



NEWSLETTER

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Hi Coasters

Well, folks, I've done it again! Missed another month of Newsletter. The last one was August so the September gap in your collection was entirely down to me. Back in August we were looking forward to *The Fox And The Wolf* and, boy was it worth waiting for. Our old friend Ray Woolf was at his spectacular best while the New Zealand School of Music Big Band under the baton of Rodger Fox was magnificent. Add in the very talented Erna Farry as supporting artist and it was a night of great entertainment in the best traditions of Coasters Musical Theatre productions. It was a pity, though, that we did not get the sell-out crowd we hoped for.

Meanwhile, back at our own theatre, "*Kiss The Blarney*" did play to consistent sell-out audiences. The statistics show that, over the entire seven nights, only one ticket went unsold - a brilliant response to a brilliant show. For director Jo Sharp this was her first show at

the "sharp" end, so to speak. But it certainly won't be her last. Already there is another idea brewing along nicely for later in 2009. More about that in due course.

As far as our Seasons of Cabaret shows are concerned our 2008 programme has now come to a close. Our next scheduled production will be *Anzac 2009* timed to finish on, would you believe, Anzac Day. After that we have a full line up of at least three new shows to see us through 2009. So there are several great treats in store for the New Year.

For 2008 there is still one important event lined up - Coasters Christmas Party. See more about that below and mark the date - Saturday 29th November - in your diary.

Keep in touch.
Derek

Coasters Calendar

Coasters Christmas Party	Saturday 29 th November	Tony Lloyd - 904 2966
ANZAC 2009	Coasters #15 April 16 th to 25 th Auditions Feb 6th	June Stewart - 298 7457

Kiss the Blarney



There was music, there was laughter and there was more than a touch of Irish magic in *Kiss The Blarney*. Jo Sharp, as first-time Director, aided and abetted by Dennis Hayes as Musical Director and band leader, created a couple of hours of

fabulous entertainment that everyone with a touch of Irish in them or a liking for the Emerald Isle could relate to.

One brave but highly successful aspect of the show was the five-piece band including a harp, two fiddles and an accordion as well as the versatile piano. Together they made beautiful music to accompany the beautiful songs of old Erin.

No Irish show could be complete without some Irish humour and there was plenty. The old biddies, the drunken revellers and a mischievous leprechaun had the audiences in fits of Irish laughter.

Congratulations to Jo and the entire team for providing us with an excellent show to finish our year. Every one of the cast and band made a valuable contribution to the success of the whole production and we thank them all but this scribe must recognise the very welcome return to our stage of two very old and dear friends, Chris Dentice and Nick Swan.

Coasters Christmas Party

A message from our President

HI COASTERS

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY IS ON SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
AT # 15
STARTING APPROX 7.30PM
COST THE MATHS ARE STILL BEING DONE BUT WON'T BREAK THE BANK

LESLEY O'HARA AND HER TEAM ARE ALREADY ORGANISING [AREN'T THEY KEEN].

WHAT WE NEED IS FOR YOU TO BE KEEN TO ATTEND TO HAVE SOME FUN AND DO WHAT ALL COASTERS DO AND THAT IS OF COURSE TO SING YOUR HEARTS OUT.

TO HELP LESLEY AND THE TEAM THEY NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY MEMBERS AND PARTNERS ARE GOING TO JOIN THEM TO CELEBRATE SO FOOD ETC CAN BE ORGANISED.

SO CAN YOU EMAIL **ME** ASAP AND TELL ME THAT YOU ARE COMING 'CAUSE WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOUR COMPANY

TONY

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******On the road again...******

It's that time of year again when we get requests to provide short stints of entertainment to groups and clubs around the district. Right now we have three such requests on hand. In chronological order they are:

Saturday 29th November around midday Foundation of the Blind (Our Christmas party is in the evening so there is no clash but we could perform at both),

Sunday 7th December around 1.30 Levin RSA,

Tuesday 16th December around 8pm Inner Wheel. The request here is for material from Kiss The Blarney so Blarney cast - we need you! But they already know that.

If you are ready, willing and able to be a part of any or all of these, please let me know by "reply" or on 06 364 3939. Pleeeeeeeeeeeease!

Thanks

Derek

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For that last few weeks Diane and Peter Bain and Lesley Warren have been slaving away over hot tools making the back stage area look beautiful. Let's face it, some sterling work has been done to the auditorium, the foyer, the deck, the stage, the wardrobe and the kitchen over recent years – all those places that are accessible or visible to our public – but the area behind the stage was, in a word, grotty. But not any more. Thanks to our hard-working team, it is on the verge of becoming a thing of beauty in its own right.

Thanks heaps, guys. From here on in everyone using the back stage area will owe you a debt of gratitude. It'll be hard to get people to leave it to go on stage.

And finally

Congratulations to Laura Gully on winning the recent Coastlands Star Quest. Having blitzed the field in the first heat, Laura went on to win the plaudits of the five judges in the final singing the great Whitney Houston number, "I Will Always Love You". Well done, Laura.

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