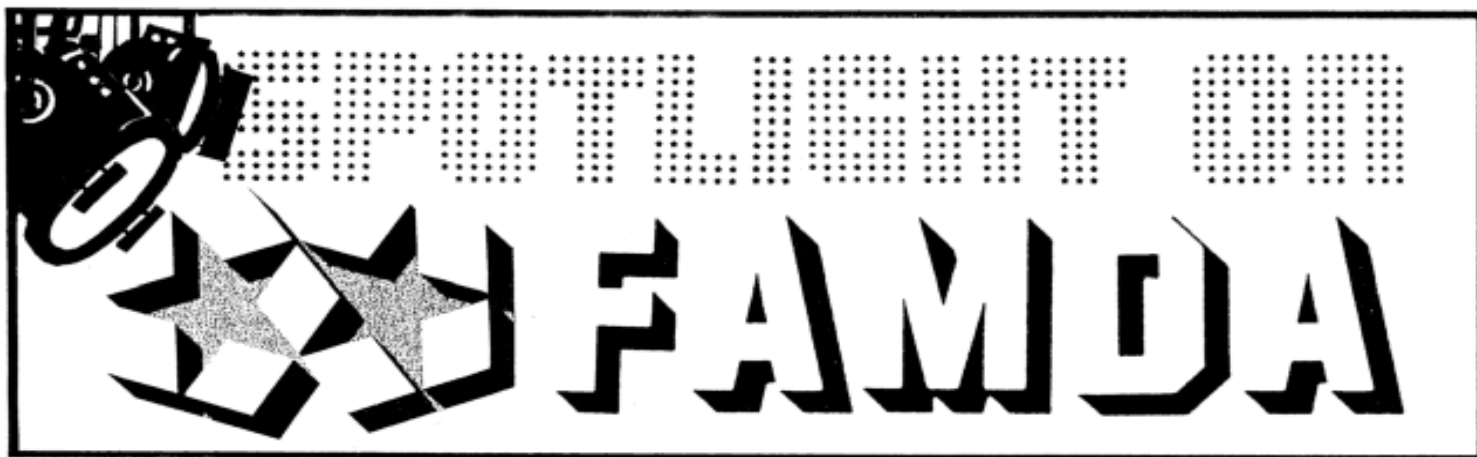


# Foster Amateur Music & Drama Association Inc.



FEBRUARY 2011



## FAMDA Committee 2010–11

President: Tania Pell  
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## FAMDA DIARY

**Annual General Meeting**  
Thursday 10 March @ 8pm  
Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

### CABARETRO

1, 2 & 8 April @ FWMAC

**Arty Farty Trivia Party II**  
Saturday 21 May @ FWMAC

### HEROES

17 - 25 June @ FWMAC

### ONE ACT PLAY FEST

13 & 14 August @ FWMAC

## REHEARSALS RESUME



7:30 15 March Tuesday nights  
@ Anglican Church hall for  
Sing South Gippsland  
choral festival 17 & 18 Sept.

## JOIN THE PROM COAST FILM SOCIETY



An exciting new development for South Gippsland, FAMDA proudly launches the Prom Coast Film Society with plans to bring a collection of 'art house' films to the community in a fun and social setting.

"We will be screening an exciting film on the first Friday of each month" FAMDA President Tania Pell said. "We have decided to start this film society to bring quality and sometimes challenging films to South Gippsland audiences" she added.

FAMDA has a strong reputation for providing Foster audiences with entertaining and often quirky plays and the Prom Coast Film Society aims to keep up this tradition using a new medium.

### FIRST SCREENING

The first film to be screened by the new Prom Coast Film Society will be the 2010 Australian movie, *Animal Kingdom*.

*Animal Kingdom* portrays the lives of an Australian crime family, led by the matriarchal mother 'Smurf' (Jacki Weaver) in a performance which earned an Oscar nomination as Best Supporting Actress for the 2011 Academy Awards..

Jacki Weaver is joined by an all star Australian cast including Ben Mendelsohn, Guy Pearce, Dan Wyllie & Joel Edgerton.

The screening will commence at 8:00pm on Friday, 4 March, at the Fish Creek Hall.

There will be no charge for the first film, but subscriptions will be available on the night.

Rules governing Victorian Film Societies allow only subscriptions, so, rather than charging for individual films, the Prom Coast Film Society will be offering annual (\$75) and three month (\$28) membership subscriptions. Subscription sales will be available at each screening.

To make the screenings a very social night Windy Ridge Winery will have wine by the glass to purchase and supper will be available after the film has been shown.

For details on Prom Coast Film Society—see the FAMDA website [www.famda.org.au](http://www.famda.org.au), email [famda@dcsi.net.au](mailto:famda@dcsi.net.au) or phone Catherine McGlead on 0407 543 371.



## Cafe CABARETRO

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Foster's turn to experience sophisticated entertainment with the audience dining.

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**Fine dining – Friday 1 & Saturday 2 April 2011**

**Concert style – Friday 8 April, opening the Prom Coast Seachange Festival**

**All entertainment and dinner included in \$50 ticket price**  
**Drinks at bar prices. Start getting your table of 10 together now!**

# YOU ARE INVITED TO FAMDA'S 58<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8:00 Thursday 10 March 2011 @ Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

Entertainment provided after the formal meeting. Please bring a plate or bottle for a shared supper.

All committee positions are vacant.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from [www.famda.org.au](http://www.famda.org.au) or collected from Main Street Revelations.

Nominations & notices of motion must be submitted by 5:00pm Friday 4 March — [famda@dcsi.net.au](mailto:famda@dcsi.net.au) or PO Box 187, Foster.

## FAMDA HEROES

*Heroes* is a gentle comedy translated and adapted by Tom Stoppard from Gerald Sibleyras' 2002 French play, *Le Vent des Peupliers* (The Wind in the Poplars). It was a great hit in London's West End in 2005 with John Hurt as one of the 'heroes'.

The play is set in August 1959 in a French retirement home for WWI veterans and our three heroes are Max Hastings, Bruce Grainger and Murray Maclean.

With Andrew Oldroyd as director, set design in Geoff Davey's skilled hands and the multi-awarded Rob Ellis composing music for the production FAMDA will have something really special in store for our audiences.

FAMDA will stage *Heroes* at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre on 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25 June 2011.



## VDL SUMMER SCHOOL

FAMDA sponsored Louise Dower to attend a Youth Theatre Summer School. She provided this report.

The week from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> January I attended the Victorian Drama League Summer School for teenagers. It was so much fun I didn't want it to end.

During the week we had classes from 9.30am until 5.30 pm. We covered 11 different areas of theatre. These were; drama, dance, movement, musical theatre, improvisation, clowning, costuming, tech theatre, script work, audition skills and character development. We also had a day of touring theatres in Melbourne and watched Hartwell Players' full dress rehearsal of the pantomime, *Robin Hood in 3D*.

My favourite area was clowning. We created our costumes from the pile they provided, made up our faces and had to develop our personalities. We worked together to create names for our character and worked on improvising as the characters. The fun part was that everyone could be silly together without feeling self conscious.

The experience has enlarged my knowledge of theatre and given me an opportunity to develop and add to my skills. I also met a whole lot of kids who like doing the same things as I do.

At the very end of the week we gave a performance for the parents where we showed them a sample of the week's activities.

I would like to thank FAMDA for sponsoring me to go to the school and I would recommend it to any teenager who is interested in theatre.

Louise Dower

## VALE PATTIE FLEMING

The FAMDA community is immensely saddened by the passing of our Life Member, Pattie Fleming.

Pattie has been a FAMDA member since its inception and played the maid and a character named Mrs. Todgers in two acts in FAMDA's very first production in 1953.

She wrote *The Great Uncertainty* for FAMDA to present at Foster's centenary celebrations in 1970 and, in 1988, wrote *Felicity's Fortune*, a melodrama set in Foster, for Australia's bicentenary.

Pattie was an active committee member, performer, painter and caterer, cheerfully doing anything needed to stage a show.

Sympathy is extended to John, Geoffrey, Merran & Prue and their families.

## Gippsland Theatre 2011

Latrobe Theatre Company  
**THE SOUND OF MUSIC**

Traralgon February 18 – 27

Sale March 5-6

Warragul March 12-13

Leongatha Lyric Theatre

**ONE ACT PLAYS**

18 - 26 March Mesley Hall

Warragul Theatre Company

**GUYS AND DOLLS** 12 – 28 May

Production Line Theatre

**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**

20 – 29 May Bairnsdale

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group

**CABARET** 27 May – 12 June

Leongatha Lyric Theatre

**JEKYLL AND HYDE**

15 – 30 July

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group

**MINEFIELDS & MINISKIRTS**

19 - 27 August



## SEASON 2011

Launch Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March

**Animal Kingdom** - 2010 -

Australia Crime/Drama - MA

Friday 1st April

**Boy** - 2010 - New Zealand - Drama/Comedy - M

Friday 6th May

**South Solitary** - 2010 - Australia - Drama - M

Friday 3rd June

**The Kids Are All Right** - 2010 - US - Comedy Drama - MA

Friday 1st July

**The Tracker** - 2003 - Australia - Indigenous Drama - M

Screening during NAIDOC Week

Friday 5th August

**Rosemary's Baby** - 1968 - US - Drama - M

Friday 2nd September

**Food Inc.** - 2010 - US - Documentary - PG

Friday 7th October

**A Clockwork Orange** - 1971 - UK - Drama - R

Friday 4th November

**Delicatessen** - 1991 - France - Comedy/Subtitled - M

Friday 2nd December

**The King's Speech** - 2010 - UK - Drama/History - M

## IT'S ON AGAIN!

The Arty-Farty Trivia Party

Saturday 21 May @ FWMAC

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