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“Another PerfEx Night”

“Another PerfEx Night” was held on 28 March at the Batemans Bay Bowling Club and was a resounding success.

The event raised about \$6,500 mainly due to the generosity of the businesses and individuals who had donated items for auction and raffle, and the guests on the night who responded by opening their pockets (It was an even greater achievement given another major fundraiser - for “Dream to Achieve” - was also held that evening in Batemans Bay.)

The MC was Graham McGillivray and auctioneer Councillor Alan Morton, and special guests were Andrew Constance and Shire Council CEO Paul Anderson and his wife Mel.

Young musicians Lucy Burrows, Jarrod Shieles, Grant Beasley and Joel Lange entertained the guests on arrival and during dinner and the audience was enthralled by the entertainment provided by the young members of Stepz Dancers and Circus 35 South. Finally everyone who stayed could boogie away to the “Jazz'em” swing band.



ESC Sunset Committee

The first meeting of the Council's Sunset Committee was held in Moruya on Thursday 26 March.

The Committee comprises Councillor Rob Pollock in the Chair, four senior Council staff, Andrew Gray of SEAR (South East Arts Region), the CEO of the Bundanon Trust (the Boyd foundation) in Nowra, the CEO of Museums and Galleries NSW from Sydney; Don Mitchelmore (immediate past - President of the Bay Players), Bill Hawkey(ex Director of the ANU School of Music) from Akolele, and Jean Brewer and Dave Harding from PerfEx. If a vote is required then only Peter McLaughlin from the Council (Group Manager Community Wellbeing who includes culture in his portfolio) has a vote, and only Don Mitchelmore of the 2 Community representatives (ie PerfEx has 2 out of 8 votes); however it is hoped that voting will rarely if ever be required.

The meeting ratified the Terms of Reference for the Committee and the general directions proposed by the Council in a briefing paper they had prepared.

The Council has allocated funds from July 1st 2009 to progress the Shire's 2006 - 2010 Cultural Plan. The Shire Cultural Officer, Monika McKinerney, will prepare a Feasibility Study document to go out to consultants as early as possible in the new financial year. This will differ from the document we prepared over a year ago in two respects: as well as an examination of a Regional Cultural Centre the study will look at possible enhancements to cultural infrastructure throughout the Shire, and also the study will be conducted in two Stages, the first being an information collection and analysis stage and the second canvassing the broad design options (our study document rolled the first stage straight into the second). Our hope is

that Monika will make use of the work we undertook in 2007 to draft this document as she was grateful for us passing her a few weeks ago the version we were ready to send out to consultants.

As her work progresses Members of the Committee will be passed material for comment and a meeting has been arranged for the 11th June to finalise the recommendations to Council. PerfEx will therefore be occupying an advisory role in this period.

Regarding the Regional Centre nothing was said at the meeting that would infer that the Centre would be anywhere else than in Batemans Bay.

Overall this initiative is a great step forward for PerfEx in achieving its goals and a bit of good news for a change.



The PerfEx Easter Show

Batemans Bay Arts and Crafts Society arranged this show as a fundraiser for PerfEx over Easter at the Sunshine Bay Public School. It ran for nine days in all, from Saturday 11th to Sunday 19th April, when the official opening took place.

PerfEx is particularly grateful to the Arts & Crafts Society for holding not only a fundraiser for us, but the additional opportunity to spread the PerfEx word. Many visitors passed through the doors and as far as PerfEx was concerned, it was a great success; we are about \$1,000 better off, this sum being the proceeds of the generous 20% of sales, gold coin entry and raffle.

The Society was disappointed however in the number of paintings sold and there may be a few reasons for this; the current GFC (the much bandied about term), there were also several other exhibitions in the Shire at the

same time, plus members felt that the new road did not assist at that particular venue.

The winning tickets of Loretta Parsley's donated painting 'The Journey' is still to be drawn. This will now take place at the River of Art in Moruya on Saturday 9th May in time for Mother's Day. (Arts and Crafts are taking a stall here.)

President's Message

Yes, we know we only sent a Newsletter a month ago, but there's too much positive news, to possibly hold on to it for three months!

Despite all the hard work that holding events takes, the major spin-off is the publicity and we had buckets of it. Of course it's great to be \$7,500 better off, but the huge bonus is spreading the word.

A huge thank you to all of you who supported us in any way at all over the past weeks, especially by coming to events. We truly appreciate it!

One more fundraising is planned for May, but no spare places, sorry! With nine friends, I'm attending a Maria de Rocco Italian Cooking Class, and Maria is kindly donating the \$50 charge from each of us to PerfEx. Should be a fun day and many thanks Maria!

'Til next time wishing you a PerfEx and not too chilly season!

Jean



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