

# Regular Events at the Performing Arts Centre

Weekly	Painting Classes	For further info phone 5352 2181
Weekly	All Abilities Workshop	For further info phone 5352 2181
Fortnightly	Ararat Wool & Fibre Craft Group	For further info phone 5352 2539

## Pecking Order!

### Producer:

- Leaps Tall Buildings In A Single Bound
- Is More Powerful Than A Locomotive
- Is Faster Than A Speeding Bullet
- Walks On Water
- Gives Policy To God

### Director:

- Leaps Short Buildings In A Single Bound
- Is More Powerful Than A Switch Engine
- Is Just As Fast As A Speeding Bullet
- Walks On Water If The Sea Is Calm
- Talks With God

### Playwright:

- Leaps Short Buildings With A Running Start
- Is Almost As Powerful As A Switch Engine
- Is Faster Than A Speeding BB
- Swims Well
- Is Occasionally Addressed By God

### Actor:

- Makes High Marks On The Wall When Trying To Leap Buildings
- Is Run Over By Locomotives
- Can Sometimes Handle A Gun Without Inflicting Self-Injury
- Dog Paddles
- Talks To Animals

### Technicians:

- Runs Into Buildings
- Recognizes Locomotives Two Out Of Three Times
- Is Not Issued Ammunition
- Can Stay Afloat With A Life Preserver
- Talks To Walls

### Chorus member:

- Falls Over Doorsteps When Trying To Enter Buildings
- Says, "Look At The Choo-Choo!"
- Wets Self With A Water Pistol
- Plays In Mud Puddles
- Mumbles To Self



## LARGE CROWDS ENJOYED MUSIC IN THE HILLS

Near capacity crowds enjoyed all the sights & sounds of 'SOUND OF MUSIC' when Ararat Musical Comedy Society recently presented a seven show season at the Ararat Performing Arts Centre.

### Stage Manager:

- Lifts Buildings And Walks Under Them
- Kicks Locomotives Off The Track
- Catches Speeding Bullets In Teeth And Eats Them
- Freezes Water With A Single Glance
- **Is GOD**



**FREE**



WITH COMPLIMENTS  
FROM THE

# ARARAT PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

# NewsPAC

News from the Ararat Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

2004 – Edition III

# ANOTHER BIG COUP FOR ARARAT

Ararat Performing Arts Centre has again managed to pull off a major coup - **'THE PLATTERS & THE DRIFTERS'** are coming to town to perform in the one show. Imagine, hits such as *'Only You'* and *'The Great Pretender'* (The Platters) and *'Save The Last Dance For Me'* and *'Under The*

*Boardwalk'* (The Drifters) and *many many more.....* performed live by the groups who made them famous - see page 9 for details.

We have plenty of top quality entertainment coming up over the next couple of months. Keep an eye on the local papers so you don't miss out!

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OFFICE HOURS: MON—FRI 9am—5pm

## Local Harmonies



Local performers, Jan Pope & Tom Rees during a recent Free Lunchtime Concert which featured the talents of local singers and musicians.

Photo: Peter Pickering

# ARARAT EISTEDDFOD

Ararat Performing Arts Centre will again host the annual Ararat Eisteddfod, which is to be held from Sunday, September 19th to Friday, September 24th.

The general public is more than welcome to be a part of the audience.

For further information about session times, please contact Ararat Performing Arts Centre.

## Ararat Cymbidium Show

ARARAT  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

Fri 10th Sept to Sun 12th Sept  
Open to the Public

## St Mary's Art Show

ARARAT PERFORMING ARTS  
CENTRE

October 30th & 31st



# A NIGHT ON BROADWAY

Pot-Pourri

Pot-Pourri & Music Theatre Australia are proud to present *A NIGHT ON BROADWAY* and promise you an evening of fabulous music, gorgeous singing and mischievous humour that will leave you singing out for more. Do not miss one of the world's leading acts.

From the major concert halls and theatres throughout Australia and the rest of the world, Pot-Pourri is without doubt Australia's leading music theatre ensemble. Presenting a unique and innovative blend of opera, classical music, music theatre, cabaret and comedy Pot-Pourri has been described as " a sensational group with 4 stunning voices, a pianist with pizzazz.... an un-missable and highly professional performance full of interaction, fun and gorgeous singing...world class!"

"Don't miss these talented performers! Pot-Pourri have gorgeous voices and are unexpectedly funny...brilliantly crafted music theatre...a standing ovation!" Canberra Times.

"Pot-Pourri left the audience standing and cheering for more...many people commented they would remember the night forever!"

ARARAT PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE  
Tuesday October 12th, 2004 @ 8:00pm  
Tickets: Ararat Toyworld 5352 2380

If you don't already receive this quarterly newsletter through the mail and would like to (at no cost to yourself), please complete the following details and return this slip to the Ararat Performing Arts Centre at the address on the bottom of page 1.

Please  
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NAME:

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Big Band Swing  
In Concert

“And The Band  
Played On”

Come and enjoy the music they danced and romanced to in the 1940's and 50's. John Lidgerwood and Margaret Morrison join Ian Hellings and the famous Radio Rhythm Orchestra in a tribute to Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Dorsey Brothers, Duke Ellington and more. Join us for great swing and great songs. All proceeds from the evening go to the Ararat Retirement Village Appeal



Ararat Performing Arts Centre  
Sat Sept 4th @ 8pm  
Tickets: Ararat Toyworld 5352 2380



FREE  
LUNCHTIME  
CONCERT

‘NO  
TENORS  
ALLOWED’

with special guest  
**Casselle Bonollo**  
(formally of Pomonal  
via Ararat)

Wednesday  
September 15th,  
2004

12noon

Free Admission

Bookings not required



# Cinderella



*SING AND DANCE WITH “KYLIE & DANNI”*  
*BOO & HISS THE “WICKED STEPMOTHER”*  
**Great Comedy & Great Songs**  
**for all age children**

**School Holiday Program**  
**Thursday, Sept 30th, 2004 11am**

**Ararat**  
**Performing Arts Centre**

**Admission \$9.90 (adults free if accompanied by a child)**  
**Tickets: Ararat Toyworld 03 5352 2380**  
**Also available at the door**



# The ADAM SIMMONS TOY BAND

The Adam Simmons Toy Band (Jazz) is a feast for your eyes and ears. An eight-piece ensemble featuring 3 saxophones, two trumpets, bass and drums, with a lot of rubber ducks, origami frogs, spinning tops, balloons, whistles and animal masks. The focus is on original music but with an irreverent sense of humour. The use of toys makes this band an exciting visual/theatrical show, not just another musical act.



"Much of this music mixes many styles, from Dixieland to swing to funky to more progressive jazz excursions, with the more progressive elements in the majority and consistently impressive horn solos throughout. This is ultra-tight, constantly changing direction and often challenging, as well as those occasional elements of fun thrown in to keep us off balance and having many surprises turn up along the way." Bruce Gallanter, Downtown Music Gallery Newsletter (New York), December 2002

"Live, the band is a joyful riot; the soloists push towards the avant garde at times but the strength and beauty of Simmons' music prevails throughout." Derek Leather, The Sunday Age, December, 2002

"... the Toyband successfully manage to walk the tightrope between humour/gimmick factor and serious playing, and they do this with such infectious style that you can't help but giggle along happily, even while you're pensively stroking your chin."

Bob Baker Fish, Inpress, December 2002

## ARARAT PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

SUNDAY SEPT 26th @ 2:00pm  
Tickets: Ararat Toyworld 5352 2380



## THE PLATTERS



# THE PLATTERS & THE DRIFTERS

Don't miss out!!!  
The only country Victorian concert.

*All their great hits performed live.*

The concert event you have been waiting for..... legendary Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame artists The Platters & The Drifters on stage together. These two renowned bands have amassed in excess of 40 Billboard Top 40 hits including 'Only You' and 'The Great Pretender' (The Platters) and 'Save The Last Dance For Me' and 'Under The Boardwalk' (The Drifters). This will be an evening of nostalgic magic as two of the great all time R&B groups perform on stage with their musicians - a concert event probably never to be repeated in our time!



## ARARAT PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

Tuesday, September 7th, 2004 @ 8pm

Tickets: \$39 from Ararat Toyworld 5352 2380



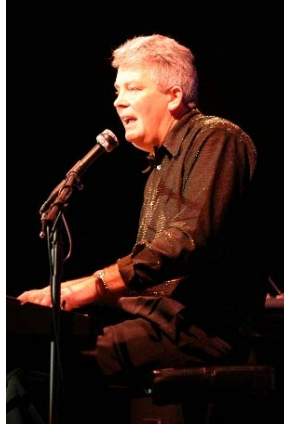
# WHAT AN AFTERNOON OF SONG



**W**ow!!! If you missed this Free Lunchtime Concert you should start organising yourself and your friends to make sure your at the next free concert which features local performers. The show had it all., beautiful music & songs all mixed with a sprinkling of humour. Performances were of an extremely high standard, with all artists doing themselves proud. Over 500 people were in attendance, and they enjoyed every minute. The next Free Lunchtime Concert of this type is planned for 2005.



*Clockwise from bottom left: TOM REES; LOUISE BROWN; IAN WRIGHT; GEORGE DUNKLING, FRANK KITCHEN, IAN McGREGOR, BRIAN McCUTCHEON, JAN POPE & ROD McKENZIE*



Photos courtesy of Peter Pickering



## 'NO TENORS ALLOWED'

special guest **Casselle Bonollo**  
(formally of Pomonal via Ararat)



## Mental Health Week Exhibition

An exhibition of works will be on display in the foyer of the Ararat Performing Arts Centre from  
Wed Oct 6th  
to  
Thurs Oct 14th.  
Viewing is Free



## FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERT

### **KAMAHL**



Wednesday  
October 20th  
2004

12noon

Free Admission  
Bookings not required

Another very successful One Act Play Festival was held over the first weekend of August. A total of 14 plays were performed. Ms Beverley Dunn, adjudicator, was very impressed with the quality of the plays. Numerous nominations were received for prizes by the Ararat Theatre Company (ATC). Pam



Wright (ATC) took out the Best Director Award for 'The Children of the Levant'. This play also won the runners-up best play award.

Ararat Community College also celebrated after winning Second Best Play in the youth section with 'All In The Family'.

**PRIZE LIST**

**WINNERS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
     **"This Property Is Condemned"**  
     Ballarat National Theatre
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize  
     **"Children Of The Levant"**  
     Ararat Theatre Company
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize  
     **"Angels In The Orlop"**  
     Nuworks Theatre
- Best Comedy  
     **"Close To Croydon"**  
     Mordialloc Theatre Company
- Best Director  
     **Pam Wright**  
     "Children Of The Levant"
- Best Actor  
     **Geoff Arnold**  
     "Close To Croydon"
- Best Actress  
     **Amanda Sobey**  
     "This Property Is Condemned"
- Best Supporting Player  
     **Aimee Short**  
     "Angels In The Orlop"
- Player Showing Most Potential  
     **Amanda Sobey**  
     "This Property Is Condemned"
- Best Youth Play  
     **"This Property Is Condemned"**  
     Ballarat National Theatre
- Runner-up Youth Play  
     **"All In The Family"**  
     Ararat Community College
- Best Youth Actor  
     **Matt Hustwaite**  
     "This Property Is Condemned"
- Best Youth Actress  
     **Amanda Sobey**  
     "This Property Is Condemned"



**IN CABARET**

Twenty years ago, Australia was in the grips of ABBA hysteria. There was a very special connection between ABBA's music and the Australian public. The 1977 tour and a constant stream of number 1 hits meant that ABBA's music was deeply engraved into the hearts and memories of Australians. Now in the 90's, ABBA's music has had a rebirth. All over the world people of all ages are re-discovering the magic of ABBA's music. ABBA will never tour again, but the band is alive once more and singing better than ever in the form of BABBA. With the help of a cryogenic freezer and some cosmetic surgery, Benny, Bjorn, Frida and Agnetha are back, looking younger than ever. Through careful research and rehearsal BABBA have faithfully reproduced the ABBA sound so well, it is a jaw-dropping experience. With the look, costumes, Swedish accents and a cheeky sense of humour, the show is a theatrical experience which is sure to take you back to the 70's, singing all the songs word for word. Since their

debut show in December '94, BABBA have played to sold out audiences all over Australia, Asia, and New Zealand. The band is soon off to tour South America while the rest of the world awaits their ARRIVAL! BABBA is Australia's premier tribute band with the reputation of turning a room of mild mannered adults into screaming teenagers and out of control Dancing Queens.



**ARARAT  
 PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE  
 Sat Sept 18th @ 8:00pm  
 Tickets: Ararat Toyworld 5352 2380  
 Tables & Theatre Seating available**

