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MOaRTZ MUSE

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For those of you who have not noticed we now have a new website.

It is still under construction so to speak by the wonderful Andrew Hood. We need photos and relevant information to make our website informative and up to date so if you have anything you would like to include please send to me Sharon Anderson and I will pass it onto Andrew.



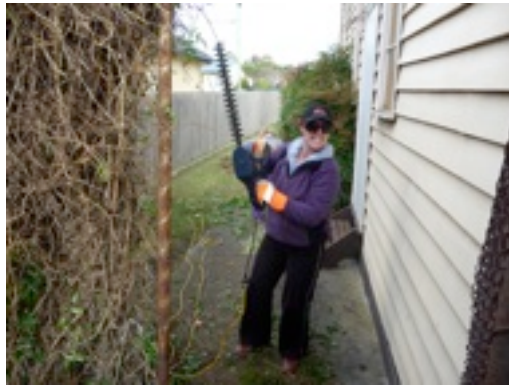
Membership for 2010 - 2011 is now due.

Please return the membership form attached with your very small membership fee.

Only \$12 per year!! or \$18 per family. It's a bargain!

Don't forget I need Muse articles. There will be another Muse in November. Send me your information on workshops, exhibitions, forums, theatre info, anything arts related and it will be included. artfxpaint@netspace.net.au or Phone me Sharon Anderson on 0409 436 268

Motown Arts



In June there was a major working bee held at the Motown Arts Centre. The weather held our for us and people from both Moartz and Moe Life Skills were there armed with tools and trailers.

Trees and plants were pruned and pulled out if they were deemed unsuitable or in the way. The chainsaw and mulcher filled the air with noise and sawdust.

As a result of this day we now have an extra carpark or two because trees were pruned. The garden was in desperate need of attention and as you can see from the photo above it is now neat and easy to get through.

A barbeque lunch was cooked up inside thanks to Jeanette and others who brought along munchies.

It was an resounding success with 22 people from both organisations working together. We think there were about 8 trailer loads taken to the green waste.

This was the first of many working bees and we hope the next will be just as well received. There are still many things to attend to . We didn't even get to tackle any inside tasks. Your help is invaluable so thanks to those who attended in June and hope we can get more people involved at the next working bee.



Elizabeth Street Art Hub



Moe Heights Residents Group (MHRG) are working hard on beautifying the park area surrounding the Art Hub at Elizabeth Street.

At a recent day the members cleaned up some of the front garden area for us. Moartz still needs to put some work into it ourselves but it was a great effort on their part.

MHRG are also using the premises to paint bollards which will decorate the park. There are also plans to create a mural for the outside wall.

Moartz uses Elizabeth street mainly to store theatre sets and props and only occasionally uses this premises for activities. We applaud MHRG for keeping the area looking great for the local residents.

If anyone is interested in participating in these projects please contact Sharon and she will put you in contact with the Moe Heights Residents Group.



From left to right Kaz Witchell, Michelle Linahan, Kathy Ross



Bobbie Neil and Scott Miller

A Night of Mayhem & Scandal

Seven performances of "Not My Cup of Tea" by Albert Groff and "Nellie's Fishy Fate" by G.S. Cudette were held in April and May this year. The pairing of the two, one act plays was billed as "A Night of Mayhem & Scandal". We travelled the show to four venues across three weeks. The first four shows were at Old Gippsdown's Mechanics Hall, the fifth show at the Trafalgar Pubic Hall, the sixth was the Gala Fundraising Performance in aid of the Euan Comrie Children's Fund at the Morwell RSL and the final show was at the Monash Hall in Yallourn North on May 1st. The total audience attendance across all venues was 353 people.

We had a fantastic cast comprising Kathy Ross, Bobbie Neil, Scott Miller, Krissi Creighton, Andrew Hood, John Lord, John Teague, Bruce Mapperson and Karen Witchell, ably directed by Michelle Linahan who was also in the cast of both plays. The show was supported by a band and "Lionel and the Piledrivers" (from "Dimboola") were reincarnated as "The Arch Villains" in theme with the melodrama night. Bill Lawler was on drums, Ray

Woolley on bass guitar, Carl Ross on sax and Chris Bishop played keyboard. Thanks to the many people who assisted behind-the-scenes in a multitude of ways; the Director, Michelle Linahan, all the cast & musicians, Linda & Bruce



Beamish, Annemieke Van Vliet, Cindy Pullar, Dot Teague, Jess Teague, Larissa Morey, Sharon Shaw, Chris Ross and Sharon Anderson.

Thank you once again to our generous sponsors who continue to support us; Hot FX Digital Photography, Old Gippsdown, Dahlsens Building Centre (Traralgon), The Murder Company, ArtFX Sharon Anderson, Latrobe Valley Express, Morwell RSL, Gourmet Catering on Demand and Lilly Pilly Flower Boutique.

Jeanette Teague Production Manager - "A Night of Mayhem & Scandal"

Gala Fundraising Night

The Gala Fundraising Performance of "A Night of Mayhem" held on Friday 30th April at the Morwell RSL was an outstanding success. 105 people were in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the evening's

delicious supper supplied at cost. These generous gestures meant that almost 100% of all funds raised on the night were donated to the family as Moartz absorbed all other production costs. Finally, thank you to all who attended, and to those Moartz members, who could not attend, but made a donation instead.

Not My Cup of Tea - Encore for the VIEW Club of Moe

The VIEW Club of Moe (Voice Interest & Education of Women) held their annual fundraising luncheon at the Turfside Function Centre on 4th August for the Smith Family charity. Over 100 VIEW Club members from Moe and surrounding districts were in attendance and were entertained by our very own Michelle Linahan, Kathy Ross and Karen Witchell with a performance of "Not My Cup of Tea". Moartz supported the event via the performance, free of charge, adding to the fundraising result for the charity. Thanks are extended to the three ladies for giving up their time, including three "refresher" rehearsals leading up to the day, Linda Beamish who assisted behind the scenes ensuring the props were ready to go and Bruce Beamish and John Teague for being "roadies" by setting up and pulling down the set.

entertainment. A total of \$2,755 was presented to the family for the Euan Comrie Children's Fund which was a combination of ticket sales and donations. A brief presentation was made during the show interval to Danelle, Euan's eldest daughter, and she responded delightfully thanking Moartz and everyone in attendance on behalf of her brother and sister and recounting a story about her Daddy. A huge thanks must go to the management of the Morwell RSL for donating the venue and for being so supportive about the night. Thanks also to Mary and Theo of Gourmet on Demand catering for the

Seeking a Director for 2011

Moartz Theatre is currently seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from actors/directors to direct the major production in 2011 which is planned to be a two or three act play in a comedy or farce genre. Further information or an application form can be sourced from Moartz Theatre Secretary, Jeanette Teague, phone 5127 6514 or email teague@net-tech.com.au. Closing date for the EOI is Tuesday 31st August and the Moartz Theatre committee will consider applications at their next meeting on September 8th.

MOARTZ GOES ON AIR



MOARTZ GOES ON AIR 10th Anniversary Celebrations continue

When the actors did their readings of the finalists in our *Take A Bow!* writing competition last year the audience at the presentations was visibly moved. The actors were sensitive to the spirit of the stories and captured the voice of the writer. The writers were amazed to hear their ideas reflected so truly and each wanted their photos taken with their particular actors.

Earlier this year MOARTZ was able to share these readings with a wider Gippsland audience through Gippsland FM.

And thank goodness for local expertise! Not only did Andrew Hood present one of the stories; he also was the recording engineer for the whole set of readings. And then he re-engineered the set for

broadcast production standards. Take a bow – again – Andrew.

After establishing a strong relationship with our local public radio station last year, we were given not one, not two but SIX broadcasts of the finalist

John Mutsaers with his painting which was the inspiration for the 'Take a Bow' writing competition.



entries. The result was a comprehensive and very moving tribute to our local writers and actors.

The six broadcasts were developed by Gippsland FM to ensure a wide coverage over their main audiences. In effect there were three broadcasts each repeated. So they were played on a Thursday evening for the night audience and then repeated

were hitting both target markets.

I listened in to them and they readings came across beautifully. I don't know if it was the stories or the readings or just that I had the memories of the first presentations at MoTown Arts in my mind but those pieces – all of them – resonated with meaning.

So thanks again to the actors who did the readings – Cameron Gray, Andrew Hood, John Lord, Julie Strini and Krissy Thomas for giving a wider audience a taste of the good things which MOARTZ presents. And big thanks to Ken Thompson President of Gippsland FM for backing our project.

Graham Scott

on a morning program the next week. Gippsland FM has a very strong audience following during the day and this meant that we

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Pictured are artists Mandy Thompson and Sharon Anderson at the opening of 'Prints from Gippsland' Exhibition at ARC in June

ARC YINNAR is holding a series of art workshops for adults

ARC offers something for beginners and more advanced students. Workshops are:

Botanical Illustration with Laurie Andrews

Blacksmithing, Foundation skills and Toolsmithing with Bruce Beamish

Visual Arts Event Planning with Jan Tulloch

Basic Lighting for the stage with Garry Boast

Creative Printmaking Etching and Relief, with Jenny Peterson.

Basic Drawing, Life Drawing & Still Life with Sharon Anderson

A brochure is available. Contact ARC on 51631 310

or web www.arcyinnar.org.au

► **arc Yinnar Biennial Drawing Prize Awarded Saturday OCT 16th 2010**
Exhibition Dates Fri OCT 15th – Sat. NOV 21st
This exhibition is really worth seeing as it includes artists from all over Australia who work in a range of styles and drawing mediums.

'Arts Latrobe Newsletter' is sent via email on a regular basis. To receive the newsletter or to have info included contact Nathan Tyrer at Latrobe Regional Gallery nathanty@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Regional Arts Victoria also has a very interesting newsletter 'eGroundwork' if you wish to receive a copy I can email it to you ~ Sharon Anderson

'CURTAINS FOR CERTAIN'

Moe Life Skills drama group is now having rehearsals for their next production.

It will be on the 5th of November at Moe Town Hall
 Keep an eye out for more details.

GIPPSLAND Artists

Gippsland Artists: Linking the artists of Gippsland to the world

The site is inclusive, available to anyone who considers themselves an artist.

The aim is:

- to provide a low cost web presence to any Gippsland artist
- to provide a comprehensive list of artists to the public
- to encourage artists through providing exhibition opportunities
- to foster the growth of an encouraging network of artists supporting each other

The web-site Gippslandartists.com offers

- a web-page at minimal cost, or a link to an existing web-page
- a listing of exhibitions by the artists represented
- a galleries and studios listing
- a links page to useful sites
- Contact Ingrid Thomas at- www.gippslandartists.com.au

JUSTA JAM

This is a jam for all types of music. All musicians are welcome. Just bring your guitar or keyboard etc. Drum and bass amps are provided.

Second Sunday of the month at the Newborough RSL from 2pm - 6pm

GIPPSLAND RHYTHM & BLUES CLUB

For anyone interested in the Blues, come along to the Blues Jam on the last Sunday of the month at the Newborough Football Club rooms. Entry is free and it is from 2pm - 6pm.

for more info check out www.grbc.org.au

Also check out

www.creativegippsland.com.au for lots of art information about all of Gippsland.