

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

Newsletter - February 2008

President's Report

So...here we go again. For many of us, its back to work after the summer break, in both our "paid" and "unpaid" positions.

One of my little "highlights" of the summer was flying up to Sydney for the opening weekend of the Sydney festival. Young Emma Hocking, entered three of her songs in the Australian Children's Music Foundation National Songwriting Competition. Last year before the Podger/Hocking clan moved the Queensland we had a recording session of the newly written "Banana Cake" song at our home, and were thrilled to hear it was that very song that took out a 2nd prize in her age group.

There was excitement all round (especially from the adults!) when Emma's song was chosen as one of the 12 songs to be arranged for the Sydney Youth Orchestra and the Australian Children's choir and performed in a special concert in Hyde Park on the opening evening of the festival.

What better excuse to head to Sydney to catch up with Sue Podger and Emma.

The concert was great, and Emma's song was performed by songwriter Darren Hanlon, the orchestra and choir. Apparently the catchy tune and humorous lyrics had been very popular with the choir and organisers during rehearsals, and even Don Spencer knew about the "Banana Cake" song and offered his enthusiastic congratulations to Emma.

Later that night we went to a free concert in the Domain where firstly Paul Kelly performed and later Brian Wilson. When Archie Roach joined Paul Kelly the words "From Little Things Big Things Grow!" resonated with all sorts of added meanings. A year before we'd been at the Lakes School at Koroit, enjoying song writing sessions with Dennis O'Keefe, then soon after Emma sang and performed her Relay for Life at Portland's Relay for Life. I can't wait to find out where Emma's songwriting adventure might take us next! Your Portland CEMA inc friends are very proud of you Emma!

On the homefront we face all sorts of changes, one off to Uni studying Bachelor of Design (Visual Communication, one into a building apprenticeship, one facing the realities of life after Portland Surgical Products, and one facing up to the possibility of being the breadwinner! Eek!

Exec Update: We met last Thursday and encourage all groups to be represented on the third Thursday of each month. February 21st at 5.30 pm. (We will try the earlier timeslot for a couple of months)

You will notice the kitchen improvements at the Arts Centre. Groups are asked to keep stores of tea, coffee etc in the lockable group cupboards in the meeting room. Please acquaint yourself with the new layout and seek training from Joy or Karl on dishwasher operation if you intend to use it.

The term one Arts Company Workshop brochure should be included in this newsletter. Please pass it on to anyone who may be interested, or consider joining one or more of the activities.

Please support CEMA inc, in supporting all group endeavours, by communicating regularly with executive, and promoting the Arts widely in our community.

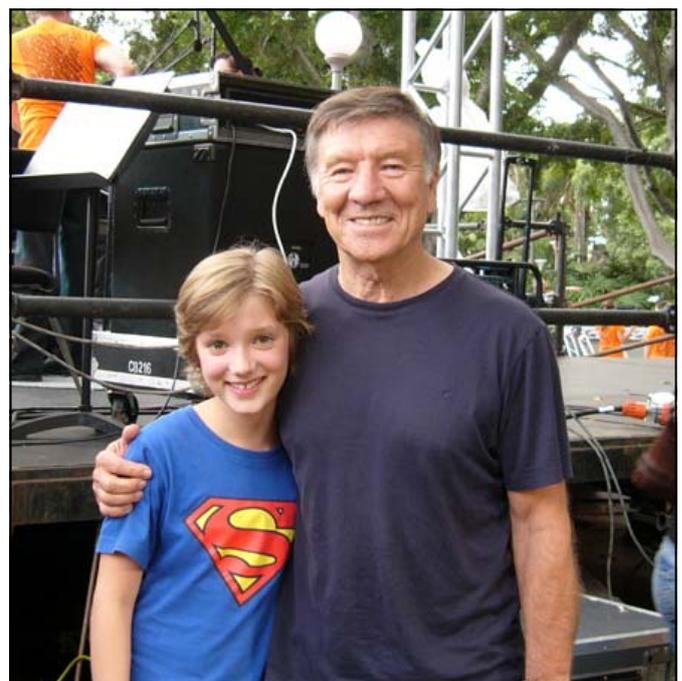
Enjoy the Arts

Jan Colliver (President)

Membership Secretary's Report

It is pleasing to see groups continuing to attract new members. Leadlighters welcome back Janine & Miriam. Poetry Group convenor Dawn reports on their fun filled Sunday meetings, new member Gerry should have an enjoyable time as a member of this group.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)



Emma Hocking & Don Spencer in Sydney

THE ARTS COMPANY

Welcome everyone to 2008 and I hope everyone had a Joyous Christmas and New Year.

Firstly I would like to congratulate Nikki Adams on achieving the position as our Arts Program Coordinator under the umbrella of the Glenelg Shire starting from Feb 6th through till June 30th and hopefully following on from then. As you are aware Nikki started with us in Sept 07 and ran a wonderful term of workshops from visiting artists in a whole range of different media.

This year we are starting early with a range of introductory classes in all of our groups that operate under the roof of The Arts Company, please see the attached brochure. We are also conducting classes from other local and visiting artists, I am sure there is something there of interest for everyone. Please pass this brochure onto anyone you know that may also be interested in one of these classes and is not on the CEMA mailing list.

Nikki is also starting to construct another brochure for term 2. If anyone would like to be involved or has contacts for a art tutor please contact Nikki at The Arts Company to discuss your ideas.

I hope 2008 turns out to be a year of prosperity and new adventures for everyone.

Heather Clark (President)

Poetry Reading Group

We had a successful first meeting for 2008 last Sunday and we look forward to our next meeting on Sunday, 17th of Feb at the Arts Centre at 2 pm.

Readers and listeners and listeners are most welcome.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)



Sarah Boyadjian - currently untitled from the "Don't Mess With Our Framework" Exhibition at the PAC

PORTLAND FILM SOCIETY

present:

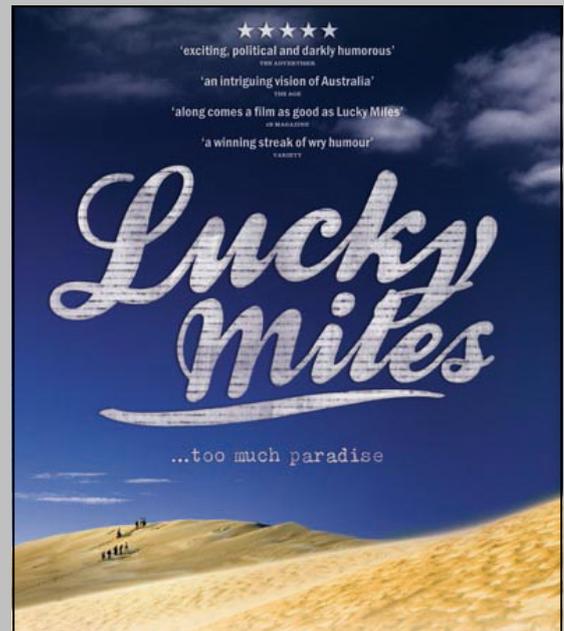
Lucky Miles

"Too Much Paradise"

Director: Michael James Rowland, 2007
Starring: Kenneth Moraleda, Rodney Afif,
Sri Sacdpraseuth, Glen Shea, Sean Mununggurr,
Don Hany, Deborah Mailman
Adventure / Comedy / Drama, MA

An Indonesian fishing boat abandons a group of Iraqi and Cambodian men on a remote part of the Western Australian coast. Told there is a bus over the dunes, the men are abandoned to a desert the size of Poland. While most are quickly rounded up, three men with little in common but their history of misfortune elude capture and begin an epic but confused journey drawn on by their hopes amplified by the empty desert. Pursued by an army reservist unit more concerned with playing ball sports and music, our three protagonists wander deeper into trouble, searching desperately among the harsh beauty of the Pilbara for evidence of a western, liberal democracy. Or the promised bus.

Portland Arts Centre,
Saturday, 16th February, 7.30 pm



Choral Group

We are due to resume for 2008 on Monday, 4th February, at 7:30 pm, at the Portland Arts Centre.

The choir enjoys a great variety of music and our main aim is to "have fun on a Monday night". We rehearse from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm with a tea break in the middle. We particularly welcome new members at the commencement of the choral year.

Warren Mars (Bass)

The Arts Company Forward Planning Meeting

Saturday, February 2nd

To discuss current procedures and new ideas for the future of
The Arts Company.

From 9.45 am for 10 am start till 3 pm.

Lunch catered for.

If any member would like to be involved please ring
Heather Clark

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

Members of the Artists' Society would like to wish all members, artists & friends a Happy New Year.

January has been quiet, but February should be a busy time as we have the Wood, Wine & Roses Festival on the 23rd Feb - entries to be in by the 15th Feb. Programs are available from The Arts Company with all details on it.

On the 25th February, Brigitte Boettger is holding an Art Exhibition at the Portland Arts Centre, she has invited members of the Artists Society to contribute to it. This will be for 1 month.

Our weekly painting days should start in earnest from now on, meeting at the usual time of 1 pm on Thursdays. All welcome.

Betty Trewavis (Convenor)

Graft Group

We go back on Tuesday 5th Feb. Will meet just for morning tea, a chat, and to discuss what crafts we can do.

Carol Darby (Convenor)

FILM SOCIETY

The Film Society held a successful screening of the Japanese anime film 'Grave of the Fireflies' in November and on January 19th we began the 2008 program with a short Harold Lloyd, and the feature 'Evening'.

Next film will be 'Lucky Miles' on Saturday, 16th February 7.30pm at the Arts Centre. Come at 7.00 for drinks and nibbles.

'Lucky Miles' is an Australian story of refugees, abandoned by an Indonesian fishing boat on the remote coast of Western Australia.

Forthcoming screenings are 15th March 'The Italian', 19th April 'Irina Palm' 17th May 'Dr. Plonk' and 21st June 'As It Is In Heaven' all 7.30pm at The Arts Centre unless otherwise advertised.

For more information about the Film Society and how you can become a subscriber, pick up a brochure from the Library or Arts Centre, or write to the membership secretary at 15 Waterford Avenue, Portland.

Apart from our monthly late release screenings, the Film Society plans from time to time to present special interest or classic movies. These will be free to Full Members of the Society. We are presently organising a surfing film, date and venue to be announced.

As in the past we hope to occasionally screen the monthly film on the Sunday afternoon following the Saturday screening. These screenings will be advertised only after venue confirmation by The Arts Centre Management, and following consultation with other Sunday users of the Arts Centre.

All best wishes for the New Year from the Portland Film Society.

Berice Jones (Secretary)

Historical Society

February meeting Thursday, Feb 7th at Portland Arts Centre at 2.30 pm. Program: "Portland Snapshot".

Betty Vivian (President)

Leadlighter's Guild

Meeting proposed for Tuesday, 29th January at 7 pm, for discussion and plans for 2008 at guild rooms.

*Please note change of date.

Heather Clark (Secretary/Treasurer)



Laura Patterson - "The Adventures Of Skateboard Man" from the "Don't Mess With Our Framework" Exhibition

Theatre Group

The Theatre Group has had, as everyone is aware, a quiet 2007. Behind the scenes, however, we are collecting scripts and doing some script readings, with the prospect of performing a play at the end of 2008. We have had some fresh interest in the group which we hope to nurture and develop throughout the coming year.

We would like to congratulate Megan Trenorden on gaining her VCE and gaining a place in the Arts degree at Latrobe

this year. We also look forward to welcoming Jess Knight back from her year overseas and look forward to hearing about her experiences! We also congratulate her on gaining a place in the Creative Arts (Drama) course at Deakin.

We would like to wish them all the best for the future and hope that they will benefit from their experiences with the Theatre Group!!

Danielle Marasco and Sue Ireland

Movimetros

Spanish Flamenco

Experience the raw emotive power of Melbourne-based ensemble Arte Kanela Flamenco, who will sweep audiences off their feet in an evocative new show Movimetros ('Movements') featuring two guest artists from Spain.

Friday, 15 February, 8.00pm
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$25 Concession \$20 Student \$10 Family \$60



Mantalk

Born story-tellers Neil Thomas and David Wells have been friends for 15 years. In Mantalk, they bare their friendship on stage with a free-ranging conversation, interweaving fact, fiction and original songs to create an edgy but highly entertaining show.

Wednesday, 27 February, 8.00pm
Portland Arts Centre

Full price \$25 Concession \$20 Student \$10 Family \$60

Glenelg Shire Arts Program