

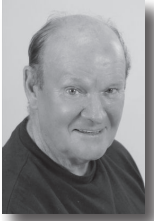
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Presidents Report



Another busy month. After the Christmas Spectacular and Alliance Launch in December, GCLT went a little quiet over the end-of-year break. But we got things hopping with another successful Trivia Night on 13 January. This success was due to many people who helped out with FOH, ticketing, furniture moving, cleaning, etc etc – and of course our quizmasters Dawn and her side kick Jody. Not forgetting those who attended the evening - without you, we don't have a social event: thank you for your support. We cleared a nice amount in financial terms and enjoyed the burgeoning fellowship. Dawn is now planning a **Murder Mystery Night** – to be held on **16 March**. The actors are being prepped for a fun-filled evening.

As part of the quickening pulse of GCLT, arrangements are well in hand for the Pegasus Youth Theatre to begin operations in Molly's next month, under the guiding hand of Annie Lotocki. Also Marc James (Aegis Theatrical) will stage his production immediately after the Dolphin Awards. This is something a little different and Marc has assembled a strong cast.

Our new sponsor, WHK, has provided promotional material which you will see in various of our communications as well in green room flyers. You are encouraged to consider their services. We will shortly be conducting a raffle for the Titans memorabilia currently on display in the foyer. The draw for this valuable item (value around \$800) will be conducted at the Dolphin awards night. Tickets may be purchased at the Box Office - \$4 each or 3 for \$10.

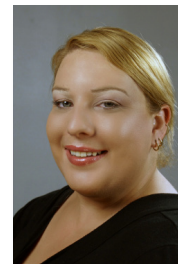
Arrangements for the Dolphin Awards on 27 February are well in hand - generally, the format, programme, etc will be as in the past years.

Finally, I have watched the enthusiastic cast and crew of "Eurobeat" at work over the last many weeks. The cast is dazzling and the set visually stunning. It is important that this is a success to kick off 2011. I urge all members to book early and bring friends to see this show – it will not disappoint.

Hugh Brophy - *President, GCLT*



The Drinks night on Tuesday Jan 18th was enjoyed, as usual, by an enthusiastic crowd who were looking for some



inside information on the show. Rhylee briefly discussed the show, and then let the performers show what they could do! Germany and Ireland strutted their stuff, and the audience LOVED it! With outstanding lighting courtesy of Chris King from Multi-Image Productions (who have designed and are running the lighting for the show) it was a feast for

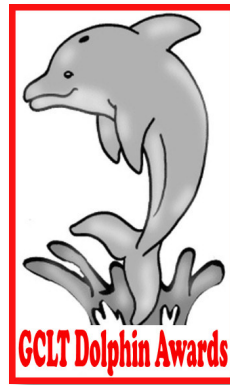
the senses! The show is looking - and sounding - GREAT and will be a really up-beat start to the 2011 season. The 2 hosts, Boyka (Jess Papst) and Sergei (Andy MacFarlane) are *very* funny and move the night along at a snappy pace. **EUROBEAT: ALMOST EUROVISION** opens this coming Saturday night and tickets for the season are selling fast - you can book direct via the website at www.gclt.com.au, or by phone on **5532 2096** - book early for the best seats!



'Germany' gives the crowd a sample of the EUROBEAT magic!

Graham Simpson is a proud grandfather!

Pictured below are Cassie Eddy (nee Simpson) and her new daughter Naisha, born Dec 20th at 7.48pm - a healthy 6lb 11oz. Cassie and husband Jamie are proud parents, with Graham and wife Lynn a close second as proud grandparents: Naisha was exactly the Christmas present they had all been hoping for!



It seems like only a year ago that we were celebrating the 2009 Dolphin Awards - and, actually, it was! The nominations have been decided, and once the votes are in, it only remains for the audience to dig out their glad-rags, and the GCLT annual night-of-nights will once again hold pride of place in the social calendar! The prized statuettes will be engraved and held under lock and key -

the winners are known only to a select few before the big night: the look of surprise you see on each winner's face is genuine! The productions for 2010 were:

**DIAL M FOR MURDER
SHOW BOAT
ARSENIC AND OLD LACE
TRAVELLING NORTH
MOVE OVER MRS MARKHAM**

And of course our One Act Play Season - 11 individual productions, directed by 7 directors, performed 4 times over 3 days. Don't forget to vote - and then it just remains to dress up and come along on Feb 27th - see you there!



Another fun and successful evening hosted again by Dawn & Jodie, assisted by Hugh, and with Rodney Baker on sound. A packed house worked their way through 5 rounds of varied and challenging questions. The eventual winners, *The Poisoners*, beat their nearest rival by 8

Team Trivia 130111

Team	Round1	Round2	Round3	Round4	Round5	Round6	RESULT
Intellectuals	8	14	20	23	29	35	9
Likorice Allsorts	6	15	20	29	36	45	4
Poisoners	13	24	33	44	53	61	1
Travellers	8	15	22	29	36	44	5
News Inc	9	17	25	32	38	43	6
Lunchalot	4	10	14	17	21	25	11
Mind Beggars	6	16	20	25	30	35	8
Ziggy & The Zeds	7	14	18	21	25	28	10
Good Vibrations	7	14	21	25	31	36	7
Fig Jam	10	20	32	39	46	53	2
Almost MENSA	10	17	24	31	40	46	3
Ducks & Drakes	7	9	13	16	17	20	12

points: no mean feat and worthy of congratulations from all of their competitors! Robyn's FOH

team did an admirable job looking after everyone - well done to all of those involved in supporting the evening. Watch the February newsletter for more information on our March 16 Murder Mystery Night - perhaps a couple of *The Poisoners* will feature?!



The Poisoners: David, John, Marion, Valerie & Jean - The Team Trivia winners who blitzed the field!

And now - a word from our sponsor!

In 2011, WHK are our proud season sponsor, and we asked them to say a few words to introduce themselves.



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Directed by Noella Johnson

This powerful Australian drama is our second production in the 2011 season, and auditions are being held on Sunday January 30th. The play has a cast of 7, and descriptions of the roles and ages are as follows:

- Sandra Sprague** - mother to the 3 boys: 50's
- Brett Sprague** - older brother, just out of jail: early 30's
- Glenn Sprague** - middle brother: late 20's
- Stevie Sprague** - younger brother: mid 20's
- Michelle** - Brett's girlfriend: loyal - early 30's
- Jackie** - Glenn's girlfriend: controlling - late 20's
- Nola** - Stevie's girlfriend: pregnant - mid 20's

The play contains strong language and some violence, but this is in context with the content and setting. It is mainly concerned with male violence towards women and the loyalty of these women to their men - it's a disturbing fact that this type of violence is increasingly prevalent in 21st century society. The play describes the events leading up to, and the period after, the brutal abduction, rape and murder of a young girl - the actual event is never seen. Set in suburban Australia, it portrays the lives of the Sprague family and their involvement in the events surrounding the murder. Powerful & gritty, it provides an excellent opportunity for the 7 actors to portray their characters and the complex relationships within the group realistically. The movie starred David Wenham and Toni Collette as Brett & Michelle, and marked David Wenham's coming of age as a dramatic actor. Please contact the director Noella Johnson by email at kevinandnoella@hotmail.com, or by phone on 5591 8493 for any additional information on the play & the available roles.



- **Saturday 29th Jan, 2011** – Opening Night EUROBEAT: ALMOST EUROVISION
- **Sunday 30th Jan, 2011 from 10am** – Auditions for THE BOYS
- **Sunday Feb 27th, 2011 from 6pm** – The 2010 Dolphin Awards



EUROBEAT hosts Boyka & Sergei open the night in style!

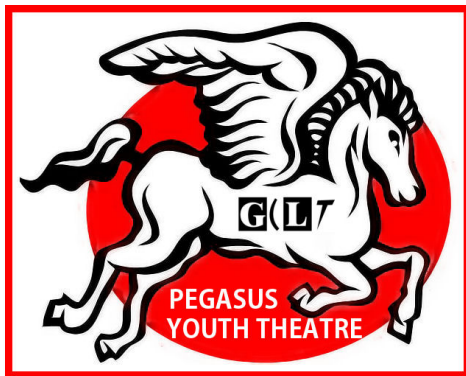


SUBMISSIONS, PLEASE!

After last year's very successful One Act Play season, our audiences are looking forward to an even better season this year - we now face the challenge of meeting (and exceeding) their expectations in 2011.

We're looking for performance pieces with a maximum length of around 20 minutes (no minimum - our shortest piece last year was 3 minutes) and the subject matter is as broad as your imagination. A selection from a full-length production, something you've written yourself, a musical number (but not simply a recital), physical theatre - the main criteria is that it must tell a story and be self-contained. Something to intrigue us, to challenge us, to make us think, or make us laugh - or cry. We'll provide a minimalist 'black-box' set - how you use it is up to you. Use the season as an opportunity to hone your skills as a director, a writer, a performer - or all 3.

The Production Committee will consider all submissions - please send your script, or concept, in writing to John Arthars, our Chair of Productions, at john.david.arthars@yahoo.com.au.



The Pegasus Youth Theatre is an exciting new initiative by GCLT in 2011 to encourage and support young people in the performing arts. Headed by Anne Lotocki, a qualified Speech, Drama and Theatre teacher, the Pegasus Youth Theatre aims to provide training to young people between the ages of 8 and 18 in stagecraft and theatre.

Classes commence 5th February - please phone the Youth Director on 5530 8337 to enquire and enrol.

Class sizes are Strictly Limited

Saturday Morning Classes

Juniors 8.30 - 9.30am (8 - 11 years)

Intermediates 9.45 - 10.45am (12 years - 14 years)

Seniors 11am - 12.30 pm (15 - 18 years)

FEES 2011:

\$100 per term payable on the first day of each term
Youth Membership of GCLT \$10 for the calendar year must also be paid on the first day of Term 1

TERMS 2011:

TERM 1: 5th February to 9th April

TERM 2: 30th April - 18th June

TERM 3: 16th July - 10th September

TERM 4: 8th October - 10th December

December 10th, 2011 at 7.30pm

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AVENUE Q – directed by Kim Reynolds, playing from Feb 18 – Mar 12, 2011. Ph. 5539 4255

Javeenbah:

PERFECT MURDER – directed by Gillian Crow, playing from Jan 21 – Feb 5, 2011. Ph. 5596 0300

Tugun Theatre:

PLAY IT AGAIN SAM – directed by Nathan Schulz, playing from Feb 10 to Feb 26, 2011. Ph. 5593 9174

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