



NEWSLETTER

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Hi Coasters

In the normal scheme of things I had hoped to get the September Newsletter out to members before now. After all, while I dream of receiving editorial contributions to help with its compilation I almost never get them so what goes into it invariably reflects my own musings about our shows and our people. However, right now things around here are not entirely normal because our Minister of Transport has thrown some sizable bombs into the air and we know not where they will land. So I held up this issue until after our Board meeting on Sunday had given us a chance to examine the impact the Expressway options might have on our future activities.

The statement below by Tony, our President, reflects the collective and unanimous thoughts of our meeting.

EXPRESSWAY

Options 1 and 2 have not only raised much discussion but also caused much angst for those whose homes and businesses will be affected. Both options impact on Coasters. Relocation of the Paraparaumu Railway Station to the north east of its present location will mean that it will extend down Hinemoa Street from Kapiti Road to where the buses are parked overnight.

Over the last week I and other Board and/or Life Members have attended the public meetings to glean as much information as possible. As you know the Transport Minister, in acknowledgement of the pressure from the people, has now agreed to put option 3 on the table and extend the submission deadline to the end of October. At our meeting on 13th Sept the Board resolved that it would make a submission on the options and also encourage individual members to make submissions as well. The Board is hopeful that members' submissions will support Coasters' position. We recommend that you delay your submission until after the new paperwork is received from the Transport Agency in the next couple of weeks.

The Board resolved that:

- 1] Options 1 and 2 be rejected.
- 2] The Board support option 3, this option being that the 4 lane expressway follow and occupy the current designated route of the Western Link Road.
- 3] That the Board's submission be copied to the Kapiti Coast District Council.

The Board recommended that we ask members to also send copies of their submissions to KCDC.

We are of the opinion that the WLR route will be the least disruptive to the community at large. The original designation [Sandhills Motorway] has been in place since at least the early 1950's and all town planning has been based on that designation. The current designation varies only slightly from the original. We also believe that, whilst all seems doom and gloom, this is an opportunity for us to look at where Coasters is heading and at future possibilities. For some time we have had a small group, Gil Warren, Peter Bain and myself, looking at future possible options for Coasters in terms of theatre development etc. I have also asked Nick Swan to be involved and for the group to monitor progress and report back to the Board. We will keep you informed as things progress.

Tony Lloyd

We are deeply conscious that, whilst we have concerns about what might happen to our theatre some of our members are in the unenviable position of having to face the possible loss of their homes or livelihoods. We believe that Option 3 is not only the best option for Coasters, it is also the option we support as individuals as being in the best interests of our Kapiti community. After all, that community has been built up, as Tony has said, for half a century around the concept of a major arterial route through the district at the Western Link designation. People who have bought or built close to that designation have done so knowing that. People who have bought or built well away from it have done so in the belief that their site was secure. Options 1 and 2 have suddenly turned that all around and for no convincingly good reason.

And so we have a community divided, opinions polarised. What will be the final outcome?

This...



or this



.... or something in between?

Keep in touch.

Derek

Coasters Calendar

Best of British	Coasters #15 October 30 th & 31 st , Nov 1 st , 6 th , 7 th , 8 th , 12 th , 13 th & 14 th	Jo Sharp – 905 5518
Coasters Christmas Party	Coasters #15 November 28 th	Currently work in progress but please put it in your diary!!
Peace, Love and Doris Day	Coasters #15 March 19 th , 20 th , 21 st , 26 th , 27 th , 28 th , & April 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd – 2010	Tracy Farrelly – 905 3895

How Was The West Won?

Tremendous thanks to Graham Stevens and his wonderful cast of cowboys, cowgirls, bar girls and general roustabouts who gave us a season of memorable songs and laughter from way out west. All the action took place in Liza's Palace (that's Liza with a Zee) complete with bat-wing doors and an open barn set against a backdrop of a glorious sunset over the Sierra Wherever. With songs from almost all of the Western Musicals ever written we were transported back to a time of pioneering greatness – to a time when history was being made and some of Graham's gags were already legend. "How? ... Scrambled!" Good grief!!

Again Graham was blessed to have Leah Cammell at the piano and June Kelly to create the costumes. As with Medieval Knights last year these two ladies made a huge contribution to the sound and the spectacle that helped to make the show successful. In addition the set was enhanced greatly by the artistic talents of Steven and Michael Tysoe.

It was also a delight to see so many new and talented performers among the fairly large cast. Here's hoping we see a lot more of them in future productions.

BEST of BRITISH

Auditions are complete and rehearsals well underway for our next musical adventure. This time Jo Sharp takes us across the world to explore some of the music and the comedy that comes from Britain's entertainment history. Every genre from Music Hall to television favourites gets the treatment here, sometimes with unexpected or hilarious results.

To add to the list of seasoned Coasters performers in this show we are delighted to welcome two new faces, **Debs Gordon** and **Peter Williams**.

For the first time, and in response to growing demand, our show is programmed to provide for 9 performances over 3 weekends. While this provides a greater range of opportunities to see the show, we still expect that tickets will go quite fast so don't be fooled into delaying your booking or you may still miss out.

Call Diane now and secure your appointment with Best of British.

COASTERS
MUSICAL THEATRE INC

Presents
BEST
of
BRITISH

Devised & Directed by Joanne Sharp

Music, laughter and
Bloomin' good fun!

Join us as we bring you
Songs and Smiles
From the British Isles

Show dates
Oct: 30, 31 and Nov: 1, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14
Thurs, Fri, Sat at 8pm, Sun at 4pm

Tickets \$15
Phone Diane 298 1195

BYO Drinks and Nibbles

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Love, Peace and Doris Day

Now here we are talking about 2010. That's a little scary but the subject of Tracy Farrelly's next production is certainly not. At this stage your scribe doesn't know very much about the show but I guess that the title says it all, really.

Watch this space next month when we will have details of auditions but, in the meantime, keep this one in mind as a must-see or must-do when next Autumn comes around. (Now that *is* scary!!)

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