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*Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company, Inc.*

## *Coffs Harbour Gala Arts Ball*

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The Musical Comedy Company are hosting this glamorous black tie event on Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup>, and I'm sure that many of you will have seen some publicity for it, whether in the form of the beautiful posters designed by Gemila Burgess, or adverts in the press or on Facebook.

So I don't understand why ticket sales have been so slow! How many black tie balls will you get a chance to go to this year? Not too many, I'm guessing.

The Committee has put a lot of work into making this **the** social event of the year, and we are very excited about it.

Baz Reilly and Colin Wilkes have been busy designing a beautiful theme for the decor, and rumour has it that it will involve some of the stunning pieces from the set of Cabaret. There will be gorgeous musical-themed table decorations and prizes for the Belle of the Ball, Best Dressed Couple, Best Dressed Man, as well as lucky door prizes.

The Jetty Theatre has generously donated a six-show subscription package as a prize, but you have to be in it to win it!

Tickets are only **\$45** each, and that includes a full buffet meal, and a live orchestra. With drinks at club prices, this is your opportunity to dress up to the nines and have a wonderful evening out at a very reasonable price.

You can even use the Club minibus to take you home before you turn into a pumpkin!

Bookings are essential, but please, don't leave it til the last minute, we've managed to get an extension on the deadline, but we will have to confirm numbers for the caterers very soon, and poor Colin is getting very stressed!

So, come on! Dig out those tuxedos (and there are plenty you can borrow from the CHMCC wardrobe), beg, borrow or steal a beautiful dress, and call the Catholic Club on **6652 1477**.

You can buy a whole table of 8, or single tickets, and the helpful staff at the club will help you book a seat at a table with someone you know.

See the poster on page 5 for full details, and if you still have questions, call Colin Wilkes on 6651 3676.

So what are you waiting for ??? Your ticket could be the lucky one!

*Dí O'Ferrall*

(Secretary)



*Ray Magri,*

*CHMCC  
Committee*

## Ray's Reflections

Hello everyone and a special welcome to all our new members. Congratulations to all those who were successful in securing a part in "The King and I"

Commiserations to those who weren't successful on this occasion, in particular, to the many wonderful and courageous children and to their supportive parents.

It is not easy to prepare for auditions when for many, it is a totally new experience and as such, we hope that with the lessons derived, we may see these people try again in the future.

I trust you understand that we have a responsibility to the company, all cast and crew and to the viewing public, that we must put our best foot forward so to speak.

The choices of the casting committee, and ultimately, that of the director, must reflect this.

I was so greatly encouraged by what I observed at our first rehearsal at the Bunker Cartoon Gallery.

It was apparent that the cast are demonstrating their commitment and dedication to the show. The vast majority were either singing or acting their parts without reference to the score or script.

The level of co-operation and initiative displayed, where many are assisting with tasks, no matter how seemingly menial, is greatly appreciated.

This is so important for all of us as we really need this rehearsal space.

Judi and I only had a relatively small amount of time before the cast arrived to familiarize ourselves with the various procedures, alarms, resources and location of switches for light and importantly, air conditioning.

If anyone is available after the rehearsals to assist in restoring the space then we will leave ourselves beyond reproach.

So that you know, that whilst the Bunker is a Council Owned facility, Coffs City Rotary houses Australia's largest Cartoon Collection, numbering more than 17,000 cartoons and therefore, it is a national treasure...need I say more in this regard.

I'll let you know about various types of functions, exhibitions and opening nights where you can enjoy free food and beverages whilst experiencing art in its many forms there, not just cartoons.

Above all, I am greatly heartened by the considerate and talented people we have assembled. We are excited by this potential and the progress we are making.

All indicators are pointing to a magnificent and memorable show.

Take good care of your precious selves.

Kindest regards and best wishes,  
*Ray Magri*

## Diary Dates



### Gala Arts Ball

Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup>

6.30 pm

*At the Catholic Club,  
West High Street.*



### 'Light and Heavy'

*Two one-act plays, directed by  
David Quinn:*

### 'Perfecting my Nature Strip' and

### 'Under Control'

3 – 12 March 2011

Weds – Sat @ 8pm

Sundays @ 2pm



### 'The King and I'

7 - 29 May 2011

Weds, Fri, Sat @ 8pm

Sat & Sun @ 2pm

*Directed by Judi Williams*



### Seacrest Productions

### 'The 39 Steps'

by John Buchan

*Directed by Amanda Scott*

24<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2011

Weds – Sat @ 8pm

Sat @ 2pm



# *Coffs Harbour Gala Arts Ball*

The Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company

Invites all members, friends and families of the local  
Music, Theatre and Arts Communities  
To come together and celebrate in style!

6.30pm Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup> 2011

*Club Coffs on West High*

**Tickets \$45 p/p**

Full buffet meal, drinks at Club prices

*Plus*

Live 5-Piece Dance Orchestra

Dress: Black Tie

***Bookings Essential***

(by Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup>)

Contact the Club on 66521477

For more information

Contact Colin Wilkes on 66513676



## The King and I – Cast List



### Principals

- ♪ The King - Peter Hodges
- ♪ Anna Leonowens - Dee Tune
- ♪ Tuptim - Fiona Stiles
- ♪ Lun Tha - James Hall
- ♪ Lady Thiang - Nadene Flick
- ♪ Crown Prince Chululongkorn  
- Kaiyai Doenau
- ♪ Louis - Sage Linden-Flick
- ♪ The Kralahome - Harlan  
Cooper
- ♪ Interpreter - Roland Butt
- ♪ Captain Orton - Kerry  
Melittas
- ♪ Sir Edward Ramsay - Colin  
Wilkes

### Soldiers

- Craig McTear
- Dave Tune
- Russell Lane
- Nick Townsend

### Priests

- Paul Smith
- Thomas Capell-Hattam
- Liam Breton

### Royal Wives

- E.J. Ford
- Di O'Ferrall
- Leonie Ellem
- Letina Hutchison
- Donna Fairall
- Gabby Barnes
- Jess Barnes
- Caitlin Reid
- Ashleigh Hancock
- Rebecca van der Kock
- Ellanie Marinucci

### Royal Children

- Emily Fergusson
- Jessica Fergusson
- Elizabeth Tune
- James Tune
- Lani O'Sullivan
- Eve Fayle
- Byron Gentle
- Maddison Waters
- Ellie Waters
- Samara Barnes
- Emily Hodges
- Jayden Whaites
- Alex Whaites



Every five minutes, another Australian is diagnosed with cancer. While survival rates are improving every day, cancer remains a leading cause of death.

Relay for Life is an overnight, community event where teams of 10-15 participate in a relay-style walk or run to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

The event brings the whole community together for a night of fun, entertainment, celebration and remembrance.

Everyone's reason for doing the Relay is different. If your life or that of someone you know has been touched by cancer, maybe you would like to think about taking part in, or donating to this event.

Some people do the Relay in memory of a loved who has passed away from cancer. Some people do it to show how proud they are at having survived cancer. There are many reasons to get involved, and you can make a difference.

This year, CHMCC member Ben Pritchard has organised a team involving CHMCC members. The team name is 'Jesus Christ Superstar, cast, crew & fans'.

. To help raise money for this worthy cause, we ask you to sponsor or join the team.

You can visit the official website at: <http://relay.cancerCouncil.com.au> .

You can sign up to join the team online, or you can donate securely at the click of the mouse.

Team Captain Ben is hoping to have

several teams with the Title "Jesus Christ Superstar Cast, Crew & Fans" but each with a separate colour. Each team will need a captain.

It will cost you [or your parents] \$15 to register, but ... it's a great cause and you should have loads of fun.

Here's some more news from Ben:

"If you can't 'walk', then maybe you can donate some home-grown veges, herbs, etc, as we'll be cooking 'Moroccan'.

We also need to borrow a whole list of stuff: tagines, crock pots, casseroles, fry pans, saucepans, pressure cookers.

More things we need: signs & painters, a banner, coffee machine and someone to operate it, heaters - oil, fan, gas, cafe tables & chairs, market umbrellas, means of making music, mugs, plates, cutlery, rubber gloves, wash-up dish/mop/detergent, aprons.

Most of all we need people, either to walk or work: go to [www.relay.cancerCouncil.com.au](http://www.relay.cancerCouncil.com.au) and sign up. Ta, Ben"

If you would like more information on how you can get involved, please contact Ben Pritchard on 0419 527793.

## The Cooking Corner

### Di's veggie garden recipes:

I'm very excited about my veggie garden at the moment; after all the hard work I can finally get out there and pick all the produce we've grown.

I have a glut of eggplants at the moment, so I thought I'd share a couple of my favourite recipes using produce from my garden:

#### **Eggplant Dip**

4 – 6 medium eggplants  
1 whole head of garlic  
Olive oil  
Lemon juice  
Salt and pepper.

Wash & dry the eggplants, then cut them in half lengthways.

Trim excess paper off the garlic head, but keep it in one piece.

Put the eggplants, cut side up, and the garlic head in an ovenproof dish, and bake for about 40 minutes until the skin is soft and the flesh tender. (Or until the garlic starts to smell really fantastic).

When cool enough to handle, scoop the eggplant flesh away from the skins, and squeeze the garlic cloves out of their skins.

Add lemon juice, and salt & pepper, and pulse in a food mixer, or mash together with a fork until smooth.

Eat with warm crusty bread and a gutsy red wine!

### **Spicy Tomato Salsa**

We also had so many tomatoes, more chillis than you could possibly use, and spring onions. This is a great way to use them up.

As many tomatoes as you need to use up

2 Spring onions or 1 red onion

Juice of 1 lime

Bunch of fresh coriander

2 Chillis according to taste  
salt

My sister-in-law from Belize insists on roasting the tomatoes & a hot habanero chilli first, which gives you an intense flavour – I quite like the freshness from using the ingredients as they are.

Throw everything in a food mixer or use a hand blender to blend to a coarse consistency – too many big chunks make it hard to pick up with a corn chip, but you don't want it too liquid either.

Eat with a bunch of friends, corn chips and cold beer.



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Co.Inc.**

(incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984)

I ..... Guardian.....  
(name of Applicant) (under 18 y.o. name of guardian is also required)  
of ..... Post Code.....  
Telephone: (h) ..... (w) ..... (m).....  
Email address: ..... D.O.B.../.../..... Occupation.....  
hereby apply to become an **Ordinary/Associate/Honorary** (delete/nominate classification)  
member of the above named incorporated association. In the event of my admission as a  
member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the association for the time being in force.

Signed: ..... Applicant/Parent/Guardian. Date: .....

1. I..... a member of the association, nominate the applicant, who  
is known to me, for membership of the association.

Signature of Proposer ..... Date.....

2. I ..... a member of the association, second the nomination of  
the applicant, who is known to me, for membership of the association.

Signature of Secunder ..... Date .....

**NB. Children who are under 18 years of age are admitted as Associate Members  
free of charge.** This is providing that parental consent is granted.

For child applicants the following statement shall be signed by a parent or guardian:

I hereby approve my son/daughter, named in this form, to participate in the Coffs Harbour  
Musical Comedy Company Inc. production of .....

I accept full responsibility for the safe supervision and transport of my child to or from all  
rehearsals, classes or presentations of this production.

I hereby absolve all members of the company from responsibility for injuries or illness  
sustained by my child, other than where negligence can be shown.

Name (Print)..... Signed:.....Parent/Guardian

**GENERAL INFORMATION: MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR.**

**Ordinary: (includes Concession and Students) \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$20 \_\_\_\_\_**

( If you join in Nov/Dec for a show being cast - membership is valid for the coming year.)

NB. Membership: on going with annual fee costs accumulating until resignation/termination

**INTERESTS - (please tick):** Acting: .....Singing: ..... Dancing: .....

Lighting: ..... Sound: ..... Backstage: ..... Directing: .....

Art: ..... Make-up: ..... Set building: ..... Front of House: .....

Costumes/Sewing: ..... Instrument: (please specify).....

Other special skills: .....

Post to P.O. Box 1466, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450 - **PLEASE ENCLOSE FEE PAYMENT**

**Treasurer:** Approved committee meeting ..... (date), - pass this form to the Public



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