

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

Newsletter - November 2007

President's Report

I hope you've taken some time to consider some of the workshops currently on offer through The Arts Company. We are grateful to the Dept of Communities, Portland Aluminium and Glenelg Shire for supporting these projects.

I enjoyed the range of work and great company of Arts supporters at the opening of Phil Cousins and Andy Govanstone's exhibition. Congratulations to all at pbp for the ongoing exhibitions, they are creating great interest.

Take some time to look over the VCE exhibition. The range of media and concerns of these young adults deserve some careful viewing by the community.

Our next executive meeting will be at 5.30pm at Portland Arts Centre on the 3rd Thursday of November (an earlier timeslot than usual). 15th November.

Please make sure your group is represented.

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Membership is similar to this time last year with 123 members, however looking through the list there are many active participants who have not joined yet. It will be up to convenors to check as newsletters will not going out to those with outstanding memberships. Lists of paid up members are available for convenors to check.

On a lighter note we attended the Film Society's free film night. It was a great night of fun, food & wine and yes films too! Well worth taking out a subscription. We have and are looking forward to the selection of interesting films.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

THE ARTS COMPANY

Cleaning Vacancy

There is still a vacancy for a paid position for cleaning The Arts Company, gallery area, 9hrs per month and the June Hedditch Apartments as per required.

If you are interested please call me for more information.

Heather Clark (President)

FILM SOCIETY

Thanks to everyone who attended the free screening and supper on October 13th.

It was good to hear so many people laughing at the antics of Harold Lloyd, the great silent comic.

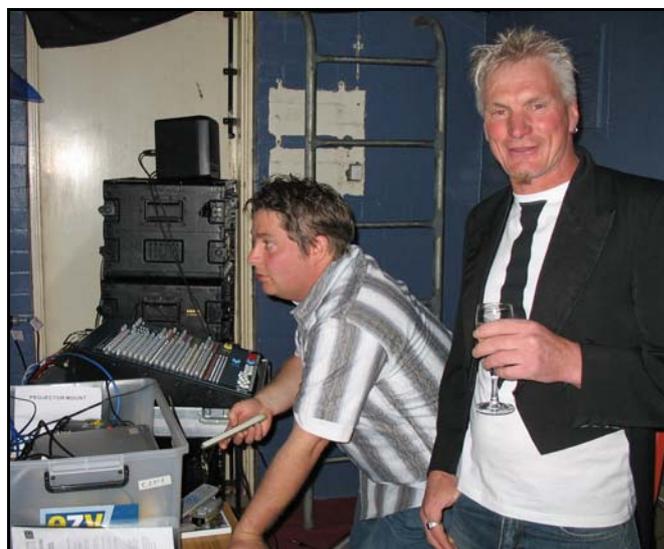
This was the first use of the new DVD equipment at the Arts Centre. Our thanks to Karl for his support and assistance in getting the new system up and running, through some difficulties.

The next planned screening is "Grave of the Fireflies" at the Portland Arts Centre on Saturday November 24th. Screening at 7.30pm with light refreshments from 7.00pm. This is a new genre Japanese animated film, emotionally subtle and beautifully produced. Don't miss it.

The 28th Annual Halls Gap Film Festival will be on the weekend of November 9th-12th.

For more information telephone email: hallsgapfilmfestival@hotmail.com or jaba@westvic.com.au

Berice Jones (Secretary)



Clinton and Warwick in the projection booth prior to the Film Society's relaunch last month

Historical Society

The next meeting will be held at the Portland Arts Centre on Thursday, November 1st at 2.30 pm. Program - Portland's early businesses and factories no longer in existence or needed.

Betty Vivian (President)

Leadlighter's Guild

The guild has purchased a new display stand for all of our leadlight suncatchers etc for the gallery, now there will be plenty of room to display our Christmas leadlight decorations or other items.

I hope everyone has started making items for the sales gallery that will be available for our open day.

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)

Poetry Reading Group

Keen interest in poetry reading was still very much in evidence at the group's last meeting on Sunday, October 21.

The selection of verse ranged widely, covering evergreens, School Reader favourites and children's poetry, from William Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Lewis Carroll, EE Cummings; and from AD Darby: acrostics in the form of sonnets, particularly one to Judith Wright. A letter of appreciation from her to Mr Darby dated March 1978 was yet another topic of interest.

Next meeting will be on November 18, at the Portland Arts Centre, timed to start at 2 pm. Readers and listeners are always welcome.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)



Ian Senior demonstrates Acrylic techniques during the Artists' Society workshop in September.

The Arts Company Open Day

"Come & Try Day"

Thurs 29th November
10am-4pm then 6pm-8pm

\$5.00 entry includes coffee/cake

All Groups will have their rooms open for people to try small activities or to just view their facilities.

This will also be a great time to browse through our sales outlet that will be full of wonderful gifts and decorations for sale for Christmas.

Choral Group

A shortage of available members, due to illness and being away, forced us to cancel our appearance at the annual Western District Choral Festival this month. This was sad as we normally sing at this gathering, which is a great opportunity to catch up with other choirs and to hear what they are doing. Hopefully next year we will be back.

Welcome to Helen Sobey who has taken on the job of accompanist. We hope she finds it as enjoyable to play as we do to sing.

New members are always welcome. Ring our conductor June Roberts if you are interested.

Warren Mars (Bass)

WALK Exhibition

(formerly titled 'Sightings & Stillness')

Eight nationally recognised artists - Carmel Wallace, Ilka White, John Wolsley, Jan Learmonth, Peter Corbett, Brian Laurence, Vicki Couzens and Nicki Hepburn - who work in a range of disciplines, walked the whole 250km of the Great South West Walk together. They then created original art works inspired by the unique and varied environments they encountered on the Walk. A selection of these works will be officially launched in Portland and the entire exhibition will then tour nationally.

5 November to 2 December
Portland Arts Centre

Admission free

The Portland Music Club presents:

An Afternoon Concert

with
Terry Simmons - Recorder
&
Gavin Franklin - Harpsichord

Sunday, November 18, 2:30 pm
Portland Arts Centre

Adults \$10 Concession \$8 Music Club Members \$5
includes light afternoon tea.



“Powerful Owls” by Bev Martin
on sale at The Arts Company

A Tribute To

Danny Kaye

A rollicking, sing-a-long, laugh-a-minute riot, presenting Danny's best stage routines, characters, songs, stories from his life, and the magic of his live performances. Written and performed by Russell Fletcher, World Comedy Improvisation Champion, accompanied by piano maestro Greg Riddell.

Saturday, 3 November, 8.00pm
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$30 Concession \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66

Buzz Theatre present:

Rabbit

Rabbit is inspired by the legendary curiosity and nonsense of Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland' and the absurdity of her journey. Join us as our "Alice wannabe" is put to the test by a family of crazy Rabbits to see if she is really "Alice enough". Family entertainment, especially children 4 to 14.

Wednesday, 7 November
11.00am & 6.30pm

Portland Arts Centre
Full price \$12 Child \$8



Prefilm gathering at last month's Film Society screening

Keith Potger in concert

Keith Potger was a founding member of The Seekers. In these two solo concerts, he performs songs made famous by that group, plays original songs from his latest CD "Secrets of the Heart", and relates amusing anecdotes about his life as a musician on the road.

Thursday, 15 November, 8.00pm
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$30 Concession \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66

Friday, 16 November, 8.00pm
Casterton Town Hall

Full price \$30 Concession \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66



PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY present: Grave of the Fireflies

Isao Takahata 1988

Genre: Animation / Drama / War

Setsuko and Seita are brother and sister living in wartime Japan. After their mother is killed in an air raid they find a temporary home with relatives. Having quarrelled with their aunt they leave the city and make their home in an abandoned shelter. While their father's destiny who was a soldier is unknown the two must depend on each other to somehow keep a roof over their heads and food in their stomachs. When everything is in short supply, they gradually succumb to hunger and their only entertainment is the light of the fireflies.

Portland Arts Centre,
Saturday, November 24, 7.30 pm