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Ceiri's Capers

Where has this year gone already, already! One minute it's New Years Eve and the next it's Moomba, Grand Prix and footy season.

The Wizard of Oz is now in full swing with the young and not so young working really well together. Lots of laughs and the music and dance is so much fun. This is one show that covers all aspects of live theatre. You have comedy, drama, scary bits, fantasy and a happy ending. Dances cover ballet with point, tap and creative. Music ranges from big band style, blues and swing with great harmonies to the more traditional pantomime style songs. The Production Team are extremely patient, enthusiastic and very encouraging. Some of us are beginning to feel that nothing is impossible (well, maybe almost all of us). Everyone keep up the good work and do lots of practice in down time (this is the mum in me talking).

Went to see the hilarious show *No Sex Please, We're British* presented by *Break a Leg Theatre Group* on Saturday 17th March. Haven't had such a good laugh in a long time. Congratulations to all the cast especially our LTC members Ernie Rijs, Christine Skicko, Annette O'Shea, Aron Toman, Barry Whitehead, Lawrie Fildes and Andrew Hood.

A big thanks to LTC members and the Traralgon Toe Tappers who turned up to the Moe Jazz Festival to distribute flyers promoting *The Wizard of Oz*. Very much appreciated.



Ceiri
(President)



The Cast

Dorothy: Laura Hartnell

Scarecrow: Anthony Di Donato

Tin Man: Simon Hemming

Lion: Wayne Musgrove

Glinda: Romy Eerhard

Wicked Witch Of The West: Annette O'Shea

The Wizard Of Oz: Mark Woods

The Guard: Chris Billings

Plus many more Munchkins, Ozians, Crows, Trees and others – check out www.latrobetheatrecompany.org.au for the full list!



(The four friends)

Advance ticket sales are available now from the Box Office 56242456; or via the booking form available from the website. Prices are \$32 Adults, \$28 Concession/Children/Students/Friends of Arts Centre, \$27 Groups (>10), \$95 Family Ticket

More in Oz...

Publicity: Posters have been completed by Wayne Musgrove and they are stunning. Many of you will have seen the 30 second commercial which went live from the 25th March on Prime TV. Barry Whitehead is giving us great coverage on the ABC for which we are always grateful. Thank you so much Barry the wonderful support you constantly provide.

Sponsorship: Ann and Simon have worked hard to get sponsorship packages in the mail and to date it looks like some of our current sponsors are interested in upgrading their packages and a few new businesses have shown interest in applying. Great job Simon and Ann.

Gala Night: Will be a little different to other years. After discussion between Ann, Kate and the Traralgon Rotary, Gala Night will be called the Rotary Gippsland Centenary Night where \$5 from every ticket sold will go directly to GCH. The Rotary Gippsland Centenary Night will be held on Wednesday 27th June during the second week of performances.

COMING SOON – TOTO
AUDITIONS! WHO WILL BE THAT
LITTLE DOG TOO?

Stop Press! Important Note!

The committee would like to make it known to all that the telephone in the Hut will be disconnected due to lack of use. We know that this is a matter that has concerned many, and we are happy to end the sleepless nights over this very topical issue.

Coming soon – Footy Night!

We're looking at organising a Footy Night some time after Easter and of course it wouldn't be a footy night without the good old Aussie pie would it? Even if it's not your favourite team playing on the night we want everyone to come and barrack for whoever and just have fun. You can still be loyal to your team by wearing your favourite jumper, scarf or beanie. Will send you more details when finalised.

STILL WANTED

Thank you to all those who have donated furniture for *The Wings*, but we still could use more! We desperately need a large coffee table in our meeting room, as well as lockable display cabinets to show off our 40-odd years of memorabilia. Or anything else you think we might need to make *The Wings* truly wonderful

If anyone has anything they want to get rid of, or knows someone else who does, please contact Ceiri Byers or Kate Dougan ASAP.

Change in Administration

Congratulations to Simon Hemming, who at the recent AGM was formally voted in as Vice President of LTC. We know you'll be fantastic. And thanks to our previous VP Judy Degan for all your hard work!

Latrobe Theatre Company Inc. presents

Performed at the West Gippsland Arts Centre Civic Place, Warragul

The Wizard of Oz

Cast:
Christine Stucko
Bronke Sotlar
Green Press
Kate Dougan

With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg
Background Music by Perfect Motion
Dance and Light Arrangements by Peter Newark
Production by Larry Wilson
Adapted by Jack Rosn
An The Royal Shakespeare Company
Based upon the Classic Motion Picture
Directed by Victor Fleming
and adapted to all media by Warner Bros.

Performance Dates

- Friday 22 June, 7:30pm
- Saturday 23 June, 1pm & 7:30pm
- Sunday 24 June, 1pm
- Wednesday 27 June, 7:30
- Thursday 28 June, 7:30pm
- Friday 29 June, 7:30pm
- Saturday 30 June, 1pm & 7:30pm

Tickets

- Adults \$32
- Concession (children, students, pensioners, health care card holders, seniors) \$28
- Family Ticket (up to 2 adults, 2 children - 1 adult, 5 children max) \$95
- Group Price (groups of 10 or more) \$27
- Friends of West Gippsland Arts Centre \$28

Tickets available from
West Gippsland Arts Centre Box Office 5624 2456

Corporate Sponsor: volkswagen group, VEC Heritage Theatre, Express, Latrobe City

Happy Birthdays!

Many happy returns to all those who had a birthday during February and March!

Andrew Braniff	Wendy Howes
Ceiri Byers	Benjamin Jenner
Jade Carpenter	Jenny Johnston
Roger Chambers	Anthony Mayer
Kimberly French	Jasmine O'Shea
Jessica Frost	Payge O'Shea
Samantha Grumley	Leon Raymond
Casey Hall	Amy Ryan
David Hartnell	Sue Thompson
Simon Hemming	Aron Toman
Jayden Hicks	Craig Whitehead

Pirates With Cat-Like Tread Required

Not following the Yellow Brick Road? Feel like climbing over rocky mountains (skipping rivulets and fountains)? *Maffra Dramatic Society* are still looking pirates and maidens for their upcoming production of *The Pirates Of Penzance*. Contact director Rob Woodhouse on 0411 434 520 for further details.

Local Amateur Theatre Calendar

- Grease** (*Leongatha Lyric Theatre*), May 11 – 26
Oliver (*Bairnsdale Theatre Group*), May 18 – June 3
Annie (*Warragul Theatre Company*) – May 11 – 26
Pirates Of Penzance (*Maffra Dramatic Society*) – May 25 – June 3
Gippsland Theatre Festival (hosted by *Break-A-Leg*) – May 11 – 27

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE OF STAGEWRITE
IS APRIL 20**

We Haven't Really Met Properly, Have We?

Where we annoy an LTC member until they tell us everything they know – about themselves!

Name: Daniel Hansen

Nickname(s): Shorty, Hansen, Danny, Dan.

Age: 24 and four months

Currently appearing as: Crow #2 in *The Wizard of Oz*

First appeared as: A tap dancer in *42nd Street* up the back trying to stay in time (without his taps on)

Favourite role/show thus so far? My role as Sam, part of a Cowboy Trio in *Crazy For You*

If you could play any role, what would it be? There are so many!!! I would love to be the Pirate King in *Pirates of Penzance*, or Joseph in *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

What is the worst song you've ever heard? *Ice Ice Baby* by Vanilla Ice. I have heard it so many times that it needs to be thrown away

What was the last DVD you bought? The *Asterix* box set. I am a comic book nut.

Who would you most like to meet? Since I'm short, I look up to everyone, but Rowan Atkinson would be great to meet.

What was your greatest life experience? I'm going to sound really generic with this one.....Life!

Did you ever have a childhood hero? As a child I used to love reading *Asterix* books, and the character I used to enjoy reading was Asterix's side kick Obelix. Obelix has superhuman strength, loves eating everything, has a love for dogs, and always loves to have a party.

Do you follow a soap opera? I do, I turn it on every six months and they are still doing the same thing.

What would you do if you won the lottery? First I would run around like a madman, then throw a giant party for everyone I know. Then take a giant skiing trip.

Were you well behaved at school? I only got in trouble once at school, on a school camp. Our cabin had left our keys inside and couldn't get back in. So I climbed through a window that could never be shut, and got in trouble for it.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Is this bagging my height? But since I will never grow up I still don't know :)

Thanks Daniel, it's very, erm, big of you to answer these for us! (heeheehee)

Stay tuned next month where we annoy another unsuspecting member of LTC. It could be anyone, so watch out...