



# WHAT'S ON AT Gosford Musical Society? Newsflash! January 2016



Welcome to 2016. I do hope you all had a wonderful festive season and new year with family and friends. It is exciting to be facing yet another year with GMS and we are all looking forward to more hard work and the opportunity

to create wonderful entertainment for our patrons of the Central Coast and surrounds.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone for a wonderful 2015. Without all the hard work and many hours volunteered to get things done, we would not be as successful as we are – and no one can deny that our success is certainly something we can be very proud of.

Your new Committee for 2016 is:

- Life Committee Member and Patron: Kevin Booth
- President: Ros English
- Vice President: Darryl Davis, Ken Hind
- Treasurer: Karen Johnston
- Secretary: Carolyn McNamara
- Floor Members: Noel Borger, Lauren Miller, April Daley-Holmes and Steve Higham

Committee members will have their pictures added to the website to enable members to identify who they are. More detailed information about portfolios will also be added to the website. The portfolios give you some idea of the work being done and by whom.

I hope everyone is now moving on from post HSC and decisions are made about where to from here. I wish everyone the best in whatever avenue they pursue.

The Committee will be holding its annual Planning weekend on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> February. Please feel free to offer suggestions for discussion items or put forward any ideas or thoughts you may have to help us improve what we do and how we do things. I will be putting the Agenda together so give me a ring (0428 691 010) if you would like any items added, or just send anything via the GMS contact on the website:

[gosfordmusicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:gosfordmusicalsociety@gmail.com).

Shows for 2017 will be discussed and researched after planning weekend by a show selection Committee.

Huge congratulations to everyone involved with **The Little Mermaid**. Jess King and her team did an amazing job selling out 99% - you can't do better than that. It was a very happy show with quite a few new cast, crew and orchestra members, so well done everyone.

The program for the remainder of the year is:

- The Addams Family (Seniors in March)
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (Juniors in July)
- The Music Man (Seniors in July/August)
- Wicked (Seniors, October/November)

Don't forget to watch the website and facebook for information about auditions and show dates.

Here's a very familiar face who is a very well known identify on the Central Coast. Alfred (Alf) Taylor who



was awarded an Order of Australia last year. Alf is a Life Member and has been around GMS for many years – in shows and doing just about everything at GMS, now working in the Shed with the Tuesday group. Alf was the driving force behind YIPA, the Youth In Performing Arts project which affords young people on the Central Coast the opportunity to showcase their talents in the performing arts arena. The award

was in recognition of Alf's significant contribution to Arts & Culture on the Central Coast. We offer our sincere congratulations to Alf – a very well deserved award.

Once again GMS has featured in the Gosford City



Council Australia Day Awards. Colleen Bracher, Director of the Minstrels, was nominated for an award in recognition of her contribution in the **Senior category**. Colleen has been with the GMS Minstrels for 30 years. They provide much applauded entertainment to the elderly in Nursing Homes throughout the Central Coast.

Congratulations Colleen – we are certainly lucky to have your energies and talents not only within GMS but shared throughout the Central Coast Community. Colleen was awarded Life Membership in 2014.



Barney Waters, whose real name is "Brian", was the winner of the Gosford City Council Australia Day Community Award for his significant contribution to Arts, Culture and Entertainment. Barney has been with GMS for nearly 45 years and was awarded Life Membership in 2007. Above is Barney receiving his award from Councillor Gabby Bowles, with Council CEO Paul Anderson reading Barney's history. As you probably know, Barney has played in many of our shows in the orchestra, has also featured on stage and has been responsible for the establishment and development of the young performers who make up the New Empire Ballroom Ragtime Dance Orchestra. Congratulations Barney – a worthy recipient.



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## OUR NEXT SENIOR SHOW FOR THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR IS *THE MUSIC MAN*



- To be directed by Chris Gracia.
- Information night will be held on Tuesday February 9, 2016
- **NOTE THAT THE INFORMATION NIGHT IS BEING HELD IN LAYCOCK STREET COMMUNITY THEATRE**
- **CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE** for more information and details on both these shows and our final show for the year, *Wicked*  
[www.gosfordmusicalsociety.com.au](http://www.gosfordmusicalsociety.com.au)



**Don't forget to get your tickets for *The Addams Family*, our next senior show opening 4<sup>th</sup> March until 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Tickets are selling very quickly and I don't want you to miss out on this really funny production.**

Congratulations to Gail Cox who was awarded Life Membership at the AGM in November. Gail has been around for almost 20 years and works tirelessly in wardrobe, props, backstage, and GMS Costumes. Gail has been props co-ordinator for many shows during her time at GMS. Life membership is awarded at the AGM each year to a member who has put in many hours of volunteer work, has been a financial member continuously for a minimum of ten years or more and who is an ambassador for GMS upholding its values.



**Don't forget our wonderful ladies in GMS Costumes who can make, mend or alter anything you required.**  
**Just call Lesli on 4324 1305.**

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Keep your eye on the website for GMS Costumes: [www.gmscostumes.com.au](http://www.gmscostumes.com.au). We've just completed a photo shoot to showcase our extensive range.

I'd love to hear from you about what you are doing now that you have left school or finished juniors – are you travelling? Deferring Uni for a year? Starting a new career? Starting Uni/Tafe/College? Moving away from the Coast? Please give me the goss.....  
[gosfordmusicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:gosfordmusicalsociety@gmail.com)  
 Look forward to it, thanks.

Cheers 🎵 Ros

- Our next Junior show will be *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*



- Information night for *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* on Friday 29 January at 5.00pm. Directed by Jade Draper.
- Audition information will be provided on the night and there will be opportunities to ask questions.
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