

Praise for Pippin



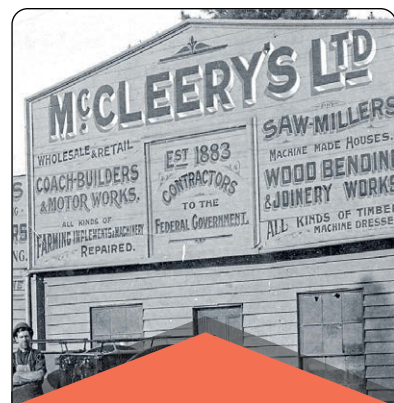
Oxley College's musical *Pippin* opened last week and crowds enjoyed more performances on the weekend. Tickets are available for shows this week.

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Photo by Michael Pugh



A slithery guest in Bundanoon

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Mystery in the council chambers

By Victoria Lee

THE mayor has alleged a fellow councillor is to blame for defacing a photo of councillors in the council building with an obscene drawing.

Having noticed the "defacing of public property" on his way to the council chambers that afternoon, Mayor Larry Whipper asked a question of the councillors in the general business section of last Wednesday's Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Cr Whipper said he noticed a group photo of the councillors, hung in the corridor near the

council offices, had "been defaced".

"Obviously it was a councillor who did that, nobody else has access," he said.

Councillor John Uliana interjected to suggest a council staff member might have used the corridor.

"I'd probably hazard a guess that it wouldn't be a staff member," Cr Whipper said.

"There was some graffiti drawn over our councillor photograph in the hall, it was shown to the general manager, and we have a photograph of it.

"I'm asking, and I'm not expecting an answer to

this question, but I'm asking, was any councillor here responsible for that?"

When asked by Councillor Duncan Gair, Cr Whipper defended the decision to raise the issue in open council and said if people wanted to deface anything and were "bold enough to make a statement, they should be bold enough to come out in public and do it".

"I'm giving the opportunity to any councillor here who may have defaced that property to put their hand up and explain why they did it," he said.

Going forward, Cr Gair suggested installing an

instant camera in the hallway to address concerns of Workplace Health and Safety and monitor who had access to the room.

Councillor Ian Scandrett addressed the table to declare his innocence.

"I'll say that to the table - it was not I, and I invite others to do the same," he said.

His denial was followed by that of Crs Uliana and Juliet Arkwright.

"It certainly wasn't me as I was one who's been defaced, I'm not a masochist," she said.

Crs Gair and Graham McLaughlin also reaffirmed they had no part in

the graffiti. Cr McLaughlin asked Councillor Jim Clark if he was the perpetrator. Cr Clark responded by shaking his head.

General manager Ann Prendergast said she was not involved, and clarified that senior council staff Mark Pepping and Barry Paull were also not involved.

Cr Whipper said the only person he was sure wasn't involved was Councillor Gary Turland, who was away on holiday.

Cr Whipper declared his own innocence and said it "certainly wasn't" him and that the case of the graffiti "would remain a mystery".



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Gemma Sisia and Dorice Livingstone will be in the Highlands this month as part of their Australian tour for St Jude's.

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Yoga in the Vines

By Linda Lambrechts

THE disciplines of yoga and wine tasting will come together at a Yoga in the Vines event to be held at Artemis Wines on Saturday, March 19 at 11am.

All levels of yogi's are welcome to come along and join yoga instructor of Southern Highlands Yoga (SHY), Annie Di Natale, as she leads a one-hour class of Hatha yoga followed by a wine-tasting, cheese, nibbles and fruit platters.

The class will take place on lush grass adjacent to the vines next to the cellar door.

Ms Di Natale said the idea behind this event was to open SHY Yoga and Artemis Wines up to more people in the Southern Highlands.

"Just to get outside in the beautiful outdoors and enjoy the landscape of the winery and fresh autumn air will be a wonderful thing," Ms Di Natale said.

"When you apply yourself to the tasting of wine, you need to be quiet and open and feel the wine - a lot like yoga."

"It required focus and presence and attention - this is yoga taking place and working."

Sanne van der Lubbe of Artemis Wines said the vineyard was the perfect venue for such a relaxing event.

"We are in the middle of an excellent harvest and the setting could not be more gorgeous at this

time of the year," Ms van der Lubbe said.

"Artemis is all about creating different events that our clients and new customers can enjoy and we like to add a point of difference. And with our wines enjoying so much success, a wine tasting for everyone is a wonderful way to end of an hour of vigorous exercise."

"After all good wine is good for you."

A cost of \$30 will go towards the tasting and food and participants will be treated to a 10 per cent discount on all purchases of wine.

Ms Di Natale has been practicing yoga for more than 12 years and has trained with two of the world's leading teachers, Noah Maze and Christina Sell and continues to study the discipline.

"I love the way yoga makes me feel calmer and stronger and better able to deal with life's challenges on and off the mat."

"Yoga is my life-long friend who allows me to notice what is going on in my body through the poses. It is my daily medicine," Ms Di Natale said.

The class will start at 11am and participants are advised to arrive 20 minutes earlier.

BYO yoga mat is you have one, however there will be some available.

Address: 46 Sir Charles Moses Lane Mittagong. Call 0401 199075 or email office @artemis wines



Yoga teacher, Annie Di Natale, will lead lovers of this discipline, through a class at Artemis Wines on Saturday March 19.

Photo by Linda Lambrechts

Highlanders helping provide to high quality education overseas

AT JUST 22 years of age, Gemma Sisia travelled to Uganda to volunteers as a teacher.

What came about as the result of that trip was simply amazing.

Over in Uganda she taught girls maths and sewing.

When she returned to Australia she fundraised to help underprivileged children in East Africa complete their schooling.

Gemma eventually raised enough money to start an official fund to invest in the education of East Africa's poorest children.

Along with the gift of a small plot of land in Arusha, Tanzania, Gemma began to build The School

of St Jude with the help of friends, family and Rotary Groups.

Southern Highlands resident Felicity Curtis wants to help Gemma in her efforts to provide free, high quality education to children in Africa.

Ms Curtis will hold a fundraising dinner at Centennial Vineyards on Thursday, March 31.

Dinner and a glass of wine is included in the \$65 cost.

Ms Curtis went to high school with Gemma in Sydney and has already been over to the school and sponsors a couple of the girls there.

"I've wanted to do something for awhile," she said.

Gemma will also speak at Moss Vale High before the fundraiser as part of the positive behaviour for success program where she will talk about the value of education.

Teachers from Moss Vale High who had also been to the school and heard Gemma speak helped Ms Curtis organise the event.

St Judes regularly performs in the top three in its region and the top 10 in the country.

Contact Ms Curtis at felicity.curtis@gmail.com or on 0404 042 292 for tickets.

Tickets need to be finalised by today.

Popular start for Pippin at Oxley

By Emily Bennett

THE opening night of *Pippin* went off with a bang.

Students performed for a full house at the production and received praise from the audience.

Director Phil Cunich said the students involved had worked hard to achieve the best possible performance.

He said students put in one hundred percent and juggled it well with school and sporting commitments.

"I really admire their dedication and energy to be able to commit themselves to the production," Phil said.

Phil said he chose *Pippin* as this term's musical as it had universal themes that appealed to both students and the wider community.

The plot follows a young prince who is on a search for

meaning and significance in his life.

"It fits really well in a modern context," he said.

"Young people can relate as they're trying to find their own place in the world."

Phil said he was also drawn to the music of *Pippin*.

This was brought to life by a live band, which is directed by musical director Rob Hughes.

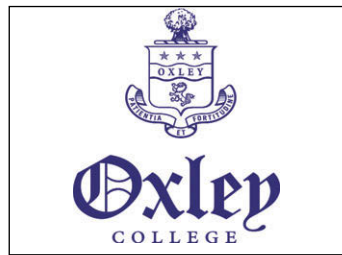
There were 30 students in the cast from year seven to year ten involved in the show.

There was also 15 musicians involved with the live band and 10 people in the crew.

Phil described the production as a community event.

"The production is a big event for the Oxley community," he said.

"Anyone is welcome to come along and see something that's important to the life of our school."



The production was originally produced on Broadway by Stuart Ostrow and directed by Bob Fosse.

The final *Pippin* shows will be held on Thursday, March 17 and Friday, March 18 at Hoskins Hall, Oxley College.

Performances will be held in the evening at 7.30pm.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for concession card holders and are available at the door.

Oxley College is located at 11-29 Railway Parade, Burradoo.

Details 4861 1366

community diary

MARCH 14

Southern Highlands Bushwalkers

CAR Camp, South Coast. Various walks Monday to Friday including Pigeon House. Contact Malcolm on 4889 8661.

Exeter CWA

EXETER CWA will meet on March 14 at 1pm at St Aidan's Church Hall, Exeter. This month's guest speaker will be on fair trading followed by afternoon tea. Visitors are welcome. Details: Robyn on 4868 3090.

VIEW Club

ARTIST Ben Quilty will be the guest speaker at the march meeting of the Southern Highlands Evening VIEW Club on March 14 in the Alexandra Room of the Mittagong RSL, at 6.30 for 7pm. Husbands, partners and friends are welcome to come along to hear Ben speak about his life, his painting and his achievements. The cost of the meal is \$35. To book or for member apologies phone the club secretary Di Chandler on 4861 2760 and leave a message by 6pm on Sunday, March 13.

Parkinson's support

THE next get-together of the Southern Highlands Parkinson's Support Group will be a barbecue picnic at Fitzroy Falls on March 15. Meet at the Information Centre of Fitzroy Falls at 11.00am for a short walk to the falls lookout. Return to the cars then a short drive to

the sailing club. Sausages and bread will be provided. Members may wish to bring salads and desserts to share. Bring a seat, plates and cutlery. Anyone requiring transport call Reg on 4862 3077. Watch this space for movie premier in April.

MARCH 15

Time Together

MITTAGONG Uniting Church will host Time Together on March 15 at 1.30pm. Bring a friend and be entertained by a talk by Leonie Knapman. Her subject will be growing up as a coal miner's daughter in Glen Davis followed by afternoon tea. All welcome. Details: Marie on 4871 1769.

MARCH 16

Coffee and Craft

MOSS VALE CWA welcomes all to a coffee and craft morning to be held in their rooms at 66 Elizabeth Street, Moss Vale on Wednesday, March 16 from 9.30am until noon. All welcome to join in a morning of chatting, laughing and maybe even some craft. Contact Jennifer on 4862 3454 or 0418 600 068 for further information.

MARCH 17

Farmers Market

THE Moss Vale Farmers market is held 3pm-6pm every Thursday on the old Bowling Greens, Railway St. Moss Vale. The best fresh, locally grown fruit, vegetables, flowers and honey. Locally produced bread, wine, quiches and pies, food and coffee stalls, compost. Organic and organically grown fruit, vegetables and garlic. Come along and meet the grower. BYO bag.

Oxley brings Broadway favourite to life

By Emily Bennett

A BROADWAY staple will be presented in Burradoo this week. Director Phil Cunich said the students involved had worked hard to achieve the best possible performance. This coincided with school and sporting commitments. "I really admire their dedication and energy to be able to commit themselves to the production," Phil said. "They've all put in the hard work and I hope they get a good run." Phil said he chose Pippin as this term's musical as it had universal themes that appealed to both students and the wider community. The plot follows a young prince who is on a search for meaning

and significance in his life. "It fits really well in a modern context," he said. "Young people can relate as they're trying to find their own place in the world." Phil said he was also drawn to the music of Pippin. This will be brought to life by a live band which is directed by musical director Rob Hughes. There are 30 students in the cast from year seven to year ten. There are also 15 people involved with the live band and 10 people in the crew. Phil described the production as a community event. "The production is a big event for the Oxley community," he said. "Anyone is welcome to come along and see something that's important to the life of our school."

The production was originally produced on Broadway by Stuart Ostrow and directed by Bob Fosse. Pippin will run from Thursday, March 10 to Saturday, March 12 and Thursday, March 17 to Friday, March 18 at Hoskins Hall, Oxley College. Performances will be held in the evening at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for concession card holders and are available at the door. Oxley College is located at 11-29 Railway Parade, Burradoo.

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Left: Pippin will showcase the talents of Oxley College students in year's seven to ten.

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Lah-Lah's latest adventure Sunday Breakfast with Tiffany and Gregg



Lah-Lah will kick off its tour in the Southern Highlands. Photo supplied

By Emily Bennett

ONE of the most popular children's music groups is about to embark on its latest adventure - and it all starts in the Southern Highlands. Lah-Lah band member Tina Harris is a classically trained singer with a passion for early childhood music education. Tina said the shows introduced children to a love of music. "Once a child touches an instrument, it creates an emotional memory," Tina said. "It's so important to have them engaged in music." Tina said the show was designed to be family-friendly with something for the adults as well as the children. "We wanted it to play on two levels," she said. "We never dumb down the music but the lyrics are more kid-appropriate." Tina said the Lah-Lah band was the result of her decision to no longer tour as an opera singer when she had children.

As she looked for a new direction, her friend's sister referred her to a woman in Bowral who ran kindergarten music classes. "She said you'd love teaching early childhood music," Tina said. This resonated with Tina and she decided to train. She opened a school in Sydney and experienced great success with full enrolment books and praise from parents. Her husband Mark, who is also in the Lah-Lah band, brought in his double bass guitar to the school. "One of the parents said we should do a show," she said. "It was an interesting path to get to the first Lah-Lah show." The Lah-Lah Sing It Out Loud show will be held on Wednesday, March 30 from 10am to 11.40am at Mittagong RSL Club. Tickets are \$23.50 per person and are available via mittagongrsl.com.au/event/lah-lah-sing-it-out-loud-tour

Details: 4872 6700

By Emily Bennett

MONDAY is looming so plan a timeless afternoon this Sunday. Empire Cinema will present Sunday Stage and Screen with a classic film and line-up of songs. Empire Cinema cashier Ben Rodwell said the event was a worthwhile outing at a good price. "It's a good way to spend a Sunday afternoon," Ben said. "In terms of the film, it's a classic," "The musical performer is based in Los Angeles and will be playing a lot of old classics."

Gregg Arthur will play songs from The Great American Songbook. This will include artists such as Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett. The well-known classic Breakfast At Tiffany's will follow the story of a young woman in New York City who meets a young man who moves into her apartment building. He is with an older, wealthier woman but he has aspirations to be a writer. Ben said he expected a good turn out as it was difficult to find a

screening of Breakfast At Tiffany's on the big screen. He advised people book their tickets early. Sunday Stage and Screen will be held on Sunday, March 13 at 1.30pm at Empire Cinema. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available from the box office or www.empirecinema.com.au Empire Cinema is located in Bong Bong Street, Bowral.

Details: 4861 4676



Hatz Fitz and Cara will perform in Bowral next week.

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Festival favourites come to Electic Sounds

THE blues music scene is alive and well in the Highlands. Festival favourites Hatz Fitz and Cara will perform in Bowral next week. The show will feature songs from their most recent album Do Tell. The album topped the Australian Blues Charts for three months and placed in the top 20 in Canada and Europe. The pair have become a regular fixture on the international festival scene in recent years. The show will offer a gospel

blues sound and soulful vocals along with anecdotes about life on the road. Support acts will include Little Warrior and Victoria Morris. Hatz Fitz and Cara will perform on Saturday, March 19 at 7pm at Bowral Bowling Club. Doors open at 6pm and meals are available from the club. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased via Moshtix. Bowral Bowling Club is located at 40 Shepherd Street, Bowral.

Details: 4861 1320

Tickets are now available for the following Eclectic Sounds shows via Moshtix:

- 19-Twenty with support acts from 7pm on Saturday, April 23.
- Eklypse, Kathryn Hartnett and Michelle Cashman from 7.30pm on Saturday, June 4.

Jazz up your weekend

TELL boredom to scat this weekend with Jazz in the Highlands.

There is a new band each month and this month's band is Richard and Friends.

Some members have played with the one of Australia's best-known jazz band Galapagos Duck.

Organiser Mary Armstrong described the event as a "great" way to spend an afternoon.

Jazz in the Highlands will be held on Saturday, March 12 from 2pm to 5pm at Mittagong Hotel.

Entry is \$10 to cover the cost of the band.

The event is suitable for adults.

Mittagong Hotel is located in Main Street, Mittagong.

Details: 0411 325 200