents, skills and enthusiasm that makes EUCMS what it is.

Next year, and the following year will present some new and unique challenges to us. Our "Place" will be different, but we will still be here and meeting together to share our common experiences. Let's look to the clouds and place our trust in God to let us fly!

See you on the sea

Martin

## HMS Pinafore

*A story of love, rank, desire & door-to-door sales...*

### Show Dates for HMS Pinafore

**Performances:** 8pm shows: 22,23,29 & 30 October  
5 & 6 November  
2pm shows: 29 Oct & 5 Nov

### Ushers Needed - Urgent!

If you haven't had a phone call from Adam yet this week, **please call him** as we are still critically short for ushers for some performances.... even if you can only do one show! It is a fun time that only takes an hour and is a great opportunity to be an important representative for the society. Thanks to those who have already offered to help.



Elaine wanted to share this moment of our Director's obvious joy at his cast's endeavours. We wish Tom and all the cast and crew all the best for what will be a wonderful season aboard the HMS Pinafore. Keep selling those tickets!

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Congratulations to Paul & Clare Taylor on Jeni and Warren's wedding. What a wonderful day it was!

### Editor's Corner....

It has been a delight to see all the hard work paying off at rehearsals with Tom and his team, it is always great to get to this time and finally have an audience to share all the hard work with. Enjoy the next three weekends, and for the cast on stage - don't be afraid to *really* show your enjoyment! Remember everyone on stage has a job to perform and there will *always* be someone watching YOU even if you are in the back corner! So help lift those performing around you by giving it your everything! - A big thanks to Tony & Andrew for all their efforts with the Granny Smith Festival - Ed (Adam Wilson)

## EUCMS & Member's News

### EUCMS NEWS

#### Granny Smith Festival

The annual Granny Smith Festival was held at Eastwood last Saturday. EUCMS uses this event each year to publicise our society to festival goers and to encourage them to see our shows. This year's festival was held the week before opening night of HMS Pinafore. Each year we hand out flyers for the show, and hopefully sell some tickets.

The society would like to thank Andrew McAlpine, Adam Wilson and Tony Quance for organising its' stall this year. Thanks must also go to the members who helped on the day handing out flyers and selling tickets. These included: Belinda Bongers, Meagan Willis, Niki Barton, Megan Reddel, Rochelle Dempsey, Elaine Gow, Lynne James, Peter Madvig, Scott Morton, Malcolm McPherson, Barry Barton, Brian Madden & Warren Charlton.

If you missed the Granny Smith Parade, you missed seeing Rochelle spring aboard a Harley Davidson as it passed the EUCMS' stall. She had flyers in hand, so hopefully we will have numerous Harley riders coming to the shows! *Tony Quance - Organiser*

#### Christmas Service

We have been asked to be part of a Christmas Service with a team from St Andrews church (where we will be performing next year). It will involve choir singing with a possibility of some solo work. Please contact Andrew McAlpine if you would like to be part of this service.

#### Christmas Party

We have confirmed the party will be at Narelle Murray's house at Dural, on 11 December at 7pm. We need numbers to Belinda now so we can organise the catering for the evening.

#### 2005 Productions Teams

We are still asking for expressions of interest for production teams for our 2005 shows. We have had some

responses, but not enough to fill all the roles. We are really keen to find a Musical Director & Production manager for *Fiddler*. No production team... no show! Speak to Martin NOW!!!! Belinda will still also accept any late questionnaires.

#### 2005 Planning

Don't forget to start putting into place the appropriate plans for the change of rehearsal nights next year, either *Mon & Thurs* or *Tues & Thurs*.

### MEMBER'S NEWS

#### Baby News

Big congratulations to Tim & Sarah Keith for the announcement of their pregnancy. We wish them well as they prepare for the big day in late March. How could this child NOT be a performer!! God bless your little one as it grows.

#### Christmas Celebrations

Tim & Sarah also welcome everyone to the music presentation at Eastwood Baptist Church. It is called "Festival of Lights" and will be presented on Friday, 3 December 2004 at 8.00 pm and Sunday, 5 December 2004 at 7.00 pm.

#### A Record?

We found out at Granny Smith that Megan Reddel is performing in her 7th consecutive production since joining the society in 2001. Congratulations Megan! Can any other members out there beat this consecutive run?

#### Free to a Good Home

Due to a typo last bulletin, you may have decided you didn't want to BUY my tired old electrical items, but they are actually free. So if you are interested, there are two "3 in 1" stereos and a biggish colour TV. If you would like them and have the skills to repair them you are welcome to them, or if you know of any organisation which might be interested in fixing them and either using or selling them to raise money, please let me know.  
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