



# NEWSLETTER

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Hi Coasters

*A very happy, productive and fulfilling New Year to all our members, our supporters and families*

It's hard to reconcile those sentiments to current conditions. The world economic crisis, the conflicts, the starvation and sickness and the manner in which Kiwis from North Cape to the Bluff have been annihilating themselves and others in tragic incidents on the roads, in the mountains, on land, in the air and in the waters of New Zealand over the last few weeks have put a strain on our ability to remain optimistic. I can't recall when the nightly news bulletins have been so filled with misery and devastation as has been the case since the coming of the New Year.

If any of the events of the last few weeks have touched your lives to some degree, we offer condolence and consolation. For the rest of us we have to hope that we can find something else in our lives that will continue to keep us buoyed up against the prospect of a still uncertain future. The heroic and dramatic touchdown in the Hudson River was a good start. Miracles do happen.

Closer to home we are doing our best to continue to bring a little local joy to the world. For Coasters it is business as usual and we have a full year of shows and activities lined up that we hope you will be a part of in one way or another. For starters we are just a couple of weeks away from the start of putting together our first Cabaret for the year, "ANZACs - We Remember". These shows are always popular with audiences and performers alike so if you would like to be involved in any of the myriad activities that go with a show, talk to June Stewart and/or come along to the Pre-Audition meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

From then on in the fun and games will be almost non-stop. Where "ANZAC" stops the activity for the next show will begin and that will be the pattern through to the end of the year. That's why being a part of Coasters can be so productive and fulfilling. By investing a little time and effort into being a part of a show or supporting a production we can reap heaps of benefits and bring into our lives and those of our audiences a great deal of the joy of music.

But be warned - it can be addictive and it's a condition that is quite widespread. If you read the article "Enter Stage Left" in Saturday's Dominion Post magazine, Your Weekend, you'll see what I mean.

Keep in touch

Derek

## Coasters Calendar

Membership Renewals	Now due for 2009. Last day for discounted subs February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Bain - 298 1195
Coasters Family Picnic/Barbecue	50 School Road, Te Horo Sunday March 1 <sup>st</sup> Midday-ish	Lesley O'Hara - 299 5780 Derek Cavanagh - 06 364 3939
Annual General Meeting	Coasters #15 Wednesday March 25 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	
ANZACs - We Remember	Coasters #15 April 16 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> + May 1 <sup>st</sup> Pre-Audition Wednesday Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 Auditions Saturday Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	June Stewart - 298 7457
Legends 2	Coasters #15 June 18 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tracy Farrelly - 905 3895
Wild West	Coasters #15 August 20 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup>	Graham Stevens - 905 6704
Best of British	Coasters #15 October 22 <sup>nd</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup>	Jo Sharp - 905 5518

As you will see from the calendar there is no major production planned for 2009. However, there is a very full Season of Cabarets and the programme is sufficiently varied that there must be something in it for everyone. The titles shown above should be regarded as working titles which may vary somewhat once directors come to grips with their projects.

## The Show Went On

Our last show for 2008 - Kiss The Blarney - just wouldn't lie down. As is often the case around Christmas we had requests from a couple of organisations wanting some end-of-year entertainment and, as the show was still fresh in our minds and a considerable number of the cast were ready, willing and able, we presented excerpts from the show with a few modifications at functions held by The Foundation of The Blind and Inner Wheel.

Both groups have been lavish in their praises of the performances and the performers and the latter all report that they had a great time doing it. It was a kind of bonus to be able to rehearse and do some of the show again and enjoy the few extra times together.

Our grateful thanks to all of you who took part and did Coasters proud once more, particularly to Dennis Hayes who undertook to put the programmes together and play for them.

## Annual General Meeting

This is advance notice that the Annual General Meeting of Coasters will be held this year on Wednesday 25th March at 7.30. This most important annual event will set the seal on the successful passage of the Society into next year and beyond. On that occasion we will elect the people who will manage Coasters' for the next year and at that meeting all members have an opportunity to promote ideas and to ask questions about the directions Coasters will take over the coming years.

In particular we are looking for someone with an interest and skills in accounting. After over a decade of involvement at Board level our current treasurer, Gil Warren, is hanging up his abacus. In recent times Gil has managed the transfer of our accounting system into the world of MYOB.

If there is anyone out there with a love of numbers and appropriate computer-based accounting skills our President, Tony Lloyd will be very grateful to hear from you. Give Tony a call on 904 2966.

## ANZACs – We Remember

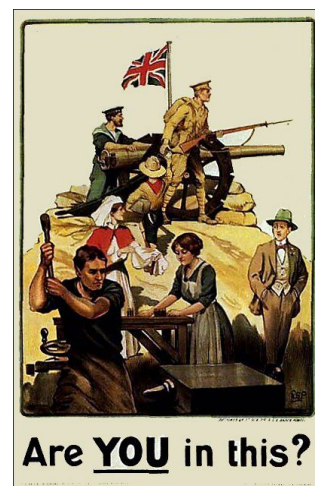


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*Our 2009 programme gets underway with Auditions for  
"ANZACs – We Remember"*

*During the latter half of April we pay tribute to our Anzac heroes through music and songs of the war eras.*

*Auditions will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February preceded by a pre-audition get-together at the theatre on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.*



*If you would like to be a part of this exciting production call June Stewart on 298 7457 or just come along on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>. You will be very welcome.*

## Coasters Membership

Members are reminded that renewal of membership of this most important part of our lives is now due. In fact it was due as at 1<sup>st</sup> January but, being the great organisation we are, we offer to discount your fee as indicated on the attached Renewal form if you pay before 28<sup>th</sup> February. That date is also important for another couple of reasons. First, payment before that date is required if you want to exercise your vote at the next Annual General Meeting or be involved in a Coasters show. Secondly, payment by that date will ensure you continue to receive your favourite read - the Newsletter.

Membership of Coasters is one seriously important item in your budget that has not increased in price for several years. In terms of value for money it just can't be beaten. Fill out the Renewal form and post it off, with your cheque, asap.

## Coasters Family Picnic/Barbecue

*This is forward notice of another great event in the Coasters calendar, our Family Picnic Barbecue. Please put it in your diaries as a "must do".*

*It's always great to be able to meet up with the families of members we may only see in the theatre setting or just to be able to chew the fat with old friends and have a bit of fun.*

- WHEN** SUNDAY FIRST MARCH STARTING MIDDAY[ISH]  
**WHERE** THE CAVANAGH'S PLACE - 50 SCHOOL ROAD, TE HORO  
**WHAT DO YOU BRING?**
- YOU AND YOUR FAMILY INCLUDING GRANDKIDS
  - A CHAIR OR CUSHION FOR EACH OF YOU
  - SUN PROTECTION TO SUIT
  - CROCKERY AND CUTLERY TO SUIT
  - YOUR FOOD & DRINKS

- WHAT WILL COASTERS SUPPLY?**
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE
  - SOFT DRINKS FOR THE CHILDREN
  - GAMES FOR US TO PLAY -
  - TUG OF WAR, PETANQUE, GOLF CHALLENGE
  - GUMBOOT THROWING, EGG & SPOON RACE
  - PRIZES FOR THE GOOD & NOT SO GOOD

- HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**
- THE PETROL TO GET THERE AND BACK
  - JUST A FEW FUN FILLED HOURS

**BAD WEATHER?**

THERE'S NO SUCH THING IN TE HORO BUT IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF BAD WEATHER CANCELLATION WILL BE BROADCAST OVER BEACH FM SUNDAY MORNING.

## Coasters Christmas Party

It seems so long ago now but what a great evening we had to round off our year and enter into the spirit of the festive season. Good food, good company and some excellent singing from select soloists and a very full-throated chorus made for an excellent occasion. And it was wonderful to see so many people there including a goodly number of new Coaster friends.

Congratulations to Lesley O'Hara, Jill and Tony, and their team who worked hard to make the whole night a huge success. Let's hope the social spirit is still in good shape for our next family fun event, the Coasters picnic/barbecue on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## Number 15

Do you recall that, in the last Newsletter, we said what a wonderful transformation had taken place in the dressing room? Well the team that did all the hard work in there – Lesley Warren and Diane and Peter Bain – had hardly got over their short Christmas break than they were at it again – redecorating, that is – this time in the kitchen.

For those of you who don't remember, we completely gutted and rebuilt the kitchen a few years ago but somehow the finishing touches never did get finished. Consequently that area has continued to look a little patchy. But no more! Our indefatigable team is back in there sanding, scraping, preparing and painting and trying to make sure it is all done and dusted before the re-opening of Costume Hire and the launch of the Anzac programme.

If you can spare a little time to lend a hand they would be exceedingly grateful. If not, at least you might have a moment or two to pop in and see how good it all looks.

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However, if at any time you do not wish to receive any electronic messages from Coasters, please send a reply with UNSUBSCRIBE in the subject line.



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Membership to 31 December 2009

Name:	
Address	
Home Phone No:	
E-mail address: (for newsletter)	

Members at this address other than addressee(s):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fees:

- \$25.00 – (discountable to \$20.00) – *Adult*
  - \$18.00 – (discountable to \$15.00) - *Student (17 and under)*
  - \$12.00 – (discountable to \$10.00) - *Student (17 and under living at the same address as an adult member)*
  - \$50.00 – (discountable to \$40.00) – *Family (defined as 'at least one adult member plus all or any children of the family 17 years and under and deemed to be living at the same address as the adult member(s)').*
- Discounts apply if paid by the last day of February.

Amount enclosed: \$..... Date.....

Signature.....

Please make cheques payable to: Coasters Musical Theatre Inc  
 And post to: Membership Secretary, Coasters Musical Theatre, PO Box 658, Paraparaumu

If you require a receipt, please tick this box:

We welcome everyone to participate. What do you prefer to do within Coasters?

On Stage	Production Management	Musician or Musical Direction
Choreography	Wardrobe & Costumes	Back Stage, Set Construction
Front of House	Technical, Sound & Lighting	Administration

I have the following skills that may be helpful to the Society.

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Any suggestions re productions / social events / your Society.

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