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dates for the diary

15 May 2013

The Servant of Two Masters Opening Night 8.15pm

26 May 2013

Lighting Workshop. 9am to 12pm

14 June 2013

Enemy of the People Opening Night 8.15pm

from the president

Wow! I don't think I can recall a busier time at the Theatre! Is it just me or does everyone have a tremendous sense of frantic activity - rehearsing, building, costuming, meeting, promoting, emailing, talking and decision making.

Three plays are currently in full swing in and around the theatre with *Servant of Two Masters* about to open in the foyer, *Enemy of the People* in rehearsal and set building mode on the main stage and *Moonlight and Magnolias* rehearsing in any spare space they can grab.

So much energy, enthusiasm and activity! There is plenty to be done and as a member you are always encouraged to lend a hand. We currently have several new members on stage, backstage and involved with Front of House and it's great to see them getting busy and being part of what makes the Pavilion such a great theatre.

If you've been a member for a while, maybe been a bit quiet on the theatre front, have a think about reconnecting and joining in with what's happening. You'll enjoy yourself, and it will be great to see you again.

Next time you are at the theatre you'll see we've installed a TV in the foyer. This will be a great promotional strategy for our theatre. You can look forward to seeing behind the scenes footage of forthcoming productions, interviews and whatever else we can dream up.

To be honest, that's all I've got time for. Set building awaits! Then a beverage.....

See you around the theatre.
Stephen

from the program director

After April's Annual General Meeting, we've hit the ground running! In an action packed Committee Meeting this month, the directors for 2014 were chosen.

Congratulations to: Meredith Jacobs, Faith Jessel, Jeremy Johnson, Valerie Miller, Peter Rhodes, Bernard Teuben and Annette van Roden.

At the same meeting, we also elected members of the Play Recommendation Committee. There's a couple of months solid reading for these guys so congratulations to: Brooke Davidson, Annette Emerton, Susie Herring, Liz Houchin and Paul Seitz.

I'm really looking forward to working with the PRC members and next year's directors in shaping an exciting Season 2014.

Paul

sneak peek

The Servant of Two Masters opens May 15. Here's a sneak peek....



Tiffany Hoy, Lara Spaggiari and Julian Lawrence



Adam Garden & Robert Snars

lighting workshop

Here at CHP, we are always on the look out for lighting designers and operators - we can't keep relying on the same few people to do the job show after show.

With this in mind, if you have a hankering to learn the ropes, dip your big toe into the illuminated pool and see if the water is to your liking (that's enough tortured metaphor for one article), Sean Churchward is holding a Light Workshop on Sunday May 26, 9am to 12pm in the foyer.

No previous experience necessary! Learn how to set up a lighting desk, the proper terminology, the difference between a minim and an LED, between plotting and focusing and how to spell "gobo".

If you're interested, please contact Sean on 0417 321 526 or sean_churchward@yahoo.com.au.

from the membership officer

A big, warm and hearty pre-Winter welcome to our lovely new members: Rodger Wishart, Leah Nuthall, Sophie Waddington, Fred Cameron, Alyssa Kanaley, Evan Stent and Stijn Vermeulen.

Have a wonderful time making The Pavilion your second home!

Faith

vale heather schubach

Heather Jean Schubach 1922-2013
(Life Member of the Castle Hill Players)

It was with great sadness that we received the news in April that one of our most dedicated and loyal members, Heather Jean Schubach, had passed away on Thursday 4th April at the age of 91.

The funeral service was held on the 15th April at Rookwood Memorial Gardens. The chapel was filled with many family and friends. Daughter Penny and son Simon spoke about a loving and caring mother who had a huge heart and a strong sense of integrity who was an intelligent and active member of the community. Heather was also a great lover of the arts, belonging to several theatre and art societies and it was this love of theatre that prompted her to join the Castle Hill Players in 1968 and she quickly became one of its greatest assets.

During the 70's and 80's Castle Hill Players had one of the most active young drama groups in the shire. Classes averaged 25 students and Heather became Administrative Principal to the Junior Drama group employing several young members and young graduates from NIDA to tutor the Player's young members.

With an early background in writing for country newspapers and being an active communicator Heather worked tirelessly on Committee as our Publicity Officer for 9 consecutive years on over 42 productions and gave each and every play her very best. At that time we actively promoted our plays to the media and Heather would host these functions with grace and charm. One of her proudest moments was being made a life member of The Castle Hill Players.



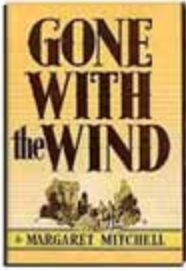
Heather also worked as CHP's Secretary, was Hostess and contact for Mowll and Nuffield villages and keeper of the keys. In her later years Heather worked as our Theatre Archivist, carefully collecting, sorting and filing our brochures, programs and clippings from local newspapers for our Archive collection.

I remember each year Heather, with husband Freddie by her side, would lovingly pin and arrange the photos and programs on the display wall and at the end of our season take them down, file them and start all over again. This continued till her 80's when she herself handed over the reins and joined the community at the Mowll Village.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. I personally feel privileged to have known her.

Maureen Cartledge (Archivist and friend)

tomorrow is another day!



CALLING ALL GONE WITH THE WIND FANS!

We are planning to have an exhibition of GWTW memorabilia in the foyer during our production of *Moonlight & Magnolias*.

If you have any collectibles, souvenirs, anecdotes, stories and memories of that exciting time in cinematic history to share, please contact Annette Snars. All items will be housed in a glass display cabinet for their protection and will be required to be on loan from late July to the end of August.

In addition to *Gone With the Wind*, the book and the movie, there is of course the American Civil War which is such a vital part of this classic story. This display promises to be an entertaining addition to the production.

Contact me soon to discuss. Thanks!
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farmer's market(ing)

And while we're banging on about marketing...

Every second Saturday of the month, we open up the theatre during the Farmer's Market. It's a lovely way to spend the morning, handing out leaflets, showing people our stage (and hearing them exclaim "God! I never knew this was here!") and eating probably the best egg and bacon rolls I have ever tasted.

We are always looking for members to turn up and give us a hand so if you're interested, give Bernard a call on 0419 265 385 or email Bernard.Teuben@kmart.com.au.

BTW - Thanks Ron Parnell for your enthusiasm for this!

in other news...

Member Jeannie Gee was recently in *The Vagina Monologues* as part of V-Day 2013 at The Seymour Centre. Unfortunately, it's too late to catch her in that production but mmm... we are looking for a suitable foyer show!

Our friends at *The Theatre on Chester* in Epping are now offering youth drama classes through an organisation called "The Acting Experience". Visit their web site www.theatreonchester.com.au for more information.

Kate from Costume Corner (our go to guys for costume hire and wonderful supporters of our shows) is involved in the Dural Music Society's production of *Aladdin* from May 10 to May 25.



Visit www.duralmusicalsociety.org for details.

Do you have any news you would like to share with our members? Email the newsletter editor Peter on peter@colebeecentre.com.au with the details.

Paul Seitz and Dennis Channels





Bernard and Sean get their freak on at the *Steaming* closing night party.

and finally...

What happens at a closing night party, stays at a closing night party.

Unless there's photographic evidence and it ends up in the newsletter!

From next month, the incomparable Peter Rhodes will be your newsletter editor so please email him with any newsletter issues or entries. It's been fun!
Paul



And here's one more from *Servant*... Isabelle Kavanagh

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