Praise for Pippin

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 council 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 and said if he was the perpetrator.

Cr Whipper declared the case of the graffiti “would remain defaced”, I’m not a masochist,” she said.

Councillor Gary Turland, the only person he was sure was not involved, and clarified his own innocence and said it “certainly wasn’t him and that the case of the graffiti ‘would remain a mystery’.”

Mystery in the council chambers
**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 to feel the wine - a lot like yoga.”

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

Sam 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 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 if you have one, however there will be some available.

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

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**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 work, school and sporting commitments.

“Everyone really delights in assisting 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.

“Pippin 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 Bob Fosse.

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

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 is important to the life of our school.”

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**Highlanders helping provide to high quality education overseas**

At just 22 years of age, Gemma Sisia travelled to Uganda to volunteer as a teacher.

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

Over in Uganda she taught girls maths and science.

When she returned to Australia she fundraised to help underprivi-

lege 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 the Heel 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 Vineyard’s on Thursday, March 17.

Dinner and a glass of wine is included in the $50 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 Jude’s resident November 23rd in the top three in its region and the top 10 in the country.

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

Tickets need to be finalised by today.
**Oxley brings Broadway favourite to life**

By Emily Bennett

A BROADWAY staple will be presented in Burwood this weekend.

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.”

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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 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.

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**Sunday Breakfast with Tiffany and Gregg**

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.”

Tina pictured the show was directed by her friend’s sister referred her to a woman in Bowral who runs 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.

**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

**Festival favourites come to Electric Sounds**

THE blues music scene is alive and well in the Highlands.

Festival favourites Hatz Fitc 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 Fitc and Cara will perform on Saturday, March 19 at 7pm at Bowral Bowling Club.

Doors open at 6.30pm and dinner is 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

**Oxley College students in year’s seven to ten.**

**Phil said.**

**Sporting commitments.**

**To achieve the best possible**

**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**

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