

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

### Newsletter - March 2007

#### President's Report

##### Come To The CEMA Executive Meeting

CEMA executive meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, and all groups should be represented. Meetings begin at 7.30 pm and run no later than 9.30 pm.

##### Costume Hirer Required

As mentioned last year we are seeking someone to take over the management of our "Costume Hire Service" and the wardrobe. Lorraine Campbell has given notice that she will finish up in a few months and we would like to hear expressions of interest. There is a small remuneration for this position.

##### Arts Advisory Committee CEMA Rep Required

Sue Ireland will be unable to continue as the Arts Advisory Committee CEMA rep, and Executive is seeking a replacement for Sue.

##### Arts Company Leadership

Many thanks to Heather Clark for her leadership at the Arts Company. We had a very fruitful discussion with convenors of groups last month, and look forward to some new developments.

##### Arts Company Workshops Sponsorship

We have received notice of sponsorship from Portland Aluminium, for workshops and short courses at The Arts Company. These workshops will target young people and families, and will be part of the ongoing workshop series that Amy will be organising.

##### Relay For Life

Many CEMA members were involved in the Relay for Life event, and others prepare for Wood, Wine and Roses this week.

Executive wish to express sympathy to Berice and Allen Jones on the death of Berice's Mother.

Please encourage newcomers to your groups.

Jan Colliver (President)

#### THE ARTS COMPANY

This last month has flown by so quickly, with Amy, our Business Co-ordinator, now settling into her new role.

#### Volunteers Workshops

There are a few new exciting changes happening at the Arts Co. in the next month or so, this is why we are holding Volunteer Workshops for everyone who volunteers their time on the front desk. We have scheduled 3 workshops at different days and times, so everyone can at least attend one of them.

The scheduled times are;

- Wednesday, 7th March at 1.30 pm
- Thursday, 8th March at 6.30 pm
- Tuesday, 13th March at 10.30 am

Please place your name on the attendance sheet for the particular day you are attending, this sheet will be at the Arts Co. front desk.

If you are unable to attend on any of these set dates please let Amy know, so she can arrange a time when she is working at the Arts Co to go through the new changes with you.

#### Arts Company AGM

Our AGM will be held on the Wednesday, April 18th at 5.30 pm. Could each group please have a representative at the meeting. All members are welcomed and there will be a guest speaker.

Further details in the next newsletter.

Heather Clark (President)



Amy Gartlan - Arts Company Business Coordinator

## Membership Secretary's Report

### Unfinancial Members

The unpopular part of our membership secretary position is having to pursue unfinancial members, particularly the group members who use the facilities. However our efforts are paying off. The new financial year after the AGM in July comes around very quickly if payments are late.

### Thank You

Thank you to the many members who have paid early for many years and those non group members who maintain membership to support the continued existence of our organisation Portland C.E.M.A Inc.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

## Fibre Group

The Fibre Group recommenced 27th January 2007.

We continue to meet at 10:30 am, every Thursday at the Arts Company. New members most welcome.

Members have been invited to attend a Sharing Day at Streatham on Tuesday, March 20. Some members will attend.

Toys (Teddy Bears), have been made for "Kids with Cancer" while they are in hospital.

Members also knitted 14 singlets for babies with AIDS in Africa. In the past, many of these babies had no clothes and were wrapped in newspaper. This has been an Australia wide effort by knitters, so many thousands of singlets have been sent to Africa.

Josephine Koch (Secretary)

An invitation is extended to you and your friends to attend the Opening of

## Nimble Fingers of Yesteryear

An Exhibition of the late Theresa Dunn's fine needlework

The Arts Company, 19 Julia Street, Portland  
Tuesday, April 3rd at 5-30 pm

the exhibition will be open  
weekdays: 10 am to 4 pm  
Saturdays: 10 am to 1 pm  
from 3 to 26 April

## ARTISTS' SOCIETY

### Meetings

We are meeting on our usual time: Thursdays at 1 pm and Tuesdays at 7 pm. Our member numbers and sales have increased.

### Wood, Wine & Roses

The "Wood, Wine & Roses" Festival on the 24th of this month is our next way of showcasing our work - some for sale, so call into the Senior Citizens Rooms, Heywood and see them.

### Arts Company Workshops

If you are interested in future workshops in any art form, call into The Arts Company and put your name down.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)



Fibre Group members Dorothy Kelly, Pauline Donovan and Edith Bailey with the Teddy Bears they made for children with cancer.

## Happy Gannets Yet Again!!

The loose affiliation of local artists - known as the Happy Gannets - is presenting another exhibition of their latest work. They're an eclectic bunch, so as with their previous exhibitions, it's likely there'll be a great diversity in media, subject matter and style, which is part of what makes a display of Happy Gannets work so interesting.

4 to 30 March  
Portland Arts Centre  
Admission free

## Historical Society

The March meeting will be held on Thursday the 1st at the Portland Arts Centre at 2.30 pm. The guest speaker is Lynn Murrell: "Walking the Victorian Coast".

History House is closed for renovations.

Betty Vivian (President)

## PIONEER QUILTERS

At our February meeting members brought along a finished block to be exchanged with members.

Next "Sit and Sew" day on February 26th at 10 am.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 19th March at 10 am.

\*\* Note change of day due to holiday weekend.

Dorothy will demonstrate a bag to carry a mug in. Requirements are:

- Fabric and lining 2 - 12" x 6"
- " " 2 - 6" squares.
- Fabric for 2 handles and closure.
- Small pieces of elastic or a fat 1/4 or scraps.
- Sewing machine.

Any enquiries to Mavis Jennings, President

Glenys Sharrock (Acting Secretary)

## Poetry Reading Group

At our last meeting, held on Sunday, Feb 18 at the Portland Arts Centre, the program of members' selected verse embraced modern and evergreen, humorous and philosophical, with interesting discussion.

Next meeting: Sunday, March 18, Portland Arts Centre - 2 o'clock. Readings, discussions and afternoon tea. (All informal).

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

## Nabarlek

Nabarlek - the garage band that never had a garage! Nabarlek is a blistering live band from Western Arnhemland, with a style known as 'Indigenous Roots', influenced by rock, reggae, country and gospel.

Winners of the NT Band of the Year (2005), this nine-piece Indigenous band arrange traditional songs and stories into rock 'n roll format. With magic in their voices, they sing both in tribal language and English.

8.00 pm, Thursday, 1 March  
Portland Arts Centre  
Adult \$25 Concession \$20 Student \$10 Family \$60

## Virgins

A Musical Threesome

Direct from smash hit seasons in Melbourne and New York City, and written by two talented Australians - DEAN BRYANT and MATHEW FRANK - this is a new musical that consists of three separate stories, loosely related by subject matter. It's funny, sexy and stars five of the most sensational singer-dancer-actresses Australia has to offer.

8.00 pm, Friday, 9 March  
Portland Arts Centre  
Adult \$30 Concession \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66



Rhaie Allen - "Night Stalker" (Tapestry)  
on sale at The Arts Company.

# Botanical Gardens Family Day

For the littlies: Canya Danz, Teddy Bears Picnic & Princess & Fairy Tent of activities, Sam the Clown & Jumping Castle.

For Sale - Barbecue Food and Devonshire Tea, Plant Stall & Kyeema Craft Stall.

Performers include: Emprica, the Jasper Sisters, Portland Brass Band, Vanguard, Nothing Personal, Rafferty's Rules, Dave Tognon and others.

Sunday 25 March , 11.00 am -3.30 pm.

## Take Note

Music Glenelg Inc Annual Event - March 22-25

### LAUREN PELON - "ROOTS OF MUSIC"

Playing a vast array of instruments, both historical and contemporary, Lauren sings and tells of the culture and history of music through the ages.

8.00 pm, Friday, 23 March  
Portland Arts Centre

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

### LAUREN PELON - "WOMEN IN MUSIC"

Lauren takes patrons on a journey of instruments through the ages and the influence women have had in the development of music.

10.30 am, Saturday, 24 March  
Portland Arts Centre

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

## Take Note

### BRASS & CHOIRS

A mini-concert with a brass quintet - Glenferrie Academy of Brass - from the Hawthorn City Band plus Portland and visiting choirs.

4.30 pm, Sunday, 24 March  
St Stephens Anglican Church

Adult \$15 Concession \$12 Student \$8 Family \$32

### GALA CONCERT

Featuring the **Hawthorn City Band**, the **Music Glenelg Festival Singers** - a massed choir including local singers, plus singers from Hamilton, the south east of South Australia and the Box Hill Chorale, plus **Andrew Wailes** - Artistic Director of Take Note Concert Series - and **Naomi Cochrane**, vocal soloist. All feature in this Gala Concert, which is a tribute to British Music.

8.00 pm, Saturday, 24 March  
Civic Hall, Portland

Adult \$15 Concession \$12 Student \$8 Family \$32