

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

Newsletter - August 2003

President's Report

It was the 59th Annual General Meeting of CEMA in 2003 this month, and may I say it went extremely well. The Community Concert Band started off proceedings at 7 pm, and welcomed members to the tune of 'Born to Be Wild', which was fantastic. Formal proceedings took over at 7.45 pm, then supper was enjoyed with the Choral Group performing.

As you can probably tell from my writing this report, I was elected President of CEMA for the coming year. Jenny Heath from the Theatre Group has accepted the post of Secretary, Jan Colliver stepped down from being Secretary and then accepted the post of senior vice-president, Allan Jones (film group) has accepted the post of junior vice-president, Phil Darby stood down as membership secretary and this position has been taken on by the Martins. Gregor, thankfully, is still our treasurer; and Warren, also thankfully, is still our newsletter co-ordinator. Lex has taken on the role of Arts Company Rep, with myself as back-up.

I was so pleased that all these positions were easily filled or resumed with enthusiasm. Thank you all for making it so easy to continue as a functioning body.

At the AGM it was decided that membership is to go up to meet the rising cost of living. It has been many years since we had our fees go up, but all decided that it was time that this should happen. The rise in fees will help to cover rising insurance costs. I wish to advise that non-financial members will be rooted out this year - it is up to individual groups to ensure that their participants pay up.

The new fees for membership are as follows:

- Family membership \$60;
- Individual membership \$30;
- Junior / Concession membership \$18.

The time to pay is now!!! Enclosed membership form should be utilised.

Hope everyone has a happy and productive month.

Claire Endacott (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

After six years as membership secretary Phil Darby assisted by Carol has resigned. I am sure all CEMA members are grateful to the Darbys for their time in the position. Learning the ropes is no pushover- it is not just a matter of you

handing over your money and getting a receipt. Computers have certainly enabled the collection of necessary details and data.

We will be expecting Group Convenors to make every effort to collect memberships and prompt payment before October will make the job less stressful. Payment may also be made at the Arts Co. If possible payment with crossed cheques made out to CEMA Inc. would help security.

On looking through last years membership list it is amazing how many groups have active members who did not pay. It is not surprising the number of members has dropped.

Please understand the increased fees was a decision made at the AGM due to the increased costs of insurance and postage to name a few. Remember payment is due now even if you were a late payer last year. Unfortunately there were plenty in this category.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

The Membership Form has metamorphosed yet again. The purpose of this is to identify more clearly new and renewing members. Renewing members whose details are already on the CEMA database do not need to provide these again, unless there are details that need altering, such as change of address, membership status (adult, conc, etc), and areas where members may volunteer to help. If nothing changes, you only have to tick a box.

Would all convenors destroy any previous membership forms. Future membership matters should now be directed to Bev and Bill Martin.

P.Darby (Outgoing Membership Secretary)



The Outgoing Executive at the AGM

Book Discussion Group

Last month we read "The sound of one hand clapping" by Richard Flanigan, which highlighted the problems faced by post-war migrants. We were also able to obtain the video, which we watched over lunch before discussing the book.

This month we are reading Daphne du Maurier's "The Scapegoat". Our next meeting will be at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, August 6th, at 113 Cape Nelson Road. New members welcome.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

Choral Group

Sam Jones has lost a Boogie Woogie Piano CD at the CEMA Arts Centre. It was last seen in the Committee Room during the "Songs of Sea and Shore" concert on 25th May. Although it looks like a normal CD cover inside is a memory card for an electronic piano. If anyone has found it could they please contact June Roberts.

Warren Mars (Bass)

Fibre Group

2002/2003 has been a successful year, again, for the Fibre Group. Our membership has remained the same. Members have continued to meet every Thursday in the Pavilion at the Arts Company.

Several members attended the Sharing Day at Streatham in March 2003. They had a very enjoyable day.

Eight members attended a Sharing Day run by the Hamilton Wool and Craft Group at Yulecart on Monday 14th July. A good day was had by all. We learnt some new knitting patterns.

At our AGM held on Thursday 10th July the following office bearers were elected:

- Convenor/Treasurer: Mary Sharrock
- Secretary: Jo Koch
- Vice Convenor: Nadine Anderson
- Roster for Arts Co Shop: Trish Harris

New members would be most welcome.

Josephine Koch (Secretary)

FILM GROUP

CEMA Film's Program for Friday, 25th July:

Susan Slept Here: A comedy with Dick Powell and Debbie Reynolds in her first starring roll.

Safety Last: We are also fortunate to have one of the most renowned of the Harold Lloyd comedies.

Screening at the CEMA Arts Centre.
The afternoon session starts at 2.00 pm.
The evening session at 7.30 pm.
Admission by donation. Visitors welcome.

Have you considered a fund raiser? The Film Group would be happy to help.

Allen Jones (Secretary)

Historical Society

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday August 7th, at the CEMA Arts Centre. Awaiting confirmation from the Guest Speaker.

History House display: "Miniatures" will be repeated for a second month.

Betty Vivian (President)



The Blowholes perform at the 2003 AGM

President's Song

I now wish to include the report I gave at the AGM - it should be sung to the tune of 'Modern Major General'.

There's miniatures at History House
and weddings in Dimboola
There's fuschia brooches made from beads
Community Arts Showcases
Fat Greek Weddings, Music Box
Blue Moon Singers, Theatre workshops
There really is a lot to us
Here at Portland CEMA.

There's apartment space available at June Hedditch Studio
The poetry group recites verse from Geebung Polo
Jazz and Blues out in the vines
10th Birthday Wood, Roses, Wine
Yes I had to make it rhyme
Here at Portland CEMA.

There's Concert Bands and Choral Groups
and windows made from leadlight
The Take Note Concert Series
Decadent Delicious highlight
Sit and Sew Day, PEAR Project
Workskills projects, Life Membership
There really is a lot to it
Here at Portland CEMA.

There's Etching Groups and Fibre Groups
and Karl and Joy in situ
There's Bells and Brass and COSI farce
and Paint Out Days with a good view
Promenade, Scheherezade
Wood Turning and the tourist trade
and none of us ever get paid
Here at Portland CEMA.

At first there was John and Jane Hayes
but it is Claire and Jan now
meeting at Executive, whose members should all take a bow
Jo, Bev, June, Lex, Joy Savill,
Mary, Danni, Graeme, Gregor and Phil,
Carol, Leslie, Carmel,
Clinton, - Oh Hell! - You know who you are!
Here at Portland CEMA.

Our members all have a ball
If you need us you just call
We'll keep it going for us all
Here at Portland CEMA.

Claire Endacott (President)

Leadlighter's Guild

The Guild AGM was held on July 13th. We are pleased to have a new Convenor. Pam Travers was elected with Barb Clark-Reeves as Secretary.

The second leadlight class has begun with a full complement of beginners.

Our Annual Report was presented at the CEMA AGM on the 17th July along with the groups, close on twenty varied and interesting reports.

Congratulations to the Concert Band who opened the evening with very enjoyable music conducted by Eddie Morisini. CEMA President Claire then stole the show by singing her annual report to the strains of G&S! Well done June, who conducted the choir who sang during supper.

A great evening and it did not cost a cent. Make sure you are all there next year.

Bev Martin (Convenor)

Music Glenelg

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting saw the election of the following office bearers under Chairman Karl Hatton (Cultural Services Officer).

- Convenor: Joy Ralph
- Event Director: Graeme Firth
- Secretary/Treasurer: Maree Standford
- Publicity Officer: Peggy Roberts
- General Committee: Mike Barrett, Jo Koch, Dorothy Firth, Glenda Rogers, Marlene Tait, Lee Chisholm, Ian Rankin.

Sincere thanks for sterling work to foundation members Lee Chisholm (Secretary), Mike Barrett (Treasurer) and Josephine Koch (fundraising competitions and organising of event ushers).

Western District Choral Festival

Glenda Rogers and Marlene Tait are inviting choirs in the wider region to perform at the Western District Choral Festival in Portland on October 18th. Music Glenelg Blue Moon Singers will commence practice for this event on Tuesday, 26th August, 7:30 pm in Wesley Uniting Church.

Music Glenelg Tutti Singers practice, Sunday, July 27th, 5:30 pm at the CEMA Arts Centre.

Peggy Roberts (Publicity Manager)

PIONEER QUILTERS

The next meeting of the Pioneer Quilters will be held at the Arts Company, on the 11th of August at 10 am. Work will continue on the child's quilt, please bring your sewing machine.

At the A.G.M. on July 14th Elvie Douglass was elected President and Chris Parker Secretary.

Our next sit & sew day will be held on the 28th August, at 10 am. New members most welcome.

Dorothy Longney (Secretary)

portland bay press

We have recently held another two exciting workshops with the support of Glenelg Hopkins CMA. The first, which was tutored by Ron Quick, dealt with colour separation in etching, while the second covered techniques in monotype and was tutored by Carmel Wallace. These two will form part of the basis for a wetlands exhibition which will be held later in the year.

July is a full month at PBP with the opening of an exhibition of works by Ron Quick on Thursday 10th July from 5-30 to 7 pm. Entitled "fools paradise" (no capitals) this exhibition will run till the 27th July.

Annette Taylor

Poetry Reading Group

At our last meeting, Sunday 20th, we were all shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the sudden and tragic death by accident of Bill Power, a group member and esteemed friend.

Next reading is scheduled for Sunday, 17th August at 2 o'clock at CEMA Arts Centre. Listeners as well as readers are always welcome.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

SHADOW BOX WANTED

The Poetry Reading Group requires the loan of a SHADOW BOX (20 cm - 30 cm) for display at the Show Case in August.

Contact 5523 1804 or 5523 4659

June Hedditch Studio

June Hedditch Studio-Apartments

The artists' accommodation can be booked by Groups when they have visiting tutors, workshop facilitators, or visitors participating in their activities.

The cost for self-catering accommodation is from \$30 per night, with further special rates for concession-holders. The JH Studio Committee hopes to distribute a group booking form in a few weeks.

Remember - if you use the accommodation for group activities, you will keep costs down - and ensure that The Arts Company's facilities are fully used.

Lex Chalmers

Glenelg Shire Arts Program

SAHARA - Music Without Borders

Originally from Ireland, Trish and Dave of Sahara write songs that are contemporary but with a Celtic feel: a combination of folk, rock and soul. They've produced two successful CDs, are described as a world class act, and have been playing sell out concerts and festivals around Australia.

8.00 pm, Saturday, 26 July - CEMA Arts Centre.

Cost: Adult \$20; Concession \$15; Child/Student \$10.

Bookings: CEMA Arts Centre - Phone 5522 2301

HOME, HEART, HERITAGE

Orchids of the Wimmera Plains

This exhibition was originally scheduled for May and June, but unfortunately had to be postponed. It consists of 64 close-up, detailed colour photographs of orchids, recorded by DAVID FLETCHER over the last 15 years on roadsides and farm properties in the Wimmera-Mallee region, and includes several rare species and some now extinct. A must see for photographers, and those who treasure our local flora.

At the CEMA Arts Centre, 3 - 31 July.

The gallery is open 2 - 4 pm each weekday and often at other times during the week when the Cultural Services Officer is in attendance.

COMMUNITY ARTS SHOWCASE

CEMA Arts Centre, 2 to 30 August

This exhibition celebrates the many significant and diverse community arts projects presented in the Glenelg Shire in recent years, of which 'VISIONS by Emma-Lynn' is one further example.

At 6.30 pm, Saturday, 2 August, the Community Arts Showcase will be officially launched at a ticketed event in the CEMA Arts Centre, as a prelude to 'VISIONS by Emma-Lynn'.

Cost: Adult \$20; Concession \$15; Family \$60

Bookings: CEMA Arts Centre - Phone 5522 2301

Joy Ralph (Assistant CSO) 5522 2301



"Car Accident" from Todd Baxter's Exhibition

“VISIONS”

by Emma-Lynn

A range of fashions designed and made by Emma-Lynn Vollstedt feature in this event, and as a result of Emma's experience of dancing for over 14 years competitively, she has choreographed the night to be a visual spectacular.

“VISIONS” by Emma-Lynn was inspired by her involvement in Decadent & Delicious, part of the 2002 Melbourne Fringe Fashion Festival.

The program includes some original acoustic music provided by local musicians, and the performance will conclude with supper and refreshments.

CEMA Arts Centre.
7.30 pm, Saturday, 2 August

Adult \$10 Concession \$8 Family \$22
Children under 12 years \$5
Bookings: CEMA Arts Centre - Phone 5522 2301

MACBETH

“THE OLD VAN” is the only regionally-based touring theatre company in Victoria. Under the direction of Fiona Blair, it has established a reputation for presenting dynamic, innovative theatre, and this adaptation of Macbeth is no exception. It promises to be an absorbing and exciting performance that utilises the CEMA Arts Centre in a unique way.

CEMA Arts Centre.
8 pm, Wednesday, 6 August

Adult \$20 Concession \$15 Family \$60

Bookings: CEMA Arts Centre - Phone 5522 2301