

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

Newsletter - November 2003

President's Report

Greetings CEMA Members. The next three weeks will see the culmination of my year's slog at Uni - and hopefully after my last exam, I will be able to spend some more time being a "visible" CEMA President - when I'm not chasing May - she's walking now.

Have you had a look at our website? We are preparing a form to be given to Group Convenors shortly. I hope you've all been brainstorming to make our website great!

I've been officially invited as CEMA President to the launch of the 2003 Portland Aluminium South West Games and the Inaugural Portland Bay Festival. This will be the first event in a block of sport and art events - featuring the "Marine Markers" installation by Carmel Wallace and Annette Taylor - and a large focus will be placed on the Arts Company on November 1st. Make sure you catch these exciting events - you never know where ideas can come from that you could use in your own artistic area - also, it's wonderful to see our groups supporting each other.

Time to give out some gold stars for exceptional CEMAing. Firstly, a gold star goes to the Theatre Group (no, I am not biased) for sending an alternative member to Executive, when their Rep couldn't make it - Good on you Guys! Next, a gold star goes to Arts Portland-Heywood for perseverance in the face of contention - perseverance pays. Gold stars go out to those groups who have sent in notices of events for insurance purposes - your attention to house-keeping is a credit to our Arts Community. And a gold star goes to Lex who has put much effort into organising a workshop to enhance our CEMA/Arts Company/June Hed-ditch potential - it should be quite stimulating and results-driven.

Enjoy an exciting month.
Claire Endacott (President)

Housekeeping & Bouquets

Congratulations to Music Glenelg, the Choral group, Lead-lighters Guild and the Community theatre group for so diligently notifying executive of all your extra activities...Pick up extra insurance forms at the next Exec. meeting.

Executive are currently working on a proforma for groups to seek permission of all members to use their photographs for publicity purposes and for the website. Theatre group have set a great example with their Act Up notices to parents. If you have something to add to the discussion see your exec rep.

What a breath of fresh air...last Saturday morning I witnessed teenagers and young adults co operating to paint sets in the Arts Centre drive way. Jenny Heath giving positive vibes to a young cast for the upcoming Snow White production. Joy Ralph and the young Tutti singers providing a vocal lift for singing rehearsals. Lonni cheerfully organising costumes. Well done everyone it great to see such a hive of activity Good luck with the final weeks of rehearsals!!

Jan Colliver (Senior Vice-President)

Membership Secretary's Report

Just a reminder to be in the Lucky Draw, membership must be paid by October 30th. For one reason or another some memberships get paid later in the year. This tends to cause some confusion as well as inconvenience to the membership secretaries. The financial year begins at the AGM in July. CEMA Inc. newsletters are not sent to unfinancial members after October. Convenors then have the unpleasant task of asking for memberships. It should be remembered that fees are less likely to increase if paid regularly by all group members.

It is often asked why do we need to be a CEMA Inc. member one good reason is to ask yourself - could your group survive if insurance and public liability had to be arranged and paid by your individual group as well as managing incorporation and GST if applicable.



Jodie Silva - Mermaid from the VCE art Exhibition

It is pleasing to have quite a few non-group members supporting the Arts. At this time we have 148 Life and paid up members 33 new members 16 of them juniors from the Theatre Group. Unfortunately there are still many members who have not rejoined.

Bill & Bev Martin (Membership Secretaries)

ARTISTS' SOCIETY

In the last week or so, some of our artists have been preparing for the Hamilton and Rotary Art Shows. Our next main event is a workshop being held in our Art rooms during the Portland Bay Festival. This is to be held on Saturday, 1st of November.

Working Artists will be able to assist anyone who wishes to try their hand at water-colour, oil or pastel. Some materials will be available. Starting at 10 am - 4 pm, breaking at 12 noon for the official re-opening of our gallery after renovations. Bring own lunch, tea and coffee available. All welcome. Enquiries from Jeanette Huppertz or myself.

Betty Trewavis (CEMA Rep)

Choral Group

Last Saturday we attended the Western District Choral Festival, as we do each year, and it was a very enjoyable evening, as it always is, catching up with choristers from around the region, and hearing them sing.



Kahlia Saunders - Christopher - from the VCE art Exhibition

We sang "Shenandoah" and "Oh! Susanna" in our own right, and shared the stage with the Mozart Singers for "The Chorus of the Enchanted Islanders" and "The Mermaid".

This year the festival was held in Portland at the Wesley Uniting Church under the auspices of Music Glenelg. Much thanks must go to Marlene Tait and Glenda Rogers who shouldered the burden of the organisation of this event.

Warren Mars (Bass)

Book Discussion Group

Last month we read Tim Winton's "Dirt Music". This month we are reading "The Killing of Sister McCormack" by Anne Henderson.

What makes a woman leave the safety of Australia and travel to an impoverished mountain village in rural Peru, an area where threats and violence are a daily reality, to teach the village children to read and write?

We are also starting to select our books for next year. Our next meeting will be held at 113 Cape Nelson Road, on Wednesday, November 5th at 1:30 pm. New members welcome.

Lyn Smith (Convenor)

Community Concert Band

Well done to Eddie Morosini and the Concert Band for the recent play-out at the Saturday Fresh Market at the Uniting Church. The group plan to play-out again at the November market.

New players are most welcome to join this group any Thursday evening at the CEMA Arts Centre from 7.45 tune up for an 8 o'clock play. There must be lots of former Secondary College students still in Portland, but not currently playing, why not help us track down some new players. Do you know of any instrumentalists new to town? Let them know about us. Contact me for more details.

Ron Colliver (Drums)

FILM GROUP

Friday, 24th October 2 PM & 7.30 PM

'MARNIE' by Alfred Hitchcock with Tippi Hedren and Sean Connery. Only Alfred Hitchcock could have created so suspenseful a sex mystery!

Supported by Harold Lloyd in 'Now or Never'

November, either the 21st or the 29th (not sure yet)
'KLUTE' From the makers of 'Midnight Cowboy' with Jane Fonder and Donald Sutherland. A small-town detective searching for a missing man has only one lead.

Supported by Charlie Chaplin in 'Easy Street'

Allen Jones (Secretary)

Historical Society

The November meeting of the Historical Society will be held at the CEMA Arts Centre on Thursday, November 6th at 2.30 pm. Program - "Show and Tell" items brought from overseas.

History House display "Animal and Bird China".

Betty Vivian (President)

Leadlighter's Guild

The Leadlight Window Raffle is finished and the Winner is Lucy George, Congratulations.

On Sunday, 26th October, Guild Members will be having a Day trip to Penschurst to visit Glass Slumping at Jan Hetherington's Studio and Coleraine to visit the Chocolate Factory and many Local Artists in the Area.

Thanks to Arts Victoria we received a grant to buy new tools for the Guild and Portland Secondary College Students will start soon making 3 Dimensional Projects.

Portland Bay Festival on Saturday, 1st November, we will be open at 1 pm to 4 pm for a visit.

Our Xmas Party will be on Sunday, 30th November, 12 noon at the Guild (BBQ).

New Members always welcome.

NOTE: We need more Students for Tuesday Night Classes that will start in February 2004.

Pamela Travers (Convenor)

Music Glenelg

Western District Choral Festival

A welcome by Glenelg Shire Mayor Cr. Tom Munro, accompanied by his wife, and supported by Music Glenelg patron Cr. Geoff White, to all choristers and patrons commenced proceedings at the Western District Choral Festival at the Wesley Uniting Church last Saturday evening. Compere Les Littleford introduced choirs from Colac through to Mt Gambier and they provided a great diversity in their musical renditions. Music Glenelg Tutti Singers were the first performers singing: "Flying Free" and "Comedy Tonight". Music Glenelg Conductor Joy Ralph, directed the choirs in the massed singing items.

Congratulations and thanks go to Glenda Rogers and Marlene Tait for their wonderful organisation and to all in the Portland Community for their assistance.

Hosting Choir for the 2004 Choral Festival will be The Colac Chorale - October 30th at the Colac Performing Arts Centre.

Tutti Singers

The Tutti Singers will perform at the Blessing of the Fleet, on Sunday, 2nd November, at 2 pm, during the Portland Bay Festival.

Also as part of the Festival, the Tutti Singers will perform in the pantomime "Snow White", by the youth of the Community Theatre Group.

Performances at the CEMA Arts Centre, Friday, November 7th and Saturday, November 8th at 8 pm, and a Matinee on Sunday, November 9th at 2 pm. The Tutti Singers next full choir rehearsal will be Sunday November 16th at 5 pm at the CEMA Arts Centre.

A Touch of Christmas

"A Touch of Christmas" concert co-hosted by the Portland Citizens Brass Band and Music Glenelg at the Star Cinema, 2 pm Sunday, November the 30th. Guest performers: Warrnambool Salvation Army Band. Further info next newsletter.

Peggy Roberts (Publicity Manager)

PIONEER QUILTERS

The next meeting of the Quilter's group will be on Monday, 10th November at 10 am at the Arts Company. Dorothy and Betty will be running a workshop to help us make a "Notions Bag". Could those people coming to the workshop please make up the first stage of the bag pattern including pockets and binding according to the pattern. (this will save you bringing your machine!)

*If you do not have a copy of the pattern please ring Dorothy Longney.

As part of the Portland Bay Festival, our group will meet at the Arts Company on Saturday 1st November between 10 am and 3 pm - we will work on the millennium quilt and/or own projects. We hope to see as many as possible for all or part of the day. Our usual "sit 'n sew" day will be on Monday, 24th November at 10 am

Our Christmas meeting will be on December 8th - "Surprise Lunch", cost approx. \$10 - \$15. Meet at the Arts Co. at 10 am for a cuppa before we go to the mystery destination. Please bring a gift you have made to the value of \$5.

New members always welcome.

Chris Parker (Secretary)

You are invited to the official opening of the

"New Look" Arts Company

with Councillor Gilbert Wilson
Saturday, 1st November
12 noon

Light refreshments will be served.

Poetry Reading Group

The Group met on Sunday, October 19th and as usual enjoyed a variety of poetry selected by members.

Polonius' advice to his son Laertes, from Shakespeare's "Hamlet", as well as two of the Bard's sonnets; an interesting contrast between Henry Lawson's "Up the Country", and A.B. Patterson's reply entitled "In Defence of the Bush", more contemporary Kenneth Slessor's "Out of

Time", Blake's enjoyable "The Tiger", humour from "Good Looker", "A Homily on the Hereafter", You are Old Father William", C.J. Dennis' "The Kid" and the beautiful sentiments of Thomas Moore's "Believe Me if all those Endearing Young Charms".

Next meeting falls on Sunday, November 16th, at the CEMA Arts Centre.

Dawn Turner (Convenor)

The Glenelg Shire Council proudly presents the

PORTLAND BAY FESTIVAL

in conjunction with the South West Sports Assembly's PORTLAND ALUMINIUM SOUTH WEST GAMES

31 October to 9 November, 2003

A detailed program of arts events in brochure form will be available shortly and a lift-out program will also be provided in the PORTLAND OBSERVER a few days prior to the Festival.

The Arts Program features the following events:

Marine Markers: a visual arts installation in the Environmental Lagoon.

The Borderers: a popular and very talented touring band.

Tam & Tony: local duo Tamara Wilson & Tony Pearce performing popular contemporary songs.

The Four Noels - "The Lost City of Argos": a hilarious comic spoof on an Indiana Jones type adventure story.

Alchemy - The Island: a series of stunning projected images of the Tasmanian wilderness, accompanied by a narrative and live music performed by Alchemy.

Portland Then & Now - a photographic exhibition: presented by the Portland Camera Club.

Mandy's World: an art exhibition.

Animation For Kids: two separate session of top quality international animation films for children.

Dalriada: a popular contemporary Celtic band from Warrnambool.

Snow White - a pantomime: a production by CEMA Community Theatre.

Festival Bookings and Information: Phone 5522 2301

CARMEN

CO-OPERA makes a welcome return to Casterton with a touring production of Bizet's opera "Carmen", with its popular music and tragic story.

Saturday, 1 November, 8.00 pm
Casterton Town Hall

Adults \$25 Concession \$20
Bookings phone 5522 2301