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Ceiri's Capers

Welcome everyone to the year 2007. I hope your Christmas and New Year festivities were safe and happy ones and that you are all looking forward to an exciting year with optimism and anticipation.

Looking back over 2006 certainly highlights what one can achieve despite all odds if you have friends and family to support you. As a theatre company **LTC** certainly reached some highs as individuals and as a group.

Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat



What a buzz this show was. The enjoyment displayed by those involved in the show and punters was both visible and palpable from day one to the last show. Congratulations to everyone who contributed towards producing such a wonderful spectacle that people will talk about for a long time yet. Many people who have never been to live theatre before have come to me and said they and their families are now hooked for life. What more can we ask for?

Box Office figures indicate around 70% fill overall so did very well for the season.



The Wizard of Oz

Appointed production team have met and booked relevant dates. Budget should be prepared for the next committee meeting. New to the team is **Ann Maloney** as Assistant Production Manager, **Nicole Taylor** as Assistant Musical Director (who will again be our rehearsal pianist), **Chris Ross** as Assistant to the Director and **Bridie Tomkins** as the Assistant to the Choreographer. **Christine Skicko** will be taking care of Costume and Artistic Design and **Sue Thompson** has agreed to come on board to do Makeup and Hair.

Information Day will be held Sunday 4th February, 2:00 PM at "The Wings", Ronald Reserve Hall and Auditions on the 10th, 11th and 13th February at the Warragul Arts Centre. Rehearsals are set for Tuesdays and Thursdays at "The Wings". These dates and times will be confirmed at the Information Day and in *The Express* so keep your eyes peeled.

Weekend Camp has been booked at Woorabinda for the 26th/27th May.



Membership

Outstanding membership and show levies for *Into The Woods* and *Joseph* will be followed up.

NB. If your membership is not financial or you have not paid your show levy you will not be permitted to audition.

Owed show levies and memberships (2006 and previous) must be paid by the audition date. 2007 levies and memberships for *The Wizard of Oz* must be paid by the 30th March 2007.

If there are any concerns about payments please contact Membership Secretary, **Judy Degnan**.

GAT

New GAT Committee:

This consists of; **Michelle Linahan** as President, **Dan Clancey** as Vice President, **Chris Ross** as Secretary and **Norm Willoughby** as Treasurer. Congratulations to you all. We, as in all Gippsland theatre groups, need to work together with GAT to promote and sustain our vision for live theatre. We also need to look at ways to achieve common goals through the development of support systems and implementation of resource planning.

GAT Awards Night:



This was a spectacular night with around 70 LTC members turning up in all their finery. The Red Carpet theme was a huge success and it wasn't just the girls that enjoyed the "dressing up". A big thanks to our hosts, *Break A Leg Theatre Group* for all their hard work. A night to remember.

2006 GAT Award Winners

Musical Theatre:

- Most Outstanding Musical Director - **Ernie Rijs**, *Into The Woods*
- Most Outstanding Director - **Ernie Rijs**, *Into The Woods*
- Most Outstanding Production - *Into The Woods*
- Most Outstanding Costume Design - **Michelle Thomsen**, *Into The Woods*

Now this is something very special because no one seems to be able to remember when or if we have achieved Most Outstanding Production in the past. If anyone out there knows please let me know.

Special Awards:

- "Best Tree Sprite" - **Penny-Lee Tomkins**, *Into The Woods*
- "Sitting Still & Being Focused" - **The Children's Choir**, *Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

Drama/Comedy:

- Most Outstanding Lead Actor, Female - **Christine Skicko**, *Nobody's Perfect (Break A Leg Theatre Group)*

Congratulations to all those nominated and those who achieved an award. An outstanding result for all of us to be very proud of.

Community Patron

Have sent a letter of congratulations to **Tony Zimora** on appointment as Mayor and invited him to continue as Community Patron. Also sent a letter of appreciation to **Lisa Price** ending her term as Mayor and thanks for all she had done for the Company during her term as Community Patron.

AGM

To be held on Tuesday 6th February, 7.30pm at *The Wings*, Ronald Reserve Hall. Please turn up and support your theatre company, you may be surprised what you learn.

The Wings

Security screens and lock on back door seem to be doing the trick. Haven't been contacted regarding a break in since installation (touch wood). Now we can start looking at shifting in our

archives and extra furniture to make it a proper home. Will look at organising a working bee and BBQ soon.

Social

Pizza and Presentation Nights during *Joseph* worked really well. A few changes to the process made things flow more easily and made the process more streamlined e.g. certificates were handed out in advance by group leaders who gave their personal thanks, Cast Packs were handed out by a Social Committee member, Production Team were presented with their gifts of appreciation and invited to give individual speeches.

After bump out the committee organised a BBQ at "The Wings" where all cast, crew and parents got together to celebrate the end of a full and rewarding season. It was a beautiful day with lots of reminiscing and anticipation for what 2007 will bring. A raffle was drawn and **Judy Degnan** won 1st prize and **Annette O'Shea** won 2nd prize. These consisted of an A1 and A3 *Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* poster signed by the directing team and cast. Congratulations to you both.

Traralgon Cup was not such a big success but we put this down to the 41c temperatures and being on the day after the GAT Awards. Lesson learnt, we will discuss with the Committee whether we continue this as an ongoing social event or not. Anyone with any social event ideas please let me know.

A big thank you to **Craigen Whitehead** for assisting me so ably. There is a lot of work behind the scenes to organise these events so thank you once again.

Happy Birthday

Here's the people who celebrated a birthday in November, December and January:

Ray Beebe	Larissa Hicks
Chris Billings	David Hill
John Black	Leanne Horn
Dan Clancey	Barry Johnston
Donna Cross	Kirsten Larkins
Merryn Degnan	Mollie Petesic
Kate Dougan	Riley Reid
Tammy Edgar	Chris Ross
Amy Forwood	Kathy Ross
Laura Frost	Angela Stringer
Nikita Hall	Tim Waugh
Daniel Hansen	Gary Wellsmore
Joanne Hemming	Ashlee Whitehead
	Barry Whitehead

Hope you all had fantastic days!

I do apologise for how late this edition is, Life just sometimes seems to get in the way now and then. Look forward to hearing from and/or seeing a lot of you during 2007.

Let's keep pushing the boundaries, looking outside the square and see where that leads us. We may be pleasantly surprised!

Ceiri

(President)



WANTED

HELP MAKE *THE WINGS* BEAUTIFUL!

WE HAVE OUR HOME, BUT IT'S LOOKING VERY EMPTY! IF ANYBODY HAS ANY FURNITURE OR OTHER ITEMS THEY NO LONGER REQUIRE (TABLES, BOOKCASES, COUCHES, CABINETS, LAMPS ETC) BUT WOULD LOVE TO DONATE THEM TO BRIGHTEN OUR PLACE UP, PLEASE CONTACT US. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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