

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

Newsletter - March 2006

President's Report

Firstly important information

As part of Bruce Campbells' ongoing study into "The economic impact of the Arts" many of you will have received a survey. CEMA inc executive has lobbied for a study of this kind for many years. **DO NOT THROW THE SURVEY IN THE BIN...PLEASE RESPOND TO IT!!**

The Survey is in two parts:

- A) General information and
- B) Financial information.

The survey also seeks a list of our members.

Bruce Campbell plans to collate the membership lists of all arts and cultural organisations, delete duplicated names and arrive at a total number of people who are members of community arts and cultural organisations. He will not be using member lists for any other purpose than described. Once he has calculated the combined total membership, lists of member names will be destroyed.

Our current privacy policy dictates that we seek your permission to hand over any information therefore: **EXECUTIVE WILL RELEASE THE NAMES OF PEOPLE INVOLVED IN CEMA GROUPS** to Bruce Campbell on March 3rd. (No further details will be provided) **UNLESS YOU PERSONALLY CONTACT Sue Podger or Jan Colliver** to ensure that your name is withheld. email : president@portlandcema.org.au

General News

Well done to those groups who have recently advertised their activities in the local media. There are many newcomers to town, please be welcoming!

Congratulations to the Quilters on a colourful and uplifting exhibition! Thanks to the CEMA members and groups who were involved on February 12th at the Uniting Church.

Many CEMA members, were involved in "The Relay for Life" 24 hour walk this past weekend as walkers in a variety of teams, performers in bands, singers, and helpers. Well done.

Next week some of our number will be working hard at "Wood, Wine and Roses" in Heywood. Please support them.

Enjoy your Arts, and promote them so that others can share the enjoyment!

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

There is little activity in the membership department at this time of year. CEMA has 178 financial members at present six more than this time last year.

We draw your attention to the President's report regarding members names only to be made available to Bruce Campbell for his arts related survey.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

THE ARTS COMPANY

The Arts Company would like to hear from anyone interested in being employed as a part time cleaner for the June Hedditch Apartment. If you are interested write to the June Hedditch Apartment Sub-Committee c/o The Arts Company., 19 Julia St.

The Arts Company AGM will be held on Monday, April 10th at 7.00 pm. preceded by a barbecue at 5.30 pm All welcome.

Don't forget the Customer Service Workshop on Tuesday, February 28th at 6 pm - 7 pm No cost.

Berice Jones (Chair)



"The Millennium Quilt" by the Pioneer Quilters,
on display at the Portland Arts Centre

CEMA Online

As some of you may be aware, I have bought my own digital camera and the CEMA camera is now looking for a new home, which will most likely be The Arts Company. More about this later.

I have photographed the Portland Quilters' wonderful exhibition and it is now on the web. I think everyone has a picture in it, so go check it out in the "exhibitions" section at www.portlandcema.org.au.

Warren Mars (Webmaster)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

We have recommenced our Thursday "meets" at 1 pm at the Arts Company.

Last Thursday we rearranged our Studio Gallery - come and see.

Wood, Wine & Roses is on the 25th of Feb and as usual we are in charge of the Art Section.

We have a workshop on the 22nd of April, it was advertised for the 29th but was changed. This is being taken by Jill Eckerman from Penola. More particulars at the Arts Company.

We have new members but always looking for more, so come and see what we do on a Thursday.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)



Elaine McDonald - Hello Possum
from the Portland Quilters' Exhibition

Remember the sell out of the Shneedles?

LALALUNA

Wolfe Bowart, (one of the Shneedles) plays solo trying to put gravity on its best behaviour. This is surreal, hilarious new theatrical creation played by one of the best masters of physical theatre.

Portland Arts Centre
Saturday, 25 March
8.00 pm

Adults \$25 Concession \$20 Student \$10 Family \$66

Choral Group

Commenced back beginning of Feb. with a great turn-up. Unfortunately we lost a valued member of the choir to another town.. Good luck Mollie. BUT in return it looks like we picked up two singers in her place which we welcome with open mouths and loud, melodious sounds of song.

Feb 12th saw the choir perform at the opening of the new hall complex at the Uniting Church and was enjoyed by both public and the choir.

We have plans to have a full choral concert in Casterton on Sunday 9th April. This will be a fundraising event for the choir who are always looking to buy music for the group. An example of the cost of music is for approx. 30 pieces \$130.

Carol Darby (Secretary)

Craft Group

The Craft Group meets every Tuesday from 10 am till 11.30 am.

February has been a "back from holidays" month with ideas being shared and discussions on what we would like to undertake for the coming year. Several new ideas came forth.

For March we will be making little scrapbooks for the purse.

Carol Darby (Convenor)

FILM GROUP

Weekend of 17th and 18th March provisional booking of 'Mrs Henderson Presents', with Judy Dench and Bob Hoskins. Rated M. Please watch papers for further information.

Allen Jones (Secretary)

Holiday Entertainment for Children

THE KING'S NEW SUIT

Contemporary & funny adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Emperor's New Clothes"

Portland Arts Centre
Friday, 24 March

11.00 am & 1.30 pm
Adults \$12 Child/Concession \$8

Fibre Group

We have returned since the Christmas break. Unfortunately we have lost two of our valued members who have moved interstate.

We would welcome anyone interested in working with fibres. We have talented members who are able to teach spinning, felting, knitting, crocheting and weaving plus other small projects.

Just recently we have done some spring/summer cleaning up and were able to reorganise our equipment.

We wish everyone a very happy and contented 2006.

Jo Koch (Secretary)

Historical Society

The March meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd in the Portland Arts Centre at 2.30 pm. Guest speaker is Morna Lewis.

History House display is Nifty Needlework.

The Society is grateful for the work the Shire Council is undertaking to rebuild the display area at the rear of the Garden's cottage.

Betty Vivian (President)

Poetry Reading Group

Readings at our last meeting covered a wide range of subjects, from "The Green Rolls Royce" (Kenneth Slessor), Henry Lawson's "The Night Train", "Tyrendarra Township 1959" (George Nunn), "Upon The Snail" by none other than John Bunyan, and so on. However it was most delightful to hear "My Country" as recorded by Dorothea MacKellar in 1958 (courtesy of Phil Darby).

Our next poetry reading afternoon will be at 2 pm, Sunday, March 19 at the Portland Arts Centre. Perhaps the theme for the day could embrace St Patrick's Day (March 17).

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

Theatre Group

The CEMA theatre group is active again with our upcoming production of "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward. We had a successful round of auditions, and we have some wonderful new talents! We welcome Renee, Steve and Tanya and welcome back Brad, Megan, Jess and Emma.

We have started rehearsals and will be rehearsing Wednesdays and Sundays. We will be looking for behind the scenes people soon, so if you have any expertise in sets, costuming or special effects we are grateful for any assistance or advice!!

Sue Ireland

WOOD TURNER'S GUILD

The Portland Wood Turners' Guild meet every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 1:30 pm to 4 pm at the rear of The Arts Company.

New members welcome.

Bob Sharrock



Mary Sharrock - Myths & Magic
from the Portland Quilters' Exhibition

Malawi Art & Karak Exhibition

These two exhibitions are linked to the Commonwealth Games.

The African nation of Malawi is the "second team" for the Glenelg Shire

Karak is the endangered Red-tailed Black Cockatoo, which lives in the north of the Shire, chosen as the mascot/emblem for the 2006 Commonwealth games..

1 to 31 March
Portland Arts Centre



Take Note Concert Series

Multi-Sea

Concert One: Saturday 1 April 3.00 pm : Portland Civic Hall - Taj Express with Indian Dancers; Raju Scharma leader. Concert includes workshopped locals.

Concert Two: Saturday 1 April 8.00 pm : Portland Arts Centre - Brown Roots Collective, Polynesian music with harp, kora, percussion & vocals.

Concert Three: Sunday 2 April 2.00 pm : Portland Civic Hall - King Marong & Afro Mandinke This concert includes those locals workshopped with King Marong.

All Concerts :

Adults \$20 Concession \$17 Student/Child \$5 Family \$42

Early Bird Sales prior to 10 March 15% discount
Adults \$17 Concession \$14 Student/Child \$4 Family \$36

Ticket Sales & Bookings 5522 2263