

Featuring Mr T performing all of his latest hits

Editor's note...

It's Showtime!

Last night the originally-devised and composed musical - Ad Hoc community Theatre's **GET REAL** previewed at Peninsula theatre to around 50 invited guests who pronounced the show an



Stuart Smith trades this serious look for one a bit more 'beagley' as Snoopy in You're a good man Charlie Brown

outstanding success. One patron commented on the depth of social commentary in the play. "It was such fun to watch for kids and adults alike, with all the great humour, songs and dance," he said, "but what touched me was the way the toy room characters reflected a microcosm of society. It was very cleverly done and highly entertaining." There's still time to get tickets – and don't forget it has a second limited season next week at Wyong (see Calendar).

Tonight, WMTC's **The Wizard of Oz** opens at Wyong Memorial Hall, check the cast and ticketing details on page two. **And guess who is giving away FREEBIES?** Next Thursday night is opening night to **You're A Good Man Charlie Brown**. And WHAT E-NEWS has **TWO FREE TICKETS** to give away!

Just answer this simple question – **Where** will this musical be playing from Oct

4-13? Send me the answer by RETURN EMAIL and include your full name and phone number.

First correct answer will win.

Next Thursday night is also the gala opening of **King Henry IV – The Don of England** at Mad Cow Theatre and then on October 12, **Oliver!** - Gosford Musical Society's final show for its 60th Anniversary year – has its Gala opening at Laycock Street Theatre. Tickets went on sale in July and two weeks ago, extra shows had to be scheduled to accommodate demand. Directed by Chris King, with musical direction by Ros English and Choreography by Lauren Miller, this show is bigger than **Ben Hur**, with two complete children's casts alternating performances alongside a huge adult cast – all on a big, multi-levelled set. There might be a few tickets left, but you better be quick.

Yet more exciting news – **Darlene Cole** has been officially sanctioned as organiser for V-Day on the Central Coast again for next February (dates TBA). This time there will be **two events** in Wyong and Gosford. This means that productions of the **The Vagina Monologues** will have two performances each at both Laycock Street Theatre and Wyong Memorial Hall. This is great news for everyone who missed out when the ground-breaking production sold out last February (and for the many who demanded to see it again). Also great news for local actresses who wish to audition and for the local women's support groups who will be recipients of the funds raised. I'll bring you all the latest information as it comes to hand. Meanwhile, if you are a local business-owner who may be interested in supporting what will be a very high-profile, community-focused and spiritually uplifting event – you can get in on the ground floor now! Contact: Darlene_cole@aapt.net.au

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UP!

THIS WEEK'S
AUS IDOL HINT:
"Mmm...
what'd ya
sayyy?"
(Go Ben!)

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE WYONG!

Don't miss WMTc's presentation of the family favourite -

The Wizard of Oz



**This Seinfeld version of Wizard of Oz cast - not actual cast!*

Limited season opens **TONIGHT** Sept 28 @7:30pm till Oct 5 at Wyong Memorial Hall, Anzac Ave, Wyong. The cast includes Brooke Garvey (Dorothy), Daniel Travers (Scarecrow), Les Besseny (Tin Man), Michael Mainwaring (Cowardly Lion), Amelia Besseny (Glinda), Warren Anderson (Uncle Henry), Maureen Dickerson (Aunt Em), Liz Carter (Miss Gulch), and Donna Russell (West Witch). Directed by Kathy Veale, Musical Direction by Michael Partridge, Choreography by Stephanie Roome & Troy Spinks. For bookings and enquiries please phone 1300 366 470. Tickets also available from Ticketek Mingara (4349 7888). Adults \$20, Children \$12, Concession \$15, Family Pass \$60. Wyong Memorial Hall is located opposite the RSL in Anzac Avenue, Wyong.

GOT ANY SEQUINED TROUSERS LOCKED AWAY IN THE CUPBOARD?

Well, dust 'em off dress up in your gaudiest glam rock gear as we pay tribute to the song contest that gave us ABBA and Bucks Fizz and...but nobody else that anyone remembers! **CC THEATRESPORTS SALUTES EUROVISION, SEPT 29!** The same scriptless mayhem...with hideous fashion statements thrown in for good measure. Fancy dressers in the audience are in the running for prizes! Hosted by Rose "Sveta" Cooper and Adam "Viktor" Young. **MAD COW THEATRE, BROOKS AVE, WYOMING.** Tickets \$15/\$10. Bookings: 4328 4432. Doors open 7.30 (show @8pm)

Something special is coming to the Gardens... **Transience #1**

18 - 19 October, 2007- Gosford-Edogawa Commemorative Garden – PLUS an invitation talk by Colin Offord on Oct 4, Studio 2, Gosford Regional Gallery. This will be an immersive performance event featuring live music and video projection by Australian musician and visual artist Colin Offord and Taiwanese video artist Yeh Yilan, *transience #1* is a 21st Century artistic expression like nothing you have seen before. It is innovative, challenging, yet accessible and deeply moving. *Transience #1* merges old and new art forms, resulting in a mosaic of voices brought together in a professional ensemble. **Colin Offord** is a singer, composer, multi-instrumentalist, inventor of original instruments, designer of musical theatre pieces and visual artist. The event will be staged in the grounds of the beautiful Japanese garden. Limited seating will be available so patrons are urged to bring a blanket or foldout chair.

"Offord's presentations are magical and extraordinary. A musician and artist of genius, he's a real national musical treasure." Bruce Elder, SMH

BOOKINGS: 4323 3233

MORE INFORMATION: www.gosfordregionalgallery.com or www.colinofford.com

DID YOU KNOW? You can now place ticket orders for WDG productions **ON LINE**, using their foolproof ordering forms at www.wyongdramagroup.com.au BOOK EARLY for their next production – Eric Idle's uproarious tale **PASS THE BUTLER**. Strictly limited season: **Nov 8-17**. An exceptional cast includes 2007 best actor 'Woscar' winner Duncan Mitchell.

SPOTLIGHT ON....

...**KIM KELLY**



How long have you lived on the coast? My whole life. Almost 17 years. In the same house...ew

What is your day - job? Quite happily unemployed, but I'm up for the slave labour scene!

What did you want to be when you grew up? I wanted to be a lawyer after watching *Legally Blonde*...yeah pretty sad, I know! (*I object! Ed*)

When did you become involved in theatre? Around four years ago

Where did you learn your craft? Mad Cow Theatre Company

What was your first role? I was an Angel in our Christmas pageant in Kindergarten, because they made the three shortest girls do it.

Favourite play/musical – in which you were involved? Probably *King Henry IV Part I*, because it's not every day I get to be a fat, old, womanising, drunk guy. (*I hear ya! There just aren't any good parts like that out there for women anymore*).

Favourite play/musical that you have seen? I don't know really, I've seen quite a few good ones and I can't think of any right now...how awkward.

What would be/has been your dream part? I used to want to be Elle Woods from *Legally Blonde*...like in real life...it's kinda sad when you think about it, but she has a Chihuahua! I don't mind playing the dumb kid either. (*I'm just really impressed anyone your age can spell Chihuahua!*)

Did a funny thing happen to you on the way to the theatre? A leprechaun stole my wallet and identity in the backstreets of Wyoming...well HE thought it was funny...I didn't. (*Killjoy*)

Best/Worst movies you ever saw? That movie way back when called *Mr Accident*...that was probably the worst I think I've ever seen I love funny movies but this one just tried too hard

Favourite TV show? *Malcolm in the Middle* because they are so dysfunctional...like my family!

Favourite actors? Iain 'Mouse' McGuire. He makes me laugh and I learn from him.

Favourite singers? William Hung and Mark Holden...they're by FAR the best. (*You've just sent my goonie-goo-goo-metre into overdrive*)

Favourite quote? I made one up and it goes a little something like "What Would JUZ Do?" We're gonna put it onto cast t-shirts...or "Dig UP Stupid"

Your ideal Saturday night? As long as I'm not lonely, and I can play *Twister* of some sort, I'm set. (*How many 'sorts' of Twister are there? There's Nude Twister, sure, but then what?*)

The multi-talented and quirky 'Lil' Kim' steps up to play 'the loveable character of Falstaff, the fat, slovenly, womanising drunk' in KING HENRY IV – THE DON OF ENGLAND. October 4-13 at Mad Cow Theatre, Brooks Ave Wyoming. Directed by Juz McGuire, it is a Shakespeare classic, presented in Mafioso style, performed by an exceptional young cast! Tickets: \$16/\$12 (student/conc). Bookings: 4328 4432

NEXT SPOTLIGHT: BRENDA LOGAN, DIRECTOR OF WWLT'S *MR BAILEY'S MINDER*

Kudos Korner...

Seen something you like? Write to Ed. *Letters may be edited for space & clarity.

Dear Ed – help wanted.

On Saturday 28 April 2001 at 2pm, Wyong Drama Group presented Alan Seymour's *The One Day of the Year*. There was a significant difference between this and every other piece of theatre I've probably ever seen however. That is, the playwright himself was in the audience. Alan Seymour actually has a practice of seeing his play whenever he can. All went well, the production was well received. After the show we took a cast photo on the set with the cast, most of the crew and Alan Seymour himself. To this day I still do not have a copy of that photograph. It was taken with digital and conventional cameras by at least three people, possibly more. If anyone out there happens to read this and has a shot of the cast and author lying around in your photo album, please may I have a copy? You can email me at wdg@wyongdramagroup.com.au or give me a call on 02-4329-3056. Thanks very much!

Peter Deane

Dear Ed

One of our longest serving members was too unwell to attend the recent **Central Coast Theatrefest**, so Millie Sampson took the cast of her award winning play to her place after the Festival and they performed it for her in her home. She wrote this letter of appreciation to the group, which I am passing on for the joy of your readers. *Jenny Newman – Secretary.*

Dear Members of Wyong Drama Group...To my surprise last Sunday, Prima and Janet knocked on my front door – followed by the entire cast of *Caged Birds!* They had come to give me a private performance of the play. I sat spellbound as the play unfolded, in costume and make-up, no less! What a wonderful ensemble performance, of a magnificent production by Millie, of an unusual, powerful and thought provoking drama. Following the play we not only enjoyed a pleasant lunch, generously provided by all, but some delightful, light-hearted and brisk conversation amongst cast and “crew”. Once again many thanks for a most memorable day. Your kind gesture epitomises to me the warmth and friendship of Wyong Drama Group that has been my happy experience for nearly 50 years. **Bonnie Bryant.** (*Well if that isn't a story to warm the cockles, I don't know what is – Ed*)

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GMS PRESENTS 'ANNIE GET YOUR GUN' MARCH 2008

Director - Anne Hart, MD - Heidi Lambert, Choreographer – Karen Snook. INFORMATION NIGHT Monday October 22 at 7-30 pm in the GMS shed, behind Laycock Street Theatre. All information about the show, the characters and what is expected at auditions will be explained and audition material will be available. Auditions on Monday Nov 5 and Tuesday Nov 6, with Weds reserved for callbacks. Rehearsals commence: Monday November 12. For info on the show have a gander:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annie_Get_Your_Gun_%28musical%29

V-DAY WYONG AND V-DAY GOSFORD 2008 PRESENTS – THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

In February 2007, V-Day Wyong joined the worldwide V-Day movement and presented two stunning premiere performances of *The Vagina Monologues* at Wyong Memorial hall. Next year it all happens again – with two performances EACH at Laycock Street Theatre and Wyong Memorial Hall, raising awareness and money for local women's shelters on the Coast. Information evening and auditions announced shortly. For information on V-Day worldwide visit: www.vday.org

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CALENDAR...

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Oct 28 – Happy Hands piano recital (2.30pm); **Nov 14** - Un Dia de Noviembre, guitar recital by Eric Cathan (7.30); **Nov 18** – Best Sax of My Life (2.30pm)

LAYCOCK STREET THEATRE: www.laycockstreet.com Box Office: 4323 3233.

Sept 28 – Supper Club with Carol Ralph; **Sept 29** – Whole Lotta Love Led Zeppelin tribute; **Oct 3** – Adam Scicluna (Mat); **Oct 4-6** – Central Dance Co. 18th birthday; **Oct 12-Nov 3** – GMS' presents Oliver!; **Oct 17** – Arj Barker. Oct 19-20 – Maggie Scott in Life's a Lemon – the Musical; **Oct 26** - Grant Galea – King of Swing – final Supper Club for '07(dress in 1940s Las Vegas Chic).

MAD COW THEATRE: www.madcowtheatre.net Brooks Ave, Wyoming. 4328 4432

Sept 29 – Theatresports – Theme – Eurovision! Break out your bell-bottoms and sequins and win a great prize. **Oct 4-13** - *King Henry IV Part I - The Don of England*. Youth production, directed by Juz McGuire. Tickets: \$16/\$12. Next Theatresports **Oct 27**.

THE PENINSULA THEATRE, Cnr McMasters & Ocean Beach Rds, Woy Woy.

Sept 27-Oct 2 – Ad Hoc Community Theatre and ARAFMI presents Get Real (an original musical adaptation of the story of The Velveteen Rabbit) second week of season at Wyong – see below;

Oct 5-6 – Bangers and Mash; **Oct 19-Nov 4** – Mr Bailey's Minder

WOY WOY LITTLE THEATRE: www.wwl.com.au Box office: 4344 4737.

Oct 19-Nov 4: *Mr Bailey's Minder*, directed by Brenda Logan. Tickets on sale Mon Oct 2

WYONG DRAMA GROUP: www.wyongdramagroup.com.au Ph: 4353 4353

Nov 8-17 – Eric Idle's hilarious play, Pass the Butler.

WYONG MEMORIAL HALL

Sept 28-Oct 6. *The Wizard of Oz*; **Oct 8-11** - Ad Hoc/ARAFMI presents - Get Real, @ 2pm/Oct 10 @ 8pm

WYONG MUSICAL THEATRE CO: www.wmtc.com.au Bookings: 1300 366 470

NOW SHOWING - Sept 28-Oct 6: *The Wizard of Oz*

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RANDOM QUOTES #41

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

Winston Churchill

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