

SATS Monthly Meeting

Monday 15th January 2010

Opened: 7:15pm
Present: Jenny Blake, Jim Sandford, Narelle Bintley, Miranda Guillon, Darryl Taylor, Mark Smith.
Apologies: Meg Bowman, Janet Sandford.

Minutes of November meeting were presented and moved by Miranda Guillon and seconded by Darryl Taylor.

Business Arising:

- It was decided to go with Williams River Steel for supply of the new storage shed. The deposit has been paid and the Development Application has been approved. We expect to have the final ok by the end of the week. Shed comes on site in 4-6 weeks. Ground is yet to be levelled for a slab and retaining wall needs to be built. Final payment of \$5000 is due when the shed is finished.
- Nothing further was done regarding APRA. When SATS performs current music at cabarets and the band concert we should inform APRA.
- No further information regarding cultural planning at this point, but Jenny Blake will send another email to Council to seek a status update.
- NIDA don't give advance notice for courses before their brochure comes out so we can't go with original plan to book early. SATS will need to host a workshop to pick a recipient for the scholarship and then select a course when it becomes available. This needs to be done in the next few months.
- The SATS Christmas party was washed out due to a heavy storm that damaged the venue.
- An executive meeting was called and held at the Heights RSC the night after the Christmas party was scheduled to discuss the future of the SATS website.
- The Website address will be printed on each individual show ticket.
- The website address was listed in the notice for The Wedding Singer auditions, which resulted in the site being visited by several interested persons who then went on to audition.

Treasurer's Report:

The current cashbook balance is \$2758.30 and the card account has \$158.16. Mark Smith is to go into the Greater PBS to collect a new card. The cash management account has a balance of \$21971.16.

As it stands SATS will be in the red when the first shed payment is due, however we have sponsor money and membership fees yet to come in. An invoice for \$4000 has been sent to Macquarie Generation who have confirmed Platinum Sponsorship. We are expecting at least another \$1000 in Gold Sponsorship payments.

Mark Smith asked if we could keep a sponsor night free for Shearers if they do excavation for free. The Treasurer's Report was presented and moved by Jenny Blake and seconded by Narelle Bintley.

Correspondence:

For the months of December, January and February until present, incoming correspondence comprised of:

- Greater Building Society notice that new card is awaiting collection.
- Email from Michael Godschalk regarding renewal of SATS Website domain name and server fees
- Stage Whispers magazine Jan-Feb 2010 Vol 19 No 1
- Email from Macquarie Generation confirming \$4000 Platinum Sponsorship and requesting invoice for payment

- D & J Pearce Real Estate payment of programme sponsorship
- Singleton Heights Medical Practice payment of Gold Sponsorship
- Aon Insurance documents
- Partridge Bros payment of Gold Sponsorship
- Nick Mandas payment of programme sponsorship
- Rotary Club reply to letter regarding shed extensions

For the same period outgoing correspondence comprised of:

- Letters to Lions Club, Lionesses and Rotary informing them of our upcoming shed extensions
- Letter to Apex requesting confirmation in writing of their intent to purchase existing shed space.
- 2010 events calendar info to Visitor Information Centre
- Initial letters to sponsors for The Wedding Singer

A letter from the Rotary Club was discussed and the point was raised that none of the groups actually own their portion of the shed. The shed is on council land and the DA would not be approved if it affected the structural integrity of any surrounding buildings.

SATS will be supplying water to the shed, which all groups will benefit from.

It was suggested that we simply reply to Rotary that we have received their letter and it was discussed at our February meeting, but Mark Smith felt that more was required and he will arrange to meet with Miranda to draft and send a reply.

General Business:

Auditions for The Wedding Singer were held on the weekend of 30/31st January.

There are some "fresh faces" including Danny Folpp, playing the male lead Robbie, Rhiannon Hayward playing Holly, and Ryan Dale as George. Rachel Levick is the female lead, Julia, Hugh Smith will be playing Sammy, Kate White is Rosie, Brooke Almond as Linda, Elise Bell as Angela and Michael Anderson as Glen. There are about 20 ladies in the chorus and around 8 men.

Guitar and keyboards are the main instruments in the band and we still require one player for each and we need a drummer.

Mark Smith has emailed this info to MG so he can put a wanted notice on the website.

Jenny Blake requested a cast list and any new email addresses from Mark.

Mark is currently working on a rehearsal schedule.

Jenny Blake had a few brochures from Cessnock performing Arts. Leader of the Pack is on this month, also Lennon if anyone is interested. Bizet's Carmen; in May. Jenny will send out email to MG to put on website for expressions of interest for the three shows.

Tony Fletcher has asked that we pay the deposit for Les Miserables for 2011, so we will have the rights and can put it in next year's programme.

Ticket sales may move to "Bloons and Blooms" due to Video Ezy closure.

Jenny Blake suggested we all go out to a farewell dinner with Fred Harvison from Video Ezy in about a month. Miranda Guillon will approach Fred for suitable dates and then inform members.

Meeting Closed: 8:20pm