

## Presidents Report

Once again this has been a busy time at the theatre. A very special performance took place and any member that missed the Court House production of The Ballad of Mary Ann Brownlow missed a treat, it was wonderful and everyone connected to it must be congratulated. Special thanks to Chrisjohn who pulled the whole thing together, it was so atmospheric and moving, full houses and tears were witnessed at every performance. Thank you all. Thank you also to David Cole and John Spicer for writing such an interesting and thought provoking script.

I am going away now to UK and will not be back until the AGM. Please all make an effort to attend, it is important that the theatre has a board of management and we are looking for people willing to stand and support us.

The theatre is, as always a very busy place. Treasure Island is in rehearsal and The Odd Couple (female version) will have auditions in September. We have a Youth Gathering also being held in September and will need help hosting groups from all over country NSW and ACT, this is going to be an exciting weekend with very special guests coming to run workshops.

The drama class I run on Friday afternoons will be performing at the Eisteddfod on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Goulburn Workers Club. They will be doing an excerpt from Urbs Urbis and we are all looking forward to rehearsing very hard on my return. I'm afraid that is all for this month look after yourselves. Judith Boyd

### **Treasure Island**

Come along and share the search for the buried treasure at the Lieder when the cast and crew set sail for Treasure Island on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August commencing at the early time 7.30pm. Meet the friendly pirates and chat to Long John Silver's parrot, Captain Flint, watch young Jim Hawkins fight the ferocious Israel Hands, meet the strange and eccentric Ben Gunn – marooned on the island for three years, help Captain Smollett sail his schooner and dodge the flying shots from the Doctor and Squire Trelawney's muskets. The classic adventure is all there on the Lieder stage straight from Robert Louis Stevenson's novel. With a cast of more men ever seen at the one time on the Lieder stage this play is a delight for the whole family.

The cast includes **Lachlan Edwards** as the young Jim Hawkins, **Jenny Nell** as his fearful mother, **Martin Sanders** as Long John Silver, **Vincent Davis** as Squire Trelawney, **Terry Phillips** as Billy Bones, **Craig Edwards** as Blind Pew, **Brian Richardson** as Captain Smollett, **Andrew Mullen** as Ben Gunn, **Brian Hill** as the evil Black Dog, and **Dale Chalker** as the respectable Doctor Livesey. Pirates and sailors that stalk the stage throughout the show include **Gosh Waters, Nick Nell, Alexander Edwards, Joshua Phillips, Matt Kay, Colin Penfold, Bruce McGuirk**, and the infamous **Blair Woodcock**.

The play has been directed by Chrisjohn Hancock, with musical advice from Peter McLaren and costumes by Pauline J Mullen. Ellie McMahon is stage-managing the show.

**Treasure Island** opens on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August with a charity performance in support of the 'HOUSE OF HEALING HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION'

with a pre-show supper commencing at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm curtain

Tickets for this performance only: Adults \$25.00, Children: \$15.00

includes coffee/tea and sweets at interval.

Contact: Jacinta Conroy on 48228680 (home) or 0403686241 (mobile) to book.

The show continues on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays until September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm. There are two matinee performances commencing at 2pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Advance bookings can be made in person one week prior to opening night from Michael Connolly Chemmart, 312 Auburn Street, or by phone to the Lieder Theatre in Goldsmith Street on 48215066

NOTE: pre booked/purchased tickets get to share the buried treasure

## **AGM**

The **112<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Goulburn Liedertafel Inc.** will be held at the Lieder Theatre in Goldsmith Street on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2005 commencing at 6pm. All members are welcome to attend. Nomination forms for a position on the Board of Management and additional information may be obtained by contacting the vice-president Pauline J Mullen at the Lieder on 48215066. The constitution for the Goulburn Liedertafel Inc is available for members by contacting the Public Officer Pauline J. Mullen

Membership fees are now due. Copies of membership application forms can be obtained from the Theatre or posted to you at your request. Current members receive a generous discount when purchasing adult tickets for mainstage productions.

The Lieder Theatre Company is the longest running theatre company in Australia

## **Exchange & Change – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gathering of regional youth theatre people**

This is going to be one amazing event with youth theatre enquiries from as far away as Bathurst, the South Coast, Cooma and the ACT. If you are intending to book do it now, as places are limited.

Contact Ellie at the Theatre for a registration form and more details.

This exciting youth theatre forum runs from

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September @ the Lieder**

The event is open to rural youth theatre groups and young people interested in the performing arts and will involve four days of performances, workshops, networking and parties hosted by the Lieder Youth Theatre Company in Goulburn

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Gathering** is a follow on from the very successful youth forum organized by Canberra Youth Theatre in April 2004. All who attended this inaugural gathering confirmed their commitment to continue to provide opportunities for regional youth, to pursue their interest in the performing arts and continue to develop the bond between the regional groups supporting youth who are keen on finding a future in the arts.

The Lieder Theatre will provide some funding assistance to cover travel, accommodation and meals for the young performers and groups wishing to participate in the gathering.

Tutors and guest speakers are being sourced from the Bell Shakespeare Company, NIDA, and the National Institute for Circus Arts (NICA).

This event is a unique and fantastic opportunity for isolated regional youth interested in exploring the performing arts as a career option. It will provide a rare and exciting opportunity for rural and regionally isolated youth interested in the performing arts to meet and share their work, while at the same time learn new skills and continue to develop stronger and meaningful networks for young people in the arts around the region.

**Exchange and Change – 2<sup>nd</sup> Gathering** has received funding from the Department of Education and Training – TAFE ArtStart department through Southern Tablelands Arts, Goulburn Mulwaree Council, and Regional Arts NSW – Country Arts Support Program, which is funded by the NSW Government through the NSW Ministry for the Arts.

### **Fire Show**

Don't miss the Youth Theatre Company's famous and fabulous **Acrobatic Fire Show** on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2005 in Belmore Park commencing at 8.30pm. Amazing and breathtaking, dangerous and very hot. This show gets better and better every time. If you have never seen one of these performances now is your chance. This is the Lieder Youth Theatre Company at their best.

### **The 41<sup>st</sup> Goulburn Eisteddfod**

**The Speech and Drama Section of the Goulburn Eisteddfod** will be held in the Lieder Theatre on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup> September. This year there will be a few Lieder members competing as well as our Friday drama class under the direction of Judith. Good luck guys.

### **Crash Investigation Scenarios**

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 10 very adventurous Lieder actors set their alarm for 4am to take part in a Police Driver Training Crash Investigation Scenario Course at the Police Driver Training Course on Taralga Road. Lieder Actors played crash victims, offending drivers, and witnesses to accidents,

made up with bruises, abrasions, broken legs and spinal injuries. It's been a while since the company was asked to take part in this training program and luckily the morning wasn't too chilly. Performers took on characters for the trainees to investigate and it was great fun and good experience as well as developing a valuable relationship with the Goulburn Police Academy.

### **The Ballad of Mary Ann Brownlow**

What a fantastic response to this wonderful local show on its return season. A huge thankyou to the cast and crew including front of house staff and especially to the Goulburn Court House who allowed us to perform in their most beautiful surroundings and very suitable for our play written by John Spicer and David Cole. Thankyou again to everyone who worked on it and supported it. With three full houses and audiences turned away its just possible we will do it again next year. Thankyou also to Goulburn Mulwaree Council who provided financial assistance for the project.

### **Follow the Lieder**

Funding has recently been received from Regional Arts NSW to conduct an audience recruitment drive with the aim of finding more people to come along to see mainstage plays at the theatre. We plan to trial this project we are calling **Follow the Lieder** for five months and are currently looking for volunteers to take part. Volunteers ideally need to have not seen a play at the Lieder before and not be regular theatre-goers, but be willing to give it a try by attending three shows accompanied by an ambassador who's job it is to make the experience an enjoyable one. Do you know anyone who may be interested in being a volunteer or an ambassador? Like more information? Please let our project coordinator Fiona Churchill know about it. Contact her on 48213191 or at the Theatre.

In June **Kieran Milward**, a Goulburn High School student, spent a week on *work experience* at the Lieder. During his time here he took part in the early design discussions for *Treasure Island*, set building, script reading, office administration and the day to day running of our busy little Company.

### **Mentorship**

Over the past, however long its been, Ellie and I have been worked like slaves to help keep the theatre running smoothly for the upcoming show, **Treasure Island**, and with its monstrous set it will be amazing.

We have also been trying to get the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gathering organised which looks quite promising with Darren Gilshenan as key note speaker and a performance by the wonderful Lieder Youth Theatre Company who will be putting on one of their trademark **Acrobatic Fire Shows** in Belmore Park.

But the most important of all the whole weekend will kick-off with a concert where the multi-talented **3 Incas** will demonstrate their skills. I hope you all will come along to enjoy the show!

Until next time, live the dream

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