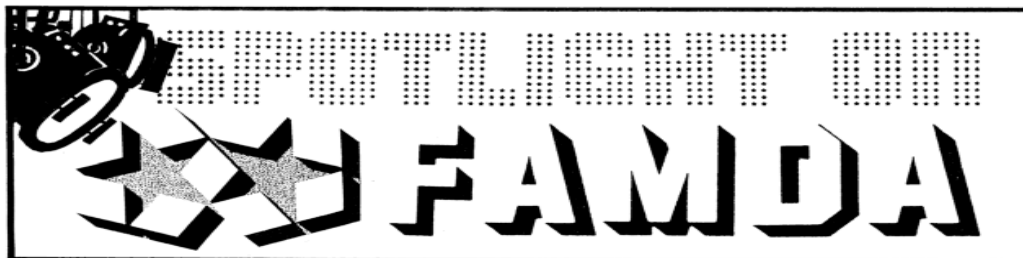


# Foster Arts Music & Drama Association Inc.



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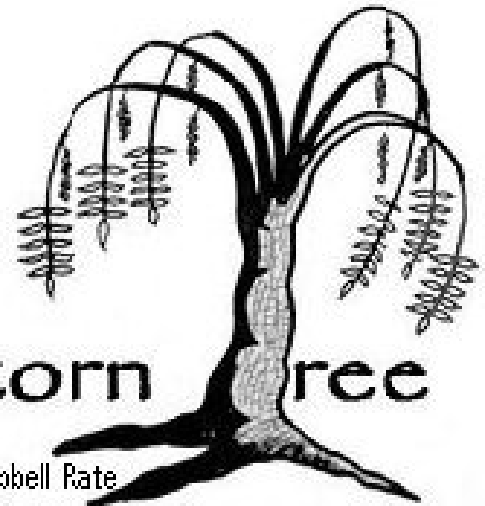
## JULY 2015



## AUDITIONS

# The Peppercorn Tree

Australian play by Alison Campbell Rate



A poignant drama with humorous overtones set in 1993 Melbourne

**CAST REQUIRED** & approximate age of each character

- **Jonah Cloake** - World War II veteran, now dying (75)
- **Grace Cloake** - his second wife (65)
- **Zoe Pilgrim** - a biographer (45)
- **Michael Cloake** - son (50)
- **Evie Walker Cloake** - Jonah's first wife, with an English accent (25)

## INFORMATION SESSION & AUDITIONS

Interested actors are invited to an information session about 'The Peppercorn Tree'

**2pm Saturday July 4 at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre**

Auditions by appointment will immediately follow the information session

## AUDITION BOOKINGS

For more details, script information and to book an audition time, actors should contact *The Peppercorn Tree* director Bernadette Grainger via 5664 9385 or 0439 394 704

Bernadette is planning to cast the play immediately after these auditions but rehearsals will not commence until late August

## PERFORMANCE DATES

23 — 31 October 2015

For extra information check [www.famda.org.au](http://www.famda.org.au)

## GIPPSLAND THEATRE

Leongatha Lyric Theatre **GYPSY** ~

*A classic musical directed by Colin Mitchell*

Mesley Hall 3 — 18 July

Sale Theatre Company **RUMOURS** ~

*Neil Simon comedy EBBWEC, Sale*

10 — 18 July

FAMDA **ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL** ~

*plays from across the state* 8 & 9 August

CPAC **THE ADDAMS FAMILY** ~

*musical based on the TV show*

Pakenham 22 August — 4 September

MoArtz (Yallourn North)

**KINDLY KEEP IT COVERED** ~

*hilarious farce* 4 — 12 September

Leongatha Lyric Theatre

**DON PARTIES ON** ~ *the characters from*

*David Williamson's Don's Party return years*

*later* 25 September — 3 October

FAMDA

**THE PEPPERCORN TREE** ~ *A tale of*

*mateship, love, regret & reconciliation*

23 — 31 October

## PROM COAST FILM SOCIETY

next screening

## CHARLIE'S COUNTRY

8pm Friday 3 June

Fish Creek Hall



## Fifteenth South Gippsland One Act Play Festival

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 August 2015 @ Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

Special Youth Section Saturday morning

Great prizes to be won — Enter your play now (Entries close 17 July)

Put the dates in your diary for some fabulous theatre

Come for a session or for the whole festival

Festival sponsored by Toora & District Community Branch and Foster Branch Bendigo Bank and South Gippsland Shire Council

## IT'S OFFICIAL . . . Foster Arts Music & Drama Association Inc

When FAMDA was founded, way back in 1953, it was known as **Foster FAMDA** with the initials in the acronym standing for Film, Art, Music & Drama Association. In the early 1990s it was decided that rebranding the organisation as Foster Amateur Music & Drama Association would more fittingly reflect its activities. It was only recently that we discovered that this change had never been legally ratified. When the opportunity arose to rename the association the committee felt that changing the name to **Foster Arts Music & Drama Association** would be more appropriate. This resolution was approved at FAMDA's 2015 Annual General meeting and we have just received notification that the powers that be in Melbourne have given their stamp of approval to our new title.



### PCS COMMUNITY SINGERS

On June 29 six representatives of the Prom Coast Singers gathered at Prom Country House to witness Tania Bird hand a cheque for \$500 to Prom Country Aged Care CEO, Rhett McClelland. The money was from the proceeds of the sold-out Foster performance of *'They Went With Songs'*, presented as part of the Prom Coast Seachange Festival and also performed in Wonthaggi and Leongatha in conjunction with the commemoration of the centenary of the Gallipoli Landing.

*Prom Coast Singers, Lyn Jamieson, Jennifer Paragreen, Claudene-Marie Adams (Musical Director), Arie Bos and Tania Bird with PCAC members, Rhett McClelland, Tristan White (Vice President) and Phil Nightingall, PCAC treasurer and also a chorister with the Prom Coast Singers. (Mirror photo)*

## NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN (OR REJOIN) THE PROM COAST SINGERS

Seventeen members of the Prom Coast Singers were involved in the massed choral event, *They Went With Songs*. They warmly invite others to join them for their weekly singing rehearsals which will be recommencing on Tuesday 14th July.

The choir's Musical Director, **Claudene-Marie Adams**, has been busily researching new repertoire for the choir, hunting up music which is "positive, energetic/ ethereal - beautiful and happy" in a variety of styles, drawing from different eras of music - classical, jazz and modern composers.

The program may well include music by Bach and Handel alongside works composed by Cole Porter, Simon & Garfunkel and Andrew Lloyd Webber with some gospel and jazz in the mix as well. Choir members could find themselves singing, for example, contemporary Australian works such as *The Seal Lullaby* by Eric Whitacre, show tunes like *Razzle Dazzle* from the stage musical, *Chicago*, and Gilbert & Sullivan - what a contrast!

Claudene-Marie promises to encourage development of vocal range, personal engagement, movement, music reading skills and interpretation of music. Rehearsals will be sociable and fun, challenging vocally and spiritually uplifting as the Prom Coast Singers work towards a concert performance later in the year.

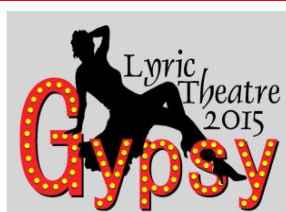
Singers also have the joyous prospect of a weekend of singing as renowned conductor, Richard Gill, has accepted PCS's invitation to run choral workshops in Foster in September 1916 similar to the 2011 'Sing South Gippsland!' project.

### PCS Tuesday evening rehearsals resume on July 14 at the Anglican Church Hall in Foster.

Arrival is 7.15, warm up from 7.30. Participation is \$6 per rehearsal.

Now is the ideal time to become part of this friendly community choir with a whole new repertoire on the horizon.

For more information, check the PCS website: [www.promcoastsingers.org](http://www.promcoastsingers.org), [www.famda.org.au](http://www.famda.org.au) or phone 5683 2683.



**Don't miss Leongatha Lyric's Gypsy — Opening night this Friday, July 3 and running til July 18**  
8pm Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays and 2pm Sundays at Mesley Hall, Nerrena Rd., Leongatha

**With Jule Styne's music, Stephen Sondheim's lyrics, directed by Colin Mitchell, Carmel Slater as Musical Director and choreography by Bron Kalos, this show will be sensational!**

Book tickets via [www.lyrictheatre.net.au](http://www.lyrictheatre.net.au), 0490 525 482 or visit **Great Southern Outdoors**, 1Bair St., Leongatha