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Presidents Report



What a hit "Eurobeat" turned out to be. Rhylee Nowell and her cast and crew had audiences clapping and cheering – even the odd standing ovation. Their talent and hard work saw a gratifying growth in ticket sales as the word-of-mouth spread. Our energetic Publicity Director, Helen Hill, had much to do with the success too: the show has been like a breath of fresh in GCLT.

Unfortunately, Pegasus didn't fly: we were not able to get a Junior Theatre off the ground. I have promised to analyse what happened and consider another try maybe next term or next year: Annie Lotocki is to be congratulated for all her hard work. Marc James' production, "Three Viewings", on the other hand, opens on March 2 and, at the time of writing, bookings are coming in steadily.

The raffle for the Titans Jersey, generously donated by Dawn Crichlow, realised \$666, which will be donated to the Premier's Disaster Relief Fund.

The Dolphin Awards was, as usual, a great success: all the winners are published later in this Newsletter. I have to thank Leo Mevissen, Dawn Warrington and Joyce Grant who helped plan the affair. And of course, Valerie Cooney did a sterling job as MC. Due to the absence of Maria Buckler, we had to press a replacement into service as "Barrel Girl": Amber Allum looked lovely and filled in admirably.

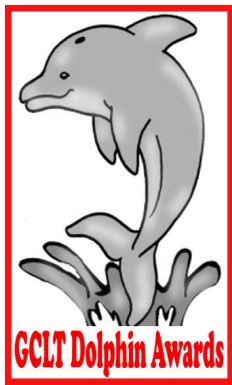
The Murder Mystery Night has begun rehearsal under the direction of Dawn China: mark it in your diaries for Wed 16th March. This should be a 'hoot' and is another step towards my stated aim of 'fun-raising' rather than the 'fund-raising' that we concentrated last year in the theatre. Please support this initiative since it promises fun and intrigue – not least my wardrobe in one scene. See the notice in this newsletter – and book early! Numbers are limited.

Hugh Brophy - *President, GCLT*



Well - it's come to an end, but what a GREAT time it had in the process! Rhylee and her team & cast presented a wonderfully bright and enjoyable piece of theatre that was enjoyed by all who came along. Over 1500 people saw the show during its run, many of them multiple times - Roger McKenzie from STAGE WHISPERS magazine came back 3 times, including closing night! Jess Papst & Andy McFarlane as the 2 hosts were outstanding in their roles - funny, slick and well and truly up to the task of audience interaction! The performers were all wonderful, the costumes outlandish, and the lighting a real triumph. Chris King from Multi Image Productions gave us great value for money - hiring in an outside contractor to light a show for us is very rare indeed, and he showed what an asset a dedicated professional can be. Congratulations must go to all of the tech crew - backstage / video camera / spotlight / sound: a huge effort from everyone. Who could forget Jodie, Deanna and Dennis as our welcome-and-warmup crew: Deanna convinced more than one audience member that she was ACTUALLY Bosnian, Jodie's mono-brow was a real hit, and Dennis' enthusiastic spotlight work added an extra dimension to the proceedings! And let's not forget our unsung hero: Wendy Barnes. Along with daughter Jodie, Wendy sourced and prepared all of the goodie bags presented to punters each performance. She guillotined and prepared all of the voting forms, and made all of the miniature flags - more than 1500 of each: the Barnes kitchen table was a production line for many weeks! She then worked front of house as well just to make sure things ran smoothly, going the extra mile just as many of our dedicated volunteers do - well done Wendy! All in all - a team effort that resulted in happy audiences and a memorable musical that was definitely NOT average!!





The 11th Annual Dolphin Awards was presented last Sunday night at the theatre, and a glamorous and stylish night was had by all. Hosted by the lovely Valerie Cooney, the night was a celebration of the talents involved in presenting a year of theatre, and in true 'the show must go on' tradition, Amber Allum (stunning in blue) filled in as Valerie's

assistant for the evening with a couple of days notice when Maria Buckler was called away. And then when Joel Beskin was delayed in getting to the theatre to present the first award of the night, Leo Mevissen stepped in in his place! As a final farewell to EURO-BEAT, the cast presented a couple of numbers after interval: Laura Baker & Jack Harbour reprised I LOVE TO LOVE TO LOVE, and Jess Papst and the cast presented THE TURNIP SONG (not its correct title, but close enough!). Both numbers were very well received and really added zing to the proceedings. Dorothy Henderson won her first ever Dolphin Award - and then turned it into a pair by winning a second award: MOVE OVER MRS MARKHAM did very well in the trophy stakes, winning 5 on the night! Congratulations to all those involved in making the night a success.



Amber Allum



Dawn Crichlow



Dorothy Henderson



Rob Buker (WHK)

DOLPHIN AWARDS FOR GCLT PRODUCTIONS IN 2010

OUTSTANDING ONE ACT PLAY
BOMBSHELLS - Director Ruth Henderson

OUTSTANDING SOUND DESIGN
SHOWBOAT - Graham Simpson & John McWatters

OUTSTANDING LIGHTING DESIGN
DIAL M FOR MURDER - Colin Crow

OUTSTANDING STAGE MANAGEMENT
SHOWBOAT - Del Halpin

OUTSTANDING SET DESIGN
ARSENIC AND OLD LACE - Michael Sutton

OUTSTANDING COSTUME DESIGN
SHOW BOAT - The Team from Showboat

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMER IN A MUSICAL
(male or female)

SHOW BOAT - Frank Culell as Cap'n Andy Hawks

OUTSTANDING LEAD MALE PERFORMER IN A MUSICAL
SHOW BOAT - Stephen Morris as Gaylord Ravenal

OUTSTANDING LEAD FEMALE PERFORMER IN A MUSICAL
SHOWBOAT - Louise Harris as Magnolia

OUTSTANDING LEAD MALE ACTOR IN A PLAY
ARSENIC AND OLD LACE - Noel Thompson as
Mortimer Brewster

OUTSTANDING LEAD FEMALE ACTOR IN A PLAY
MOVE OVER MRS MARKHAM - Viviane Gian as
Joan Markham

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING MALE ACTOR IN A PLAY
MOVE OVER MRS MARKHAM - Matt Hadgraft as
Alistair Spenlow

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING FEMALE ACTOR IN A PLAY
MOVE OVER MRS MARKHAM - Naomi Thompson as
Linda Lodge

OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR
MOVE OVER MRS MARKHAM - Dorothy Henderson

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION
MOVE OVER MRS MARKHAM -
Director Dorothy Henderson

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTION TO GCLT**

Received by: Maria Buckler





This powerful Australian drama is our second production in the 2011 season, and successful auditions were held on Sunday January 30th. Noella Johnson is very pleased to announce the following cast:

- Sandra Sprague** - Del Halpin
- Brett Sprague** - Stuart Lumsden
- Glenn Sprague** - Nathan Wright
- Stevie Sprague** - Jordan Schiele
- Michelle** - Amber Allum
- Jackie** - Kate McNair
- Nola** - Carmen Trevino

Rehearsals are well underway, despite being delayed by a week moving into the theatre - all in a good cause really, as Marc James' Aegis Theatrical inaugural production is in the theatre this week for a 5-performance run. Noella and the cast are really excited by THE BOYS - a strong script with excellent, well-painted characters that is sure to challenge and entertain audiences. Book early to get the best seats - online at www.gclt.com.au, or by phone 5532 2096



- Wednesday March 16th, 2011 from 7pm - FINAL CUT (Murder Mystery Night)
- Sunday March 27th, 2011 from 10am: Auditions for THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB
- Tuesday April 19th, 2011 from 6pm: Drinks with the director of THE BOYS - Noella Johnson
- Saturday April 30th, 2011: Opening night THE



Valerie Cooney & Hugh Brophy at The Dolphins



Actually - there were 2 winners recently:

All paid subscriptions go into a draw each year to win one free single annual subscription. Congratulations to this year's luck winner:

Alan Starky from Bonogin

Stage manager Alexa Blake drew the EUROBE-AT pink ticket winner on the final night of the show - a prize valued in excess of \$300 was won by:

Ms. Mollie Wilcock of Sanctuary Cove

Congratulations Molly - we know you'll enjoy it!

Enjoy an Evening of Fun and Intrigue

FINAL CUT

A Murder Mystery Night

WHERE: GOLD COAST LITTLE THEATRE
WHEN: WED MARCH 16TH AT 7PM - SHARP!

BUFFET INCLUDED
CASH BAR
\$15 PER PERSON

Raffles and other prizes

Dress Up !!
Cocktail or evening dress for women
Dinner Suit or evening attire for men
Awards for Best Dressed, most creative solution, etc

Purchase your tickets early -
Numbers strictly limited!

Book at the Box Office

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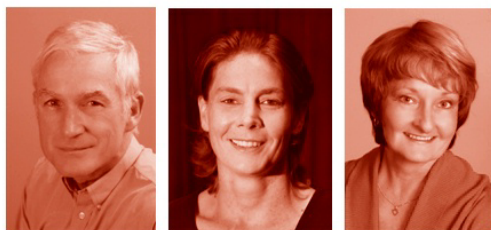
Tickets MUST be booked
in advance
for catering purposes

THIS WEEK ONLY
5 PERFORMANCES ONLY
 WED 8PM / THU 8PM / FRI 8PM / SAT 2PM / SAT 8PM

Aegis Theatrical presents
 The Australian Premiere of
Three Viewings

by
Jeffrey Hatcher

Jack Henry, Lucy Moxon & Gillian Crow



Tickets only \$20.00

Don't Miss This Show!

At GCLT for **One Week Only**

Book at GCLT box office on **5532 2096**

Wed 2 March - Sat 5 March at 8pm

Matinee - Sat 5 March at 2pm

Produced and directed by **Marc James**

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Dolphins guests: pictures courtesy of Les Karpathy

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Spotlight Main Theatre:

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

Javeenbah:

LEADER OF THE PACK – directed by Amy-Louise Anderson, playing from Mar 18 – Apr 2, 2011. Ph. 5596 0300

Tugun Theatre:

SURPRISE PACKAGE – directed by Brenda Warren, playing from May 12 to May 28, 2011. Ph. 5593 9174

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