Recognition for young performers

By Jen Walker

NOMINATIONS for the youth categories of the Canberra Area Theatre (CAT) Awards have been announced and the Highlands is well represented.

The awards provide recognition of the contribution made by non-professional groups to the artistic life of Australia and, in particular, of Canberra and the region (which includes the Central West and South Coast), and encourage individuals in the performing arts.

The Highlands has traditionally done well in these awards. Last year Michael Turczynski won best actor in a featured role in a play (Fawlty Towers) and David Preston won best actor in a leading role in a play (The Importance of Being Earnest) and in 2013 Chevalier picked up several awards for their production of Grimms Tales.

This year local schools and youth theatre groups have received many nominations, and Isabel Clarke has been nominated for best actress in two different roles.

In addition to these nominations, Oxley College has also had a group piece selected for the OnSTAGE Drama Showcase in Sydney, February 2016. Wasteland, featuring Monique Turczynski, Samara Low, Antonia Ryman and Christian Lake, will be performed during the HSC showcase in February next year.

The school is also celebrating the selection of works by Monique Turczynski and Grace Naughton as part of the ArtExpress exhibition. Grace will be exhibited in the Glasshouse Gallery in Port Macquarie and Monique will be exhibited in Hazelmhurst Gallery Gymea, Wollongong Regional Gallery and the Glasshouse Gallery Port Macquarie.

CAT Award youth nominations for Highlands groups

Chevalier College received nominations for:
• Best Production of a School/Youth Musical - The Boy From Oz (Julia Esposito and Kate Price, Producers)
• Best Director of a School/Youth Musical - Kate Price
• Best Youth Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical - Stephanie Vining, as Mother (Marion Woolnough)
• Best Youth Actor in a Featured Role in a Musical - Zachary Vella, as Young Peter Allen
• Best Youth Actor in a Leading Role in a Musical - Jacob Sgouros, as Peter Allen
• Best Youth Actress in a Leading Role in a Musical - Isabel Clarke, as Judy Garland

Oxley College has been nominated for:
• Best Play - "Out of Order"
• Best Play - "Telling Wilde Tales"
• Best Actor - Isabella Knowles for her role as "Soul" in Telling Wilde Tales

SHYAC has two nominations:
• Best Youth actress in a featured role in a musical - Bae McKibbin as Bad Joke Monster
• Best Production of a School Musical - Conundrum

New and Used Productions received one nomination:
• Best Youth Actress in a leading role in a musical - Isabel Clarke as Belle in Beauty and the Beast
Nominations for other theatre groups will be announced later in the month.

Ordinary Council Meeting
9 December, 2015

The Ordinary Council meeting for Wednesday 9 December 2015 will start at the earlier time of 2.30pm.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Centre, Elizabeth Street, Moss Vale.

Top: Isabel Clarke, as Belle, takes a twirl during a dance with her Beast.

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Above: Chevalier’s Jacob Sgouros (left) and Zächary Vella (right) have each received a CAT Award nomination for their performance in A Boy from Oz.

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FUTURE USE OF THE BERRIMA GAOL SITE

Information Session
Tuesday 8 December at 11.00am
Anglican Church Hall, Berrima

The Hon Pru Goward, Member for Goulburn, would like to invite interested community members to attend an information session on the future use of the Berrima Gaol site.

A representative will be attending from the Department of Primary Industries, Lands, to advise on management and maintenance strategies.