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## NEWSLETTER NO. 22 MARCH 2014

A Belated Happy New Year to all our PerfEx Members! We know some of you have been waiting patiently for some news, so this is what we have to date; reasonably positive, but nothing concrete unfortunately.



### Update from President Jeannie Brewer

Since my Christmas letter to you all in December, I mentioned that I hoped to meet with Dr Catherine Dale, CEO of the Eurobodalla Shire Council in January. This meeting took place in February after all as Mayor Lindsay Brown also wanted to be there, as did Councillor Rob Pollock.

I requested this meeting as I had not personally had a chance to discuss PerfEx with Dr Dale and I wanted to see where Council currently stood in their planning for the Arts in Batemans Bay. You may remember that Vice-President Dave Harding had a meeting with this same group in August and had come away feeling quite positive, reporting that two sites were being considered for a performing arts centre; the Batemans Bay Bowling Club and the Community Centre.

On the whole, my meeting was positive as well and these three individuals are anxious to see Batemans Bay equipped with a centre for the Arts, but because of budget constraints, they are not in a position to move forward at this point in time. I pressed the point of securing the Batemans Bay Bowling Club, but they were less than keen, as they do not even know if the site would be large enough or suitable for our use and are still considering their options. They also stressed that they have to find the money to provide for an Aquatic Centre at Hanging Rock. I know I felt as annoyed as all of you, when the Aquatic Centre was chosen over the Arts. Although I suppose we should not have been surprised that sport won out once more, despite the fact that we had been led to believe that they would probably provide for both.

I have also approached our Member for Bega, the Hon. Andrew Constance to see if the State Government can offer any financial assistance to Council. Andrew is a very supportive advocate for us and has arranged for me to meet with him, Megan Cleary from the NSW Government Trade and Investment Sector and possibly a Representative from the Regional Arts NSW on 4th April. Catherine Dale offered us a letter of support for this meeting for which I am very grateful. Andrew Constance had hoped that I would have the opportunity to meet a representative from the Premier's Department, but having read my submission, the representative did not think it fell within her mandate.

I will be able to report more fully on this meeting in April at our AGM, scheduled for 8th April.



### Launch of book 'Memoirs from The Bay'

Committee Member Lyn Brown has been working frantically for some months now, getting together the stories whose writers have authorized inclusion into a publication. This compilation is happening because of the enthusiastic responses from the judges who read the 'Memoirs' short-stories from our last Literary Award. So Lyn and fellow organizers thought a book was a good idea. PerfEx was not keen to fund the cost of the publication, so we were very thrilled when Ulladulla's Harbour Publishing and Felicity from Hooked-on-Books and ABC Centre, Batemans Bay, stepped up to sponsor the project.

The launch is to take place at Hooked-on Books at 10am for 10.30am on Saturday 24th May, during *The River of Art*. If any of you wants to pre-order a copy (\$22.99), please let Lyn know ASAP as the publisher won't be printing too many initially. So in order not to miss out, please contact Lyn on Ph 4472 9623 or email [lyn@brownbatemansbay.com.au](mailto:lyn@brownbatemansbay.com.au) You will also all be notified closer to the event and sent an invitation for morning tea.

Incidentally, Lyn has been an absolute Trojan in organizing these Literary Awards and we are endlessly grateful to her. However, she has announced she's too tired to continue and won't be arranging another. The other Members of the Committee are also unwilling to take on the extra workload, so unfortunately it will fall as a PerfEx event. This is a great shame. However, if anyone feels they would like to take on the running of it, perhaps with a couple of friends, then it would be able to continue. Please contact me or Lyn if this is the case.

### PerfEx Awards and Sponsorships

Following a decision at our 2012 AGM to nurture local Artists, we made our second \$100 Classical Merit Award to lovely young pianist Elodie de Rover at the St Cecilia Music Scholarships concert in November. If any of you are not familiar with this organization or concert, you really should put it in your diary as it is a showcase of youth musical talent from the cream of the south coast. This year it will be on Sunday 23rd November at St Bernard's Church, 4.30pm.



Also, we made a \$50 bronze donation to the South Coast Pastel Society for their upcoming Exhibition this Easter. Congratulations are in order for the Society as they are going National which means they are accepting entries Australia wide, with a top prize of \$2,000! This Exhibition is taking place at Sunshine Bay School from 15th to 26th April, so please show your support by attending.



### AGM and Get-Together (Christmas drinks in April!)

In the President's Christmas letter, we did say we would get-together in the New Year and have decided that it makes a lot of sense to combine it with the AGM.

This is booked to take place from 5.30pm at the Malua Bay Bowling Club Meeting Room, off the dining room, on Tuesday 8th April. Chinese nibbles will be provided and it will provide a lovely opportunity to chat and have a social gathering before the meeting. We'd love to see as many of you as possible. After the meeting, if any of you wants to join us for an informal dinner, you will be made very welcome.

Incidentally, unfortunately Penny Gerner will not be standing again as Publicity Officer, so we will be looking for a replacement. If you are au fait with computers and feel you have skills to offer in this department, please let us know



### Membership Renewals

We know most of you have paid up to date for 2014, thank you very much. But if you haven't, no doubt you will have received a call from Treasurer Bob Kolderie by now! If you still need to get up-to-date, you can direct deposit into our IMB account and only need to fill in a Renewal Form if any of your contact details have changed. Renewal Forms can be downloaded from [www.perfex.org.au](http://www.perfex.org.au) and the bank details are as follows:

PerfEx  
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Reference - please quote your surname

It's still \$20 for a single and \$30 for family membership



### New Members

At this point we'd like to welcome and thank new members Gwen and John Wharton and Kerrie Graham to our Association for and supporting our cause. Hopefully we'll get to meet you at our AGM get-together.

### Bereavement

It is with sadness that we report the death of a PerfEx member in October last year. The Hon David Thomson MC passed away after a long illness and a State Funeral was held at Duntroon, to farewell this fine ex- soldier, politician and gentleman. Our sympathy goes out to wife Judy who has given a lot of valuable time and expertise to PerfEx as a judge in both of our Literary Awards.



### President's Message

With sincere thanks to all our financial members for your continued faith and support. Our numbers have dropped off a little, for various reasons which I'll be outlining in my report at the AGM (not least of which is that after seven years, we're all getting a little older, wearier and less motivated)! However, Memberships give us such integrity and really influence the way that Government organizations view the importance of what our organization is trying to achieve which is twofold as far as I see it; by providing an appropriate venue, we not only provide for our excellent resident artists and performers, but give us all the opportunity to enjoy wonderful works of visiting exhibitors and entertainers. This in turn strengthens the whole artistic culture of our town and surrounds. It's a win win!

With PerfEx wishes for 2014  
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