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## Diary Dates

### ◆ November

**8 - 29: Hairspray** Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company at the JMT

**16th : at 1.30pm - CALLBACKS-Auditions** for *Mum's the Word Teenagers* (5f) - at 18 Kalang Circuit, 1.30pm. Call Shirley Barnett 6651 9098

### ◆ December

**Sunday 7th, 9am** Christmas Brekkie at the JMT Sheds. BYO drinks. Champagne and orange juice provided!

**Scrooge** at the Jetty Memorial Theatre - call 6652 8088 for dates and times.

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## ~ Rex's Round-up ~

### Presidents Report November 2014

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Dear Members,

Another year draws to a close, finishing with *Rumors*. Well done Emilia in your first role as Director.

Emilia brought together a talented cast and produced a well-received, hilarious comedy to round out the year.

Thanks to the hard working cast: Dee, Dave, Vanessa, EJ, Jen, Al, Di, Marty, Nathan and Wendy. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Nathan did not appear in the last three shows and Wendy stepped up to the plate to take over his role at extremely short notice.

Thanks to The Set Builders - it looked fantastic, I will see you are honoured on next year's Queens Honours list.

Thanks to Peter Deliseo for the noises, and Bec Pakes for setting the lights.

To FOH Manager, Helen, and the team of ushers and box office stars, thanks for getting those bums on the correct seats.

Don't forget December 7<sup>th</sup> for our Champagne and Orange Juice brunch with eggs bacon and sausages, cooked by yours truly. Our friends from Comedy Company will be co-hosting. Starting at 10am down at the sheds, we had a ball last year so let's do it again. No need to bring anything except maybe something to sit on. It is our shout to show our appreciation to the members and volunteers who help so much during the year.

That's all for now.

Rex Madigan



### Dorrigo Dramatic Club is pleased to announce

**A Galah Event SAVE THE DATE!** Live Band

When: Saturday January 24th 2015

Celebrating 60 years keeping the stage alive

Dinner, Dance and Drama, Live Band

**Save the Date!**

## First Production in 2015

When five Canadian mothers got together to produce a comic show about the hectic business of raising kids, they had no idea it would be a runaway success. Ten years on and the *Mum's The Word Collective* - Alison Kelly, Robin Nichol, Jill Daum, Barbara Pollard and Deborah Williams- are at it again. Their bundles of joy have become adolescents, and the sequel promises parental fireworks.

The show combines skits and anecdotes and a few brazen musical numbers. The whole concept of parenting teens is drenched in comic potential, and the writers really let it all hang out. As a result, there are truckloads of deliciously daggy antics that will have mums in the audience cackling with glee, while their offspring slink down in their seats thinking: "Mum, I so can't believe you laughed at that".

The show has dance, song and a small amount of audience participation...fun! This show is a must for all parents - those who have been there and done that, those who are in it right now and need to know they are not alone - and for you who have all this fabulous teen-ness to look forward to, come along for some great tips and pointers - even if it is just how much Prozac can you safely take to survive teenagehood.

Rehearsals start this month and the show runs over the Easter school holidays next year.



***"Mum's the word 2 is a funny show with a lot of heart...will no doubt become the smashing success of the first."***

Australianstage.com.au

***"It's a night of comedy that no self-respecting mum can afford to miss"***

The Age

***"Your face will hurt from laughing"***

Sunday Herald Sun

On stage at the Jetty Memorial Theatre,  
Coffs Harbour **APRIL 2015**

## 70... yes, 70!

John and Jenny Garrett would like to let you all know that John is having his 70th birthday in January and they are having a party that night at St Johns Anglican Church hall in Maclean Street from 6pm till 11 pm.

There will be finger food, karaoke (no surprise there!) & I ask if everyone BYO drinks. Also if ladies (and/or enlightened men) could bring a dessert to share...

**All welcome. 17th January 2015 - SAVE THE DATE!**

## THE PLAY-READING...

### How you fared or, “Eee, bah gum! That were a grand afternoon!”

We selected three plays for the Play-reading on Saturday November 1st, all of which could be considered for future production. You came, you read, you gave your opinion.... And this is how it went.

**CHARLIE’S SHOP** by Mark Kumara, a comedy in two Acts was well received and there’s a chance we will see it on the programme in the future, once we have a Director for it - everyone was just too busy this coming year to take it on.

**LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE** by Roy Clarke, also a comedy, based on the characters in the popular BBC TV series, was well-liked and the ‘Yorkshire...!?’ accents were attempted with much gusto and no small amount of hilarity by the brave blokes. However, the general opinion was that the accents were a must - and unless we could get them right, it would not work very well. Also, the characters were too well known and audiences might be disappointed in our interpretation.

**BIRTHRIGHTS** by David Williamson was the most popular play of the afternoon - with its themes of surrogacy and how it affects the family dynamic, added to Williamson’s sharp dialogue, this was felt to be the best choice for the third slot for 2015.



## A Review of ‘Rumors’

I hope you had as much fun as I did at *Rumors*. The words, ‘Oh, what a tangled web we weave,’ came to mind as the plot took you deeper into the tangled mess that Charley and Myra Brock set up when they decided to invite their pals over for dinner to celebrate their wedding anniversary. Was Myra having an affair with the new proxy tennis club member? And who was that woman who kept calling Glenn? How did Len manage to work out the actual sequence of events whilst having an intimate (and rather instant) knowledge of Spanish?

All the answers to these and many more questions were finally revealed - with clarity! - by this excellent cast. How they managed to keep track of it all - and it’s really fast paced - was wonderful and revealed their true talents.

For me, the favourite moments were Jen White’s slow crawl to the kitchen, Dee Tune’s ‘drunk’, Dave Tune’s deafening deafness and Elliot Kinsela’s ‘Charley-explains-it-all’ monologue. Huge fun! But, everyone was great - a true ensemble.

The set was great too - really well planned - especially as it called for there to be an ‘upstairs’ (where Charley was hiding).

Congratulations, too, to Emilia Guthrie, debuting director! You could tell she loved this play - she got the timing spot-on and her actors brought it to life beautifully. A triumph! Congratulations to everyone involved.

Penny Dennis

## HSC Drama

### Monologue workshops

with Director and Playwright,  
Penny Dennis, BA (Hons), GradDipEd



### School holidays

### January 2015

*Not confident with your acting skills? Feel a little self-conscious? DON'T PANIC! We can help.*

The Education Centre at 62 Bray Street will be running workshops for small groups of 2 – 4 people during the January school holidays: the dates will be dependent on the participants.

Cost: approx. \$90 per 3 hour session.

Facilitated by Penny Dennis (writer and director of *Autumn Song*; actor *Mum's the Word*, *Falling From Grace*, *Flying Pieman*), we will soon have you delivering your HSC monologue like a true professional.

The foci will be on

tone,  
style,  
enunciation,  
voice projection and  
character development.



We can also help you with choosing a great monologue.

Please call Liz Stevens at The Education Centre on **02 6652 2222** or email to [coffsharbour@theeducationcentre.com.au](mailto:coffsharbour@theeducationcentre.com.au) for more details.

## DINNER THEATRE WITH THE VIKINGS!

Dinner theatre is back with a vengeance in the new production *The Vikings are Coming - or Ragnarok Around the Clock* at the Sawtell Golf Club. Our intrepid Nordic band go in search of the Horn Resounding in order to bring to an end the reign of Odin and the Norse Gods.

Filled with villains, vixens, Viking queens, songs and plenty of laughs, this saga will be an evening of fun.

Tix for a 3-course dinner and show from Coffs Event Catering are \$50 per person, drinks can be bought at the bar. Dates November 28, December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 and a matinee on the 7th. Call 6653 6262 for bookings.

**Mei Wei Lim &  
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*with Reed Up jazz trio*

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## OVER TO YOU...

We are always looking for contributions to the CHATS newsletter. Please send us news of upcoming events that our members and friends would be interested in. Or how about writing a review of a play or show that you have been to recently? Tell us about your favourite play - what you loved, what you loathed and why you would (or wouldn't) recommend it. Perhaps you have feedback on a CHATS play that you want to share.

Please send or email to Penny Dennis, Newsletter Editor

[info@chats.org.au](mailto:info@chats.org.au) or post to P O Box 111 Coffs Harbour 2450



### Bizzy as....

There will be a working bee on the last Friday afternoon of November for the Dorrigo Dramatic Club Inc.

Contact Julie Ward at

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

**AND DON'T FORGET TO SEE 'HAIRSPRAY!'**



**Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company presents**

# hairspray

● A BIG FAT MUSICAL COMEDY HIT ●

Book by  
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O'Donnell Meehan

Music by  
Marc  
Shaiman

Lyrics by  
Scott Marc  
Wittman Shaiman

Based on the New Line Cinema film directed by John Waters



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\$75 Family: 2 adults, 2 kids)

**ALL WEDNESDAY TICKETS \$20**

\*Booking Fee applies to all tickets



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