

Portland CEMA Inc. - Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts

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President's Report

One thing I have learnt in the world of committees is that most people who serve on them, serve on many of them. I was chatting the other day and heard of one local figure who was serving on more than twenty at one time!! It can often be hard to remember that those of us who take time out to work for the community have other lives as well. I regularly forget about my 'other life'. I would like to express my admiration at this point to all those wonderful people who 'wear many hats' - where would community groups such as CEMA be without you.

Botanical Gardens

I haven't managed to attend as many social functions this month, family and Uni have taken up the majority of my attention - May has her first tooth, and I've got assignments coming out my ears. I managed to squeeze in a visit to the Day at the Gardens on Sunday between computer work and shopping to see many of our CEMA members 'wearing other hats'. The Brass Band was great and the Irish Band really added to the relaxing atmosphere of the Gardens.

The Stables

Congratulations to Gordon Stokes, Judy & Bernard Wallace, Workskills, and participants of the Work for the Dole Scheme who have done such a wonderful job of conservation on The Stables at the Arts Company. The Stables were nominated for the Work for the Dole Scheme Awards and were a finalist in the Community Heritage Conservation category. The award in that category was won by the restoration of a 1909 aeroplane, an awesome feat, yet The Stables project truly summed up the meaning of a Community based endeavour, and we are very proud that the project reached national recognition level.

The Arts Company had a display in their front room in Julia Street of all of the many and varied items of historical interest found within the Stables during the conservation process. I had a wonderful time examining them, and I'm sure that the participants of the Scheme must have really been excited to be involved in a project with archaeological undertones.

"Take Note"

Have you booked for the 'Take Note' series - if not you are running out of time!! Friday night sees the first element of this very successful and professional series of musical events. Am very much looking forward to attending the 'Soiree', must wear my 'Soiree' outfit!! Now everyone has to go just to see what a 'Soiree' outfit is!! Tony Elias and Alison Hilder will be performing pieces for clarinet and pi-

ano which we are looking forward to immensely. Call Karl at CEMA Arts Centre to use the new booking system!!

Until then,

Claire Endacott (President)



Some of the Portland Irish Group in action

THE ARTS COMPANY

Space Rental

I like the headline chosen by the Portland Observer recently for their article on The Arts Company - "Co-operative Art Works". A good example is the recent workshop of members held to consider the future viability of The Arts Company. After hours of discussion and soul-searching it was agreed that a rental for space be introduced. This recommendation was accepted by the management committee at the March meeting.

"Portland Bay Press"

Congratulations must go to the new group, 'Portland Bay Press' for their efforts in changing a drab, greasy and dull space into a vibrant, fresh and clean venue for our new state-of-the-art etching press.

National Youth Week

Our community involvement continues with National Youth Week. A number of young people representing Portland Secondary College, Bayview College and Heywood and District Secondary College will work upstairs at 21 Julia Street creating individual sculptures each based on a fishing float. They will be combined into a colourful raft and launched into the lagoon adjacent to the Maritime Discovery Centre on Wednesday 3rd April.

Ann Tassie

Artists-in-residence Ann Tassie from Adelaide will hold an exhibition: 'A Coastal Walk' in the Portland Bay Press. The exhibition will open on Thursday 27th March and run until Friday 4th April.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 5.30 pm on Wednesday 9th of April.

Lesley Jackson (Chair) 5

ARTS PORTLAND/HEYWOOD GLENELG SHIRE SHOWCASE

August 4th - 29th

Last year I mentioned the possibility of putting on a Glenelg Shire Showcase during the second half of 2003. This has now been planned for the month of August so we now need a firm commitment from all participants in this event. We have selected 12 main exhibits plus a collection of samples of other crafts available in the area in one combined display for the exhibition space in the CEMA Arts Centre.

All rehearsals/practises and normal 'activity' times are to be placed on an August Calendar so anyone interested in these activities can join your groups as spectators or participants for this month (you never know they may wish to join as members of your group) The plans at the moment include the calendar listing all our groups and their activity times. The main opening where many of the performance groups will be performing will be on date to be set nearer the time.

If your group have not received updated information and a Commitment form and you wish to take part please let us know and we shall forward you the necessary paperwork.

If you require more information please give me a ring or Karl and we shall try and put you on the right track.

Thanking you for attention.

Joy Savill

FILM GROUP

Saturday 29th March.

On The Waterfront

with Marlon Brando, Eve Marie Saint, Rod Steiger,
Also Buster Keaton in **One Week**.

Friday 25th April

Naked Spur

James Stewart, Janet Leigh, and Robert Ryan.
Also **St Louis Blues** with Bessie Smith.

Saturday 24th May.

Mars Attacks

Glenn Close, Jack Nicholson and Danny Di Vito.

All screenings 7.30pm at CEMA ARTS CENTRE

Allen Jones (Secretary)

Music Glenelg

Take Note

Please see the enclosed flier with details of our performances.

Tutti Singers

Music Glenelg Tutti Singers will be in recess immediately after the performance at the Portland Civic Hall Gala Performance until further notice. I would like to thank the group for their dedication and involvement. Singers will be notified of the next rehearsal, by phone. It is hoped that on that occasion we will begin rehearsals for the musical.

Joy Ralph (Convenor)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Bridgewater Weekend

Our Bridgewater weekend with Terry Jarvis is on the 4th, 5th and 6th of April. We are still looking for people to come. This is a great social time, and everyone wanting to start painting, Terry is a excellent teacher.

Members for full accommodation and tutoring:

\$130

Non-members \$150

For more information contact Jeanette or Jenny

Paint out days

Paint out days will be held 1st Saturday in the month:

May 3rd - Crayfish Bay

June 7th - Surry Ridge Picnic Ground

Contact members for more information.

Wood, Wine and Roses

Wood, Wine and Roses Art Exhibition was a great success with 50 paintings showing. P.A.S. members were the main award winners.

Guild of Realists

The Australian Guild of Realist Artists are coming to Portland from 30th March - 6th April. They have invited local artists to join them so if interested contact one of our members for particulars. A showing of their work will be at The Arts Company on the 5th April.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)

Community Concert Band

Former conductor Brian Healy retired from the Concert Band at Christmas 2002. Rehearsals are now being directed by Eddie Morisini and our enthusiastic players of all ages meet at CEMA Arts Centre each Thursday at the **new time of 7:45 pm**, finishing at 10 pm.

We welcome new players of flute/recorder, clarinet, saxophones, trumpet, trombone, keyboard and percussion to visit a rehearsal with their instruments. All music provided. Enquiries to Reg Thomas.

June Roberts

Historical Society

Portland Historical Society will celebrate its 38th birthday on Thursday 3rd April at 12.15 pm with lunch at the Portland Bay Lavender Farm. Names must be in to Win or Betty before this date.

Betty Vivian (President)

Choral Group

ANZAC Day

At the invitation of the Portland RSL, the Choral Group will again take part in the ANZAC Day ceremony and radio 3RPC broadcast, as we have since 1991. Interested CEMA members are welcome to attend a rehearsal on Monday 21st April and sing with us on Friday 25th to honour war veterans. Please phone Carol Darby to register interest.

Upcoming Concerts

Warrnambool Mozart Choral Group and our choir are combining to present concerts in Warrnambool (May 24) and Portland (May 25). More details in next month's newsletter.

Seven of our members are also participating in Mozart: "Requiem" performances on March 29 and 30.

Help

Are you a pianist who would like to help our group on some Monday nights at rehearsal? Please contact June Roberts or Carol Darby, for full details and music. Our friendly choir will be delighted and make you very welcome.

Roma Waterman

Roma Waterman, singer-songwriter-teacher-author is leading workshops on April 5th for those interested in good basic singing technique. They are being held at Portland Church of Christ, cnr Tyers and Hurd streets. Roma has recorded 3 solo albums and toured Australia, N.Z., U.S.A. and Singapore.

Workshops cost \$30 (students \$20).

Promenade of Sacred Music

Roma, along with many other quality performers and groups, is taking part in the Southern Grampians Promenade of Sacred Music in Hamilton from April 3-6. Admission to all 12 or so events is \$70 (\$65 concession) or tickets are available for each event.

Not to be missed is the final concert at Tarrington Lutheran Church featuring massed choirs, organ, brass and congregation at times joining in. Tickets \$10 (\$8 concession).

Several events in the Festival feature choral singing and a comprehensive brochure on every event can be sent to you if you ring.

June Roberts (Convenor)

PIONEER QUILTERS

The next meeting will be held at The Arts Company on Monday, 14th April at 10 am.

The workshop will be "Crazy Patchwork" - a new quick method with Peggy.

Requirements:

- 12" x 12" squares in 12 colours.
- Sewing Machine etc.
- Rotary cutter & mat.

A "sit and sew" day will be held at the Arts Company on April 28th at 10 am.

Dorothy Longney (Secretary)

Poetry Reading Group

Reminder: Next group meeting will be held at the CEMA Arts Centre at 2 pm on Sunday 13th April. - change of date due to our usual 3rd Sunday being Easter Day.

Our last meeting attracted 14 members who enjoyed the program.



Barb Sharrock at her Life Membership presentation

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Theatre Group

Youth Drama Workshops

CEMA Community Theatre is currently running a series of 8 drama workshops for young people, 6 - 7 pm every second Wednesday evening in the CEMA Arts Centre.

The sessions will teach the group a little bit about what the theatre group does, and hopefully will cultivate some more eager young thespians, as well as having a whole lot of fun.

The next session will be Wednesday, 12 March. For further details contact Danielle.

Dimboola

The Theatre group has also recently begun rehearsals of the play DIMBOOLA by Jack Hibberd. They are still a male or two short, so if anyone is interested . . .

. . . please contact Kat Warner or Doug Elford.



The Stables, recently the subject of a conservation project by Gordon Stokes, Workskills, and participants of the Work for the Dole Scheme

Shifting Sands

A spectacular photographic exhibition of coastline images by ROBERT BOLE, all of which were taken along the Great Ocean Road over a 3 year period.

The exhibition will consist of 34 limited edition prints in full colour.

CEMA Arts Centre

27 March to 18 April.

A Coastal Walk

An exhibition of work by PEAR artist-in-residence Ann Tassie from Adelaide

at the Portland Bay Press, Julia Street

Thursday 27th March - Friday 4th April.