

## Bathurst Arts Council Newsletter June 2007



BATHURST | **ARTS** | COUNCIL

Dear Members and friends,

The Annual General Meeting of Bathurst Arts Council was held on Thursday 17th May at Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre. The Vice President, Bryan Randall, presented a report on the Years activities, and the 2007 Office Bearers and Committee were elected.

**President;** Fiona Thompson, **Vice President;** Maryanne Jaques, **Secretary;** Miriam Ledger, **Treasurer;** Kylie Shead, **Publicity Officer;** Sarah Conolan, **Friends Co-ordinator;** Mary Cuppidge, **Membership Co-ordinator;** position vacant **Youth Arts Award;** Bryan Randall, **Honorary Solicitor;** Ben Gelin **Committee;** Stephen Champion, Judy Rutherford, Judy Priddle, Libby Lonergan, Marisa Mariani-Starr, Margie Breen, Tony Hatch, Jenny Barnes, Bruce Cameron (TBC)

### Incoming Presidents Report – Fiona Thompson

There was absolute silence during the Bathurst Arts Council AGM when nominations were called to form a new committee for 2007. However after a flurry of new members signed up, the 2007 BAC had not only a full executive but also 9 ordinary committee members.

This strong team, a mixture of new blood and old stalwarts, agreed to reinvigorate their original and historical mission which is to lobby for a Cultural Centre to serve Arts and Craft practitioners across the Bathurst Region. In recent years BAC has collected data and gathered much interest from the Arts community and beyond in support of a Cultural Centre, firstly on the Crago Mill site and more recently in the old Ambulance Station. Using this base of knowledge, BAC will be circulating petitions to collect signatures from the general public and also requesting letters of support from Arts and Craft practitioners, groups, Guilds and businesses with which to lobby BRC to set up a Cultural Centre.

BAC has also taken on the convening of the very successful Arts Networking Meetings originally auspiced by Arts Out West. There are other sub-committees that will continue with BAC full support, including The Friends of BMEC and the Bathurst Youth Arts Award. Please contact the new President, Fiona Thompson, 6331 6622, or the Secretary, Miriam Ledger, 6331 8587, for information about membership and how you can support the establishment of a Cultural Centre that can be used by the Bathurst region's community.

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### **Bathurst Theatre Company at the Park**

Bathurst Theatre Company presents 'The Doctor In Spite Of Himself', by Moliere (1666) and translated by Rex Cramphorn (1985).

### **August 9th - 11th & 16th - 18th at the Park Hotel, George Street**

Moliere's 'The Doctor in Spite of Himself' has been described as a 300-year-old bit of fluff that relates the improbable adventures of a woodcutter who is mistaken for a doctor. It is a ribald comedy with high energy and great silliness. Tickets will be available in June at the Park Hotel.

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### **Friends of B.M.E.C. Meeting**

The first meeting of the Friends of BMEC was held Monday 21st May at 2pm.

We discussed the pre- performance talk we held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 pm.

David Whitney, Timothy Walter and Huw McKinnon generously offered to give a talk.

As usual there was a delicious homemade supper with a complimentary drink. Entrance is \$5 for Arts Council Members and \$6 for non members. School children are always welcome.

**‘WHATS ON’ at the Con – JUNE**

**Mitchell Conservatorium concerts, workshops and events. [www.mitchellconservatorium.edu.au](http://www.mitchellconservatorium.edu.au)  
(02) 6331 6622**

**What** – Sounds Celestial

**When** – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 3pm

**Where** – All Saints Cathedral, Bathurst

**Who** – Allegri Singers and Bathurst Chamber Orchestra

**Cost** – \$20 and \$15 tickets at the door. Primary school students free

**About** – these premier community music ensembles unite again to perform the Vivaldi Gloria and Britten’s Cantata. Come along and enjoy uplifting music at the Cathedral.

**What** – Choir Conducting Workshop #3

**When** – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9am-3pm

**Where** – Kelso High School

**Who** – Presented by Phil Snitch

**Cost** – \$45 includes morning tea and light lunch.

**About** – the final Choir Conducting workshop wraps up all the skills from the previous workshops and gives participants a chance to rehearse/conduct with a live choir. Suitable for community and school choir conductors. Bookings essential for this very popular workshop. Certificates of completion will be awarded at this workshop. Phone 6331 6622 for bookings and more information.

**What** – Keystone State Boychoir

**When** – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 7:30pm

**Where** – All Saints Cathedral Bathurst

**Who** – Keystone State Boychoir, Philadelphia, USA

**Cost** – \$10 single, \$25 family of four. Tickets from Mitchell Conservatorium, West Wing Court House Russell St Bathurst (02) 6331 6622.

**About** – The Keystone State Boychoir (KSB), under the direction of music director Joseph P. Fitzmartin and associate music director Steven M. Fisher, sings a diverse repertoire - from the classical to the contemporary - including world-music, Jazz and Broadway, often with movement that adds an enthralling visual element to the angelic boychoir sound. Bathurst performance will be ONE NIGHT ONLY on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm, All Saints Cathedral Bathurst. Book early to avoid disappointment.

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*Calling all Visual Artists in the Bathurst area with a background of mainly traditional art practice/teaching or exhibiting. Would you be interested in ‘getting together’ occasionally with other artists to share a common interest? Please forward a written expression of interest, including your phone number and art history to*

*K. Chapman, PO Box 9026, West Bathurst 2795.*

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**The next Bathurst Arts Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2007 7pm at Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre.**

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**The next Arts Networking Meeting will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007 6:30pm at the Park Hotel (Dining Room). ALL WELCOME.**

If you wish to contribute material or a notice to the next newsletter, please email submissions or queries to Sarah Conolan at [info@bathurstartscouncil.org.au](mailto:info@bathurstartscouncil.org.au)