

SPOTLIGHT

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★ THE BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS ★

Tickets are now on sale – don't miss out!

Call The Q's box-office on 6298 0290 (Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and Saturday 10.00 am to 12.00 noon), or go on the net at www.theq.net.au to book. Holders of comp tickets will need to book through the box-office.

Shows:

Fri 12 Nov - 8pm; Sat 13 Nov - 8pm; Thu 18 Nov - 8pm;
Fri 19 Nov - 8pm; Sat 20 Nov - 2pm and 8pm;
Sun 21 Nov - 5pm; Thu 25 Nov - 8pm; Fri 26 Nov - 8pm;
Sat 27 Nov - 2pm and 8pm.

Ticket Prices:\$39 Full

\$35 member/concession/group 10+
Thursday nights – All tickets \$35

Don't forget!
Members can purchase as
many tickets as they like
for friends and family at the
member price of \$35!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Phoenix Players held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 28 September. Thank you to all those members who attended to support the company and the nominees and winners of our awards. We also have some new members of the Committee this time around.

The new committee for 2010-11 is:

- President – Pam McManus
- Vice President – Graham Bauerle
- Treasurer – Eileen Boyldew
- Assistant Treasurer – Michael Heming
- Secretary – Gaby Schmid
- Assistant Secretary – Melita Caulfield
- Production Selection Coordinator – Kelda McManus
- Community Liaison Officer – Jennie Norberry
- Member – Stefanie Thomas
- Member – Cornelia Carson

The departing committee would like to thank Richard Block for all his effort as Treasurer for the last four years and wish him well in his new endeavours. We would also like to thank Judy Satrapa and Nola Russell the other departing members of the committee.

We would also like to welcome the new members to our committee, Eileen Boyldew, who joins us as Treasurer, Stefanie Thomas and Cornelia Carson, who join as committee members.

2009-10 AWARDS

Phoenix Players is grateful for all the wonderful people we have had the pleasure of working with over the last year, and it is easy to see why there were so many nominations for the awards, and how difficult it was to choose the winners.

The Michael Thomas Award

This award recognises a member that contributes to a show in a manner that reflects the Quiet Achiever attitude of the late Michael Thomas. This member provides services beyond the role they play, or the production position they hold. They complete these additional tasks in a friendly manner and do so without expectation of reward. A true Quiet Achiever.

The director of each show performed in the year nominates a member of their company. Nominations for this award were:

Miss Saigon – Simon Stone – for all the extra work and assistance he provided during Miss Saigon, including filling in when others were absent, providing his own props, and the incredible work he did with the children who played the role of Tam - he put in extra time to work with the children and develop a rapport with them. This was quite difficult for him as his character actually threatened to kill the child onstage so he had to work very hard to gain their trust. In true Michael Thomas fashion he did so without making a song and dance about it.

Disney Kids – Cinderella – Richard Block and Melita Caulfield – for the extra work that they put in to manage the production of both Cinderella and The Aristocats, which was much more than they had originally signed up for.

Disney Kids – The Aristocats – Phillip Fernandez – for all of his help in every aspect of the show. His willingness to lend a hand wherever it was needed meant he was there at bump in, production week and all the shows as a crew member/helping hand. If something went wrong he was always ready to help out, either organising to get something done, or doing it himself. He would often check if there was something he could do to help make things run smoothly and his positive and enthusiastic outlook was refreshing and settling in some of the tenses moments throughout production week and the run. He did all this without any expectation of praise or reward.

Phillip Fernandez was awarded the Michael Thomas Award for 2009-10.

The Ashes Award

This award recognises a dedicated member who has committed their time and expertise beyond a particular show, in support of the company of Phoenix Players in their endeavours to provide theatrical opportunity and experience to the community. “The Ashes” award recognises the contribution of those hard working people behind the scenes, without which our shows would just not be possible. The winner of this award is determined by the Committee.

The Committee this year presented this award to **Jennie Norberry**, for all of the time and effort she puts in on behalf of Phoenix Players. As well as regularly feeding us at committee meetings, Jennie made the fabulous 21st Birthday Cake that you may have seen photos of in the last Spotlight. Jennie has also designed and managed our website for the last few years, as well as the Miss Saigon website last year. We are also very grateful for the way she is always willing to help where ever needed, including giving up her garage and spare room to store set and props! And there are probably a million other things I could mention... needless to say, we are very pleased that Jennie is back on the Committee 😊

The Chris Boyldew Memorial Award

This award acknowledges the contribution of one of our life members, the late Mr Chris Boyldew. Chris was an inaugural member of Phoenix Players. He was our first president and directed our first show, *Salad Days*. Chris continued to support the company as a performer, set builder and avid fundraiser. His enthusiasm and passion for theatre was integral to the development of Phoenix Players as a company.

As Chris was so involved in musical comedy and supported new and up and coming members it is fitting that this award acknowledges youth achievement in musical comedy.

This year there were three nominations for this award:

Chris Magarry – Chris first performed with Phoenix Players in *The Lion The Witch And The Wardrobe* in 2009 as a member of the Witch's chorus. In Disney's *Cinderella*, Chris played the role of the King with aplomb. Likewise, his portrayal of the alley cat Scat Cat in *The Aristocats* was cool and confident. Chris has proven his skill with comic timing and also his dedication to performing by carefully honing his stagecraft skills and being willing to push his boundaries when it comes to voice and dance.

Daniel Steer – Disney's *Cinderella* and *The Aristocats* marks Daniel's third production with Phoenix Players and with each production it's evident that Daniel is building on and refining the skills he learned in past performances. Daniel's comic portrayal as Toulouse, the small kitten with a large appetite for action and adventure had audiences laughing. This contrasted with his performance as a courtier in *Cinderella* which was elegant and contained. Daniel's versatility showed him to be a real role model for younger actors.

Ruby Schofield – Disney's *The Aristocats* was Ruby's first production with Phoenix Players. She impressed the production team, Phoenix Committee and audiences alike with her sophisticated and humorous performance as Duchess, a rich cat with three boisterous kittens in tow. Ruby's dedication to the production was obvious and her poise and timing onstage marked her out as having much potential in the world of theatre.

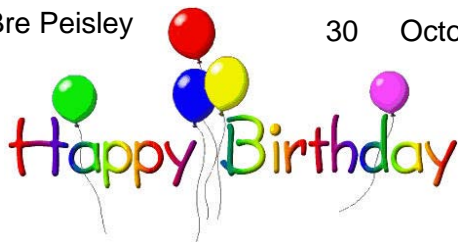
The winner of this award in 2009-10 was **Chris Magarry**.

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners of our awards.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Congratulations and happy birthday to our members (and special guests) who celebrate their birthdays in October:

Elizabeth Mary Flynn	1	October	 Libra (September 23 – October 22) Your element: Air Your ruling planets: Venus Symbol: The Scales Your stone: Opals Life Pursuit: To be consistent Vibration: Unsteady Libran's Secret Desire: To live an easy, uncomplicated life
Edith Meli	3	October	
Brittany Rose Scrivner	4	October	
Rebecca Franks	17	October	
Jessica Manclark	18	October	
Jessica Storey	21	October	
Dean Salonga	24	October	
Jonathan Ashcroft	25	October	 Scorpio (October 23 – November 21) Your element: Water Your ruling planets: Pluto Symbol: The Scorpion Your stone: Topaz Life Pursuit: To survive against all opposition Vibration: Resilient Scorpio's Secret Desire: To triumph
Bre Peisley	30	October	



Note: If you have any objections to having your birthday published in the newsletter, please email the editor a few months before your birthday on gaby.schmid@finance.gov.au

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Over the years Phoenix has built up quite a long mailing list... And you are probably on it if you received this newsletter via an email message. But if you found this newsletter on the website or someone has forwarded it on to you, and you would like to be on our mailing list, please send an email to phoenix_players@yahoo.com.au.

And don't forget to let us know if you change your email address.

If, on the other hand, you no longer want to be on our mailing list, please send us an email letting us know and we will take you off.

THEATRE AROUND CANBERRA

canberralocaltheatre.info

theatre in Canberra - information for local theatre goers

Click on this link to get all the info: <http://www.canberralocaltheatre.info/>

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Memberships issued before June 2010 expired on the day of the AGM.

Don't forget to renew your membership, or join if you are new to Phoenix Players!

Everyone in a Phoenix show needs to be a member to be covered by insurance. And there are also some other great benefits such as regular updates via Spotlight and tickets to Phoenix shows at member prices. And now there are some NEW benefits, just for Phoenix Players members:

- **Southern Cross Health Club** – \$199 joining fee waived for Phoenix members
- **Belconnen Stationery** –15% discount on all personal purchases and a 15% discount on the first trade purchase (i.e. business) made by Phoenix members
- **Instant Colour Press** – 15% off all personal purchases and a 15% discount of the first trade purchase for all new clients.

So send in your membership form now! The membership application/renewal form can be found on our website at <http://www.phoenixplayers.com.au/images/membershipform.pdf>

COOK COMMUNITY HUB - CELEBRATION

Thanks to all our members who joined with us, Supa and FreeRain to open our new rehearsal and storage venue, the Cook Arts and Cultural/Community Hub on September 24.

It was opened in style by Mary Porter MLA – check out the photos below ☺

The official opening and CELEBRATION will be held on Saturday 16 October 2010 from 11.00am – 3.00pm at the Cook Community Hub, Templeton St, Cook (parking also in Ellis St). See the back page for more information.





Cook Community Hub A CELEBRATION!

Phoenix Players members and friends are invited to join in the Celebration

Time: 11.00am – 3.00pm

Date: Saturday 16 October 2010

**Location: Cook Community Hub, Templeton St, Cook
(parking also in Ellis St)**

Come and Enjoy, Explore and Engage in your community!

The Hub has something for everyone: dance, ballet, theatre, film, life long learning, quilting, support, genealogy, choirs and play schools.

This event aims to build connections between the Hub, local associations, residences and businesses to build the strength of the wider community

Celebration includes:

- Workshops with theatre groups;
- Choir and dance performances;
- A range of art and craft exhibitions;
- Quilting demonstrations;
- Children's activities;
- Multicultural food stalls;
- Open day tours of individual organisations

Guest of Honour Deputy Chief Minister Katy Gallagher will open the Celebration at 11am in the Cook Neighbourhood Hall.

**We look forward to seeing you at the
Cook Community Hub: A Celebration!**