

# SPOTLIGHT

The Newsletter for Members and Friends

Of

*MORNINGTON*

*C. E. F. PLAYERS*



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## LIFE MEMBERS

(AS APPOINTED)

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Val Hardie  
Val Sharpe  
Neville Bond

\*Deceased

Committee meetings are held on the second Monday each month, at various venues.

Should you wish to bring matters to the attention of the committee, contact any of the above members.

### Newsletter Contact:

Dennis Green, Tel. 5973 6167. dtg@telaustralia.com.au

## Christmas Concerts

Held on 6 & 7 December last year, the concerts raised \$768.00 to aid the Combined Mornington Churches' Christmas Hamper Appeal.

A big thank you to the co-ordinators, Lorraine & Alan Williams; the compere, Mary Sierakowski; Alma Moore, who donated the supper; and all the performers.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



### Christmas Raffle Winners:

1<sup>st</sup>. Prize: **Harmony**

2<sup>nd</sup>. Prize: **Denise**

3<sup>rd</sup>. Prize: **Glynn**

4<sup>th</sup>. Prize: **Katrina Antoine**

5<sup>th</sup>. Prize: **Peg Fairhead**

6<sup>th</sup>. Prize: **Val Sharpe**



### When Insults Had Class

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend... if you have one".

(George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill)

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second..."

If there is one". (Winston Churchill, in response)

## ***14 is a CRIME!!!!***

Dedicated to all those involved in that wonderful show:

“The Impossible Princess”.

(Words by Naomi Woodward & Tim Ryan. Tune, “Once Upon a Time”,  
by courtesy of Drew Lane)

Eight weeks and the show was near  
The Director Drew could see  
On the outside all was good  
Cos it's true we all love Bethany  
Michael was the romantic lead  
I reckon he'd look good in tweed  
When he heard, his life was through  
She was young, there was nothing he could do...

Something's up, even though he has good hair.  
Something's bad, do you think they care?

Once upon a time so the story goes  
There's no happy ever after when the age is low.  
You can read the book, that's good and fine  
But here's the truth,  
He won't cross that line.

The pair's on stage and the show's begun.  
Lurking in the shadows is Bethany's mum.  
Dad's in the audience with the eagle eye/  
If things go wrong Michael's sure to die.  
Everyone waits with bated breath  
Waiting for the moment that his lips touch Beth.  
Prolonging the moment was a big mistake  
But they're so cute when they're cutting the cake.

Nothing's up, because the show is done.  
It doesn't matter, they both had fun...

Once upon a time so the story goes  
There's no happy ever after when the age is low.  
You can read the book, that's good and fine  
But here's the truth  
Fourteen is a Crime!

In a cast there's no black or white,  
Nothing's gonna happen when the age aint right,  
You can read the story, that's good and fine  
But here's the truth, He didn't cross that line!

## ***President's Page***

One great year of theatre finishes and, a new one has already begun ... 2008 saw an exciting and varied year of theatre, with most enjoyable and successful productions of, “The Boyfriend”, “Godspell” and “The Impossible Princess” staged under the guidance of very talented direction teams, with 2009 promising an as marvellous a year. The year culminated in our annual Christmas Concert, with CEF able to donate in excess of \$700 to the Combined Churches' Christmas Hamper Appeal.

People often ask what the initials ‘CEF’ stand for – and it is for “Church of England Fellowship”, which reminds us of our early beginnings. However, it is timely, (with a new year commencing), to advise that the ‘F for Fellowship’ is dearly valued in our functioning. In our 60<sup>th</sup>. Year of celebrations never was this brought home more clearly than in people's musings that coming back to CEF was like ‘coming home’. Indeed, that is to be treasured. It is in this spirit of fellowship that everyone is welcome to CEF, and we look forward to members, old and new, joining the CEF ‘family’ and enjoying the limelight on stage or behind the scenes. In every show, there is a copious list of tasks that need to be done – and the adage, ‘many hands make light work’ could not be truer! Come along, young and old, to pour a cuppa, paint scenery, collect props, sew a hem, place posters in shops, sell tickets to friends, move sets, apply makeup ...

This year's calendar, (see page 4), promises to be as enjoyable and successful as any in our past.

Our play-readings will resume in 2009, commencing on the first Tuesday in March, at 7.30.pm.

I take this opportunity to thank the committee, who undertake many hours of “hard yakka” for CEF, our 2008 directors, performers and Backstage & FOH teams, all of whom bring their cheerfulness, talent and spirit of camaraderie to our Company to make it the special group it truly is!

Don't forget our forthcoming Annual General Meeting too and, consider nominating for committee, or nominating a member for committee!

**All the best, Val**

## PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

March 20, 21, 22(Mat.) 27, 28	<b>"The CHILDRENS' HOUR"</b>	Director: Chris Davies (Production Co-ordinator: Myles Sharpe 59756868)
May 29 to June 6	<b>"CAFE LATTE"</b>	Director: Drew Lane
July 25&26	<b>"A Night of One Act Plays"</b>	Co-ordinator: Mary Sierakowski
November 13-22	<b>"RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET"</b>	Directors: Natalie Pharoah Michael Laity
December	<b>Christmas Concert</b>	
May 2010 (to be confirmed)	<b>"GIGI"</b>	Director: Jean Riley

### CEF Bookings:

Val & Myles Sharpe  
Tel. 5975 6868

I joined a health club last year, spent \$400.  
Haven't lost a gram. Apparently, you have to go there.



*Cast:* five men, four women and a small chorus  
*Auditionees must be 16 years or older*

*Synopsis:* In one night, the lives of six totally dysfunctional people will collide in this irreverent and politically incorrect comedy

There's **Dave**, the owner of the cafe and a gambling addict; **Kelly**, the gay guy who will chat up anything with three legs; **Melinda**, the bi-sexual tramp who has a very innocent little secret; **Joanne**, a struggling mother with another on the way, who quietly has the hots for the boss; **Samantha**, a high school drop-out, who has been sleeping around with the partner of another employee; and **John**, the wannabe Jimi Hendrix, who keeps setting fire to the RSL stage.

All work at the same Cafe and, in one night, their lives will be changed forever.

Interacting with the staff are:

**Carly**, Dave's wife - a hard woman, constantly on Dave's case and aware of his previous addictions; **Bret**, Joanne's defacto and Samantha's recent fling - pushy, mean, cruel, with no regard for anyone but himself; and **Nick**, John's dealer and manager

This is a place where anything goes, nothing is sacred and the politically incorrect is normal!

*Auditions:*

Sunday, 8 February, 2009, 7.30.pm.

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Tuesday, 10 February, 2009, 7.30.pm.

For information & bookings, telephone Dawn, 59756671

***The Annual General Meeting  
Of  
Mornington CEF Players Inc.***

Will be held on Thursday, 26 February 2009  
Commencing at 7.30.pm, in  
St. Peter’s Hall, Albert Street, Mornington.

The business transacted at an AGM is comprised of:

- Confirming the minutes of the last AGM
- Receiving reports from the committee, concerning the operations of CEF during the preceding year
- The election of officers and members of the committee
- Receiving and considering the statement submitted by the executive in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Act
- Transacting any special business where notice has formally been given.

**All registered members** shall be given written notice of the AGM, to include agenda detail, at least 14-days prior to the meeting commencement.

**Nomination Forms:** will be available for collection from St Peter’s Hall during show rehearsals on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. All nominations must be completed on the prescribed form and submitted to a committee member no later than **19th February**.

**Voting:** Only financial members of CEF are eligible to vote at meetings.

**NOTE:** a membership renewal form is included with this newsletter.

**“The Children’s Hour”**

Under the direction of Chris Davies, rehearsals commenced on Thursday, 8 January and will continue on Thursday evenings & Sunday afternoons.

An excellent cast has been chosen, as follows:

Mary Tilford \_\_\_\_\_Milli Bishop  
Karen Wright \_\_\_\_\_Susan Young  
Martha Dobie \_\_\_\_\_Cheryl Lang  
Mrs Lily Mortar \_\_\_\_\_Lynne O’Callaghan  
Mrs Amelia Tilford \_\_\_\_\_Jenny Scott  
Agatha \_\_\_\_\_Marilyn Owies  
Dr Joseph Cardin \_\_\_\_\_Daniel Justin

Students: Sharna Haig, Georgia Smith, Rachael & Lauren Steel, and Georgia Stevens.



**Other Companies Performances**

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Dec 31	<b>“GREASE”</b>
to	Director: Danny Ginsberg. MD: Malcolm Fawcett
Jan 17	Choreographer: Hannah Sabbatucci
	Bookings: 9784 1060

M.T.C.

Feb	<b>“CRIMES OF THE HEART”</b>
6-21	Director: Judy Corderoy
	Booking: 9587 5141

# *Happy Birthday*

*to*

## *January*

*Michele Bulka  
Marie Couper  
Frances Doig  
Louise Graham  
Adam Nash  
Sarah O'Connor  
Lauren Stewart  
Joanne Williams*

## *February*

*Tim Andrew  
Tiffany Brown  
Val Hardie  
Bob Laity  
Jennie Leslie  
Lucy Moray  
Jane Neve  
Joan Paine  
Sue Parker  
Natalie Pharoah  
Craig Reid  
Myles Sharpe  
Callum Simpson  
Tara Smith*

Extract from the diary of a neighbour, (she's blonde!)

*Fired from pharmacy, for failing to print labels.  
Helloooo!!! Bottles won't fit in typewriter!*

# *Sick List*

## ***Alma Moore,***

We were all shocked to hear that one of our favourite members, Alma, suffered a stroke on Christmas Eve. Alma is now on the mend in rehab; thanks to doctors being able to inject her with a new medication within two hours of her stroke. Alma is determined to hold her well-known large Christmas Dinner Party with friends. Hubby, Bob, had to quickly cook the pork, ham and two turkeys, in readiness for her return home.

## ***Ian Winkley,***

We are happy to report that Joan was able to bring Ian home in time for Christmas, after he spent seven months in hospital and rehab. With Ian restricted mainly to a wheelchair, Joan and daughter Deborah will be kept busy, nursing him back to good health.

## ***Neville Bond,***

Life Member, Nev, has had his "ups & downs" of late, and will probably start a course of treatment in February; but is still in good spirits and holding a positive attitude for the future.

## ***John Mitting***

John is another member who also seems to be in good spirits, despite having his ups & Downs health-wise lately.

Our thoughts and best wishes go to our "sickies", for a speedy recovery to better health.

