

BACKSTAGE

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Mark Your Diary:

- ⇒ Next Committee meeting
Tuesday 12th May
7:30pm at Diggers. All members welcome.
- ⇒ Members Forum Wednesday 10th June 7:30pm at Baptist Church.

We have already sold nearly 300 tickets so far for the season, and tickets have only been on sale a little over 2 weeks! Looks like it's going to be another successful show.

We now get into the serious part as we have started running the show. Next week we are doing the whole show with the orchestra so exciting times ahead!

REMINDER TO CAST:

Get your makeup forms in or you will get this picture for the program:



South Pacific

Did you know:

- ⇒ T.M.S. did the very first amateur production of "South Pacific" in Australia? That was in 1960, just 11 years after the show opened in New York and only nine years after London.
- ⇒ On opening night, a T.M.S. black-tie formal premiere in the Town Hall, the newly acquired microphones picked up the taxi radio frequency and the audience clearly heard all the requests for cabs in town for the first ten minutes of Act I! Marj Cousens, mother of Peter, was the first Nellie Forbush.
- ⇒ In that same production, a real-life romance started between Joe Cable (played by Barry Marr) and Liat (played by Alison Sharpe). They were married soon after the show and their first daughter is called Liat!
- ⇒ Just 6 years after the first production of "South Pacific" local television hit town and T.M.S. went into mothballs for three years due to lack of interest. "South Pacific" was auditioned again to try to get the Society back on stage, but only 5 people turned up at auditions! The Committee abandoned the idea and waited it out for 3 years before successfully producing 'Kiss Me Kate'.
- ⇒ "South Pacific" was not produced again by T.M.S. until 1981. Maureen Ervine, still living in Tamworth, was Bloody Mary.
- ⇒ Our next "South Pacific", which will audition in July, will not only be the last time Bill sits in the director's chair, but it will celebrate his **50th year with the society** so you'd better come and join him for a huge production. Lots of singing, dancing and romancing, not to mention the chance to get a spray-on tan every week for the show!

TMS Member of the Month

For something a little different I am introducing a new series titled TMSMOTM. This is going to be a new thing to let the various members of TMS get to know a little about each other. I thought it would be nice to have a TMS Member of the Month every newsletter. So, please make way for Stuart Rowe, this month's TMS Member Of The Month.

Explain a little about yourself?

Well, my name's Stuart Rowe, I'm 28 years old and I work as an IS/IT Manager, which is utterly boring. I'm happily married to Jess Rowe and have two kids (that I know of), Samantha and Aaron. I have been to most places in Australia growing up in the Air Force and moved to Tamworth in 1999. Tamworth is the prettiest city I have been in except for Perth. If only they had Rugby League over there!

When did you start your Musical career?

I started as backstage in Grease, and decided that it looked like such fun that I was a member of the Sharks (woo, go Sharks!) in West Side Story. I played a homeless man in Little Shop of Horrors, and helped out backstage for Les Miserables. I haven't had any training with singing or dancing (no surprise there) nor was I able to do drama at school. In fact, the first musical I ever watched was Grease, from backstage.

Best on-stage moment you ever had?

Getting told with 30 minutes to spare that I was the policeman for that night's performance of West Side Story due to a family emergency, and frantically going over lines with Patrick.

How do you prepare for an audition?

I drive around for awhile with the song I plan on singing playing at full volume. Not sure if it helps, but its fun!

What is your favourite all time Musical and why?

Rocky Horror Picture Show. I love the outrageousness of it and even so many years after it was made, it's still fun to watch.

What's the next Musical you would love to see TMS produce?

Cabaret. I saw a couple of clips of this show on the Internet and thought it would be awesome.

TMS Ball

The Tamworth Musical Society will be holding a Fund Raising Masquerade Ball with the proceeds going towards further training and development of it's members. We also are aiming to attract more people to join our society.

The ball will be held on Saturday the 11th of July with the venue yet to be confirmed. The Theme for this years Masquerade Ball will be Fantasy.

If you own a business or work for someone who has and can contribute in some way for the raffles and silent auction on the night, you can contact Blake by email at blake@blakesaban.com. Stay tuned for more updates.

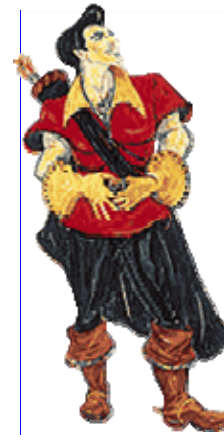
NEWLY DEAD by Bill Gleeson

Opening night will be Friday 1st May (Friends of the Visually Impaired Charity night), and will finish with the Matinee on Sunday 10th May (Mother's Day). Tickets will be \$25 and Concession \$20 and available from Tourism Tamworth or available ONLINE.

We're on the Web!
www.tms.org.au

Column 9

Beauty Tips from GASTON



11. Ear Wax is a great hair product. Keeps that shine nice and smooth.

12. For those rounded pecs eat only grain-fed chickens. No girl stands a chance.

13. Have an enormous portrait done of yourself in a manly pose and keep it above the mantel for those times when a mirror isn't handy.

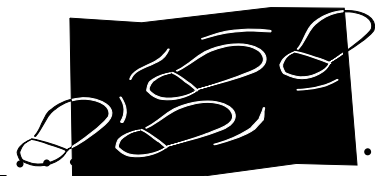
14. The most important thing a girl looks for in a guy (apart from looks) is that he's the best at everything he does. A good way to measure this is to have lots of trophies. Keep them at an Inn, somewhere everyone can see how good you are.

Members Forum

We now have an excellent theatre however it comes at a price so we need to be careful with our choices and think about a long term plan. Please come and have your say, **WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 7:30PM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.**

SAVE THE TREES!

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More next month—Ed