



## NEWSLETTER NO. 15 DECEMBER 2010

Hello to all PerfEx members. This is our last Newsletter for the year; a year of significant progress!



### SUNSET COMMITTEE

A Cultural Infrastructure Sunset Committee meeting was held at the Council Offices on 29 November the main purpose being to consider a draft report to Council following the Reference Group meetings in late September; the Batemans Bay Reference Group meeting was covered in our October Newsletter.

This report recommends to Council that in the development of the Hanging Rock Master Plan allowance should be made for a Performance Centre and Exhibition and workshop space. It also states that the recommendation in the Conroy/Hillson report of a theatre with 150 seats is changed to a minimum of 300 and that the recommended exhibition etc space is increased by 20%. The Committee endorsed those changes.

It was also decided that the Committee should have its life extended by a further 6 months.

This report was to be put before Councillors at a public workshop on 7 December before going to a formal Council meeting on 21 December. However, this has been postponed, and as yet has not been re-scheduled.

The Committee also recognised that before proceeding with any grant applications for the development of the Batemans Bay Arts Centre a Business Plan will need to be developed which will provide inter alia estimates of operational costs and revenue and the likely annual operational investment which will be required of Council. This is similar to elements of the second half of the Feasibility Study we were ready to embark on 3 years ago.

Also a Sunset Committee for the Hanging Rock Master Plan is being established and the Cultural Infrastructure Sunset Committee was to have two representatives on that committee, although one is unwell and the replacement is yet to be decided. The other is PerfEx President Jean Brewer. The inaugural meeting was on 7<sup>th</sup> December and representatives of the affected organisations and neighbouring residents attended. It is hoped that the Master Plan Architect can be briefed as early as possible next year, although completion of this Plan is now not anticipated until towards the end of the year.

The overall conclusion is still that things are moving forward, albeit fairly slowly.



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Most existing members have now renewed thank you very much – this is so appreciated! We are also very pleased to welcome on board new members Artist Grace Paleg, Cllr Chris Vardon and his wife Judy & Dominic McClelland of Betta Electrical, all past supporters of PerfEx in some way.

### PERFEX ARTY FACTS BOARD

Committee Member Judy Malonyay is exploring the possibility of a notice board for all things art for the Bay, to be called Bay Arty Facts! More on this in 2011.



## **BATEMANS BAY FILM CLUB**

PerfEx Member Meredith Malcolm is in the initial stages of planning an Art Film Club for the Bay – very exciting! The suggestion is perhaps a Monday Night once a month at the Bay City Cinemas. At this stage the thought is perhaps a \$20 annual membership for wine and cheese gatherings to discuss the movie. There's a lot more planning to go into it, but bear it in mind and you can always give us feedback and register your interest at [info@perfex.org.au](mailto:info@perfex.org.au). Your thoughts are very important to us as we need to numbers to make it work. Spread the word to your friends and colleagues over Christmas.



Apologies that we did not have a members Christmas get together at my place this year to which some of you have come in the past. I just ran out of time and oomph! Instead the committee as well as our auditor Colin Schofield and his wife Julia enjoyed a fairly raucous evening on the balcony of Sushadas Thai Restaurant last Sunday.

I feel very blessed to have the committee that I have. We work well together and our meetings are like the gathering of the 'PerfEx Family' – my that word is so useful thanks Bob Mitchell!

If any members feel inclined to become more involved, there is always an opening, especially on possible fundraisers for next year which are demanding for so few of us. We are limited by our physical ability to arrange these with the other work we do.

PerfEx has been an entity for a bit over four years now, although the name PerfEx isn't four until January 2011. Thank you all very much for your continued support over all this time.

This means that this is probably the fourth time that I'm wishing you some of you a very Happy Christmas with friends and family and a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful, Prosperous and PerfEx New Year.

Take care, Jean and the team.

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