

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

Newsletter - August 2006

President's Report

I would like to thank all who have served on the CEMA executive and all who lead their groups. Without you our mission to "Encourage Music and the Arts" in Portland would be "mission impossible!" We had a good "turn up" at the AGM, and enjoyed informative group reports, visuals (via the website), performance poetry, the delicious afternoon tea, and fine company.

Thanks to retiring secretary, Sue Podger, who's administrative skills and good humour will be missed. The scouting/cubbing movement in Heywood will benefit from her skills, she will maintain her choral group involvement, and is sure to be swept along if we manage to get a "musical" happening next year!

We welcome Katrina Antony (Bayview College Registrar, and keen instructor for the Portland Surf Lifesaving Club), to the position of Secretary. Jason Oates (fresh from the Theatre group backstage crew), has accepted the position of Junior Vice President. All other executive positions were accepted by the current team. Thanks to all for staying on for another CEMA year.

Sue Ireland has continued to be a most supportive Vice-President and member of the Arts Advisory council, and Gregor Mc Gregor can only be described as Mr Reliable. Bev and Bill Martin are a great membership team and a tremendous ongoing help in many aspects of our organisation. Warren Mars calmly makes the newsletter appear after each executive meeting and diligently looks after our website. June Roberts has plugged away at promotional material which reinforces the fact that we are first and foremost CEMA members, and what the costs involved are. Lex Chalmers and Bev Martin attended the Regional Arts Victoria conference and network with people far and wide to our benefit.

I don't intend to summarise the year's activities. The newsletters and website provide a good summary of our achievements for the year, as did group reports on Sunday.

I urge you to make sure your group communicates with other groups via the newsletter, and by representation on executive, **MAKE SURE YOUR GROUP FINANCIAL REPORTS ARE SENT TO GREGOR MCGREGOR ... THIS IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT..**

Challenges for the next year will include updating our constitution (something which Gregor Mc Gregor and Warren Mars have done some preliminary work on), continuing to be true to our mission and aims and objectives.

Mary Sharrock Life Membership Presentation

CEMA Life Members have included: Collin and Dorothy Woolcock, K.S. Anderson OBE, June Hedditch, Ken Hodge, Marion Bellis & Eve Hogan.

Current Life Members are: Betty Vivian, Lex Chalmers OAM, Nance Malseed, Dawn Turner, Eric Thorpe, Barbara Sharrock & Don Chalmers.

At the AGM on Sunday it was my pleasure to announce that Mary Sharrock now joins this group of what I described as CEMA treasures.

Those of you who know of Mary's involvement in our organisation will agree wholeheartedly with the sub-committee's recommendation to bestow Life Membership on her. Mary had dedicated more than 10 years of service at executive level, and in administration of the Fibre Group, Pioneer Quilters and The Arts Company, as well as prolific work in fibre and quilting.

Blithe Spirit

It was busy weekend. I shared Theatre Group's disappointment with low audience numbers, but applaud their achievement in realising their dream of presenting this play. Consider the months of rehearsals! Please support Blithe Spirit this Friday and Saturday. It has been a joy to watch the development of young local talent over time, particularly Jess Knight, who aspires to an acting career. Heywood secondary College drama teacher Tanya Logan is a welcome newcomer to CEMA productions, she lights up the stage as Madame Arcati. All cast members should experience the joys of a "full house"...let's make that happen for them.

Jan Colliver (President)



Mary Sharrock is presented with CEMA Life Membership

Membership Secretary's Report

Congratulation to all CEMA Group Conveners who have been diligent in ensuring their participants are CEMA Members. We have maintained the average of two hundred members again this year, a great effort considering the competition from other interests.

Conveners and participants need to be vigilant and be prepared to introduce new programs to increase interest for present and future members.

Treasurer Gregor McGregor has prepared a budget on our present membership numbers enabling the fees to remain the same again for 2006-07.

Thanks to June Roberts who has produced an information sheet for new members to explain our structure.

We look forward to another active year for our visual and performing arts.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Office bearers elected at our AGM are:

President: Jenny Ward
Secretary: Elaine Shelton
Treasurer: Jeanette Huppatz
CEMA Rep: Betty Trewavis
Arts Co Rep: Jeanette Huppatz

The last 12 months have been difficult, with myself and others away at varying times during the year. Thanks to the regulars who have kept things going, especially Jeanette & Betty.

We are looking forward to a number of activities in the coming year including working as a group to fill a large canvas, donated to the PAS, with paintings of local scenery or something similar and tutored workshops.

Jenny Ward (Convenor)



The outgoing executive & projection screen, (used to demonstrate our web site), at the CEMA AGM.

Book Discussion Group

Once a month, there arrives mysteriously in my back porch a plastic box containing up to 16 copies of a book, plus notes and questions. Until the box arrives we don't know which book we will be reading that month, although a list of possible choices are compiled from everyone's lists, and sent to the Council of Adult Education each December.

The book for next month is "Under Milkwood" by Dylan Thomas. It is accompanied by a double cassette starring Richard Burton and an all Welsh Choir, so I guess we will move our starting time forward to lunch time and eat as we listen.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

Choral Group

At the Choral Group AGM the following officers were re-elected:

Convenor/Conductor:	June Roberts
Secretary/Treasurer:	Carol Darby
Librarian:	Nola Bremner
CEMA Rep:	Helen Myles

Although many members have been on leave at various times due to health matters or the joys of travel, the choir has maintained its weekly rehearsal program as we prepare for our upcoming concerts.

June Roberts (Conductor)

Craft Group

We currently have 10 members with an average attendance of 8. Over the year we have made hexagon bags, knitted coat hanger covers, made cards, covered notebooks and strung bead necklaces.

We have had an organised trip to Mt Gambier visiting several craft shops. Over the next few months we are knitting squares for a rug.

Carol Darby (Convenor)

FILM GROUP

We had two very successful screenings of "The World's Fastest Indian" in July. Thanks to our patrons for their support. This was a 35 mm late release commercial print.

Our films for August and September will both be 16 mm from the National Film and Video Lending Service.

In AUGUST we screen 'MURIEL'S WEDDING' at 7.30 pm Friday 18th and 2.30 pm on Sunday 20th.

In SEPTEMBER: 'PROOF', same times, on Friday 15th and Sunday 17th.

Entry to these films will be by donation.

Allen Jones (Secretary)

Rod Quantock The Annual Report

Rod Quantock has more than thirty years experience working in cabaret, theatre, television and radio. During a national tour of Rod Quantock - The Annual Report, audiences can expect hilarious but true updates on the current news and views from around the nation and the globe, brought to you by one of the country's comedy forefathers.

8.00 pm, Saturday, 26 August
Portland Arts Centre

Adult \$30 Concession \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66

Historical Society

Newly elected office bearers:

President: Betty Vivian
Vice President: Jan Grime
Secretaries: Win Malseed & Gwen Bennett
Treasurer: Vince Convy
Cottage Manager: Jan Grime
CEMA Rep: Gregor McGregor

August Meeting - Thursday 3rd at 2.30 pm in Portland Arts Centre. Guest Speaker: Ida Tevelein. Topic: Commonwealth Games Volunteer.

History House Display for August/September - Portland Golf Club.

Betty Vivian (President)

Fibre Group

We meet on Thursday each week at 10:30 am.

We thought of others during the year, making clothes for an orphanage in Korea, caps for young cancer sufferers at Camp Quality, baby clothes for a branch of the Ambulance Service, trauma dolls for hospitals and ambulances and shawls for premature babies.

Mary Sharrock

PIONEER QUILTERS

Our July meeting was our Annual Meeting. We welcome Mavis as our President, Heather as Treasurer, Carmel as Secretary, and Dorothy as Ass Secretary.

The next meeting will be Monday 14th August at 10 am at the Arts Company.

Our project for the day will be to work on 'Make a Wish Foundation' quilts.

At our Sept meeting Diane will be showing us how to use a 60 degree ruler.

Carmel Jasper (Secretary)

Poetry Reading Group

Our meeting on Sunday, July 16 was well attended, and, as is the norm, a good variety of poetry was read.

At our next meeting, (2 pm, August 20, at the Portland Arts Centre), it is hoped the day's program will see a continuance of our project towards furthering known facts of selected Poet's histories and lives.

At the CEMA AGM I sadly had to report the passing of two long-time & valued members: Betty Jennings & Glenys Simmons who died during the past year. Both will be sadly missed as each contributed to the quality and enjoyment of our meetings.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Theatre Group

We are currently in the middle of performances of "Blithe Spirit", 2 shows down and 2 to go next weekend. Ticket sales have been a little disappointing which of course disappoints the cast and crew, so please support your local community theatre group and join us on the weekend for many thrills and spills, including a séance, ghosts, special effects and much, much more. Also thanks to the members of CEMA Inc for their wonderful support during this show.

The second half of 2007 may see the Theatre Group produce a pantomime, a musical or another Theatre Restaurant piece at Sandilands. So stay tuned.

Danielle Marasco (President)

WOOD TURNER'S GUILD

The Wood Turners' Guild continues to meet each Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. We work on our own projects, make articles for sale in the Arts Company retail outlet and teach new-comers the skills of wood working.

We always welcome new members.



The Séance scene from "Blithe Spirit"

portland bay press

The pbp has enjoyed a reasonable year of providing service to our members and presenting good examples of the print-maker's art to Portlanders.

We have hosted 5 print exhibitions over the year, being: "Prints from the pbp collection", the annual "Christmas Exhibition" featuring works by members during 2005, Catherine Bailey's recent works, a feature exhibition of lino cuts

to commemorate ANZAC Day, and a successful exchange exhibition with the Firestation Print Workshop from Armadale in Melbourne.

We currently have 16 financial members, who have collectively contributed almost \$1,200 of print sales through the Arts Company last financial year.

Andrew Govanstone (Convenor)

CEMA FILM

present:

Muriel's Wedding

1994

Starring: Toni Collette, Sophie Lee, Bill Hunter

Muriel finds life in Porpoise Spit, Australia dull and spends her days alone in her room listening to Abba music and dreaming of her wedding day. Slight problem, Muriel has never had a date. Then she steals some money to go on a tropical vacation, meets a wacky friend, changes her name to Mariel, and turns her world upside down.

Portland Arts Centre

Friday, August 18, at 7.30 pm

Sunday, August 20 at 2:30 pm

Entry by donation.

South Pacific

Style Music Theatre presents a small cast version of this popular musical, whose story features fun and romance in the Pacific Islands, plus a touch of racial bigotry and intolerance. Despite the very mixed plot, it has some of the most beautiful songs ever written for the stage and screen.

11.00 am, Thursday, 17 August

Portland Arts Centre

Adult \$20 Concession \$15

Sacred Rose

An exhibition of abstract painting, digital art, photography and poetry by local artist JOANNE BOWLER, reflecting a woman's sacred journey through the spiralling aspects of her life.

31 July to 25 August

Portland Arts Centre