

# festival fanfare

SUMMER EDITION 2010



## FROM THE DIRECTOR

*Dear festival supporters*

Welcome to our summer newsletter and our new-look website. Since updating you last, we have completed our wrap-up and review of the 2009 festival and are now busily planning and imagining new possibilities for the 2011 Castlemaine State Festival.

In late 2009, the artistic vision and overview for the 2011 festival was finally drafted. I am glad to say it was supported enthusiastically by the festival Board. There is so much inspiring art being created all over the world at this time, making it an exciting period to be planning a program for the coming festival. While it will be some months before I can share this direction publicly, I can say that the 2011 festival is aiming to offer a highly immersive regional festival experience that engages this incredibly dynamic local community, embracing all artforms and artists from central Victoria and the world.

The new festival team has just about been formed — they will provide invaluable assistance across the literature, visual and performing arts programs, administration, fundraising, volunteerism, production and marketing. If you need to make contact with someone in any of these areas, please visit our website in the coming months as further information becomes available.

We are about to embark on the vital and challenging task of raising the significant funds to realise the 2011 Castlemaine State Festival. In late April of this year we will launch the Castlemaine State Festival's new Patrons and Donors Program. I would be most grateful if you would consider the many rewarding ways to support the festival outlined in the



PORCELAIN BOWL DONATED BY PHIL ELSON FOR THE 2009 ART AUCTION

program and pass on this information to any potential supporters.

Finally, I would like to convey my deepest thanks to Marilyn Temby who will be leaving the Castlemaine State Festival team after seven years as voluntary coordinator of the festival's office administration. Marilyn's role has been key to the festival's success. We will miss her greatly and wish her a happy time ahead with her new ventures. With Marilyn's departure it is also timely to mention that we are always looking to build volunteer support. We would love to hear from you if you would like to get involved. We're a fun lot!

I hope you find our new website informative and easy to navigate. I also hope you find the summer newsletter edition an enjoyable read.

Be sure to place the festival dates 1 to 10 April 2011 in your diary.

*Martin Paten*  
Festival Director

FOUNDING PATRON  
MR BEREK SEGAN AM OBE



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## FROM THE BOARD

### Art auction success — thanks to our artists

In November 2009, the Board and a trusty group of volunteers worked feverishly to put together a brilliant catalogue of art works that were offered for auction at a 'night-of-nights' event held in the Castlemaine Town Hall. The true success of the night could only be realised through the extraordinary generosity of the many artists, writers and benefactors who donated works for the event.

Artists were asked to nominate the value of their work and these were listed on the catalogue. Bids taken by auctioneer extraordinaire Justin Shortal were very respectful of the true value the works and as a result, the outcome for the Festival, as a major fundraiser, was a great success.

This is the second art auction night held in recent years and its sell-out popularity makes it an event not to be missed. (Not to mention the opportunity to purchase some fabulous works and help support the festival at the same time!)

### A thank you to our sponsors

In December 2009, we were pleased and privileged to meet with many of our sponsors to say thank you for their fantastic support of the 2009 festival during two separate events — one in Melbourne and the other in Castlemaine.

On a very warm afternoon, we met with Melbourne-based sponsors at *ArtPlay* at a converted railway sub-station located in the pleasant surrounds of Birrarung Marr on the banks of the Yarra River. It was great to be able to thank them for their loyalty and contributions, which went a long way towards realising the success of the 2009 festival.

Later in the month we hosted drinks and tapas at the *The Good Table* in Castlemaine to thank our numerous and generous local sponsors from throughout the region. We wish them all health and happiness for the festive season and beyond.



As always we relied on the further generosity of some of the sponsors to defray the costs of these events and so an extra large **Thank You** to *ArtPlay*, *Harcourt Valley Vineyards*, *Blue Pyrenees Estate*, *Henry of Harcourt* and Alex Perry of *The Good Table*.

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BEREK SEGAN AND  
HIS WIFE MARYSIA  
SEGAN TOGETHER  
WITH ARTISTS AND  
CURATORS AT THE  
AWARDING OF THE  
DOMINIQUE SEGAN  
2009 CASTLEMAINE  
VISUAL ARTS  
BIENNIAL AWARD

## FESTIVAL PATRONS AND DONORS PROGRAM

As mentioned in the Festival Director's message, we will be launching our new-look Patrons and Donors Program in April. We urge you to consider joining the program and to this end, we will be offering a number of payment options, designed to make life easier for you.

Look out for the launch event, where you will be able to get all the information you need. If you are not currently on our Patrons and Donors list, but would like to attend the launch to find out more details of the program, please contact Val Victor-Gordon by leaving a message at the festival office (5472 3733) or at [patrons@castlemainefestival.com.au](mailto:patrons@castlemainefestival.com.au).

### MAILING LIST UPDATE

We are currently updating our Database and request that you take a minute to answer the following questions. Your answers will assist in the speedy delivery of the newsletter.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to continue to receive the newsletter?  Yes  No

If you wish to receive the newsletter by email, please provide your email address:

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If you wish to receive the newsletter by post, please provide your postal address:

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Please return this information to: PO Box 230, Castlemaine 3450

*Thank you for taking the time to fill out this form.*



## FRIENDS OF CASTLEMAINE STATE FESTIVAL — NEWS

### Planning for the future

On 20 January 2010, the 'Friends' Committee held a planning day at the Ray Bradfield Rooms to review the events held in 2009 and to develop an achievable plan for the next two years.

The support of the Friends continues to be a vital component in planning for the 2011 Castlemaine State Festival.

It is crucial that the Friends Committee revisits its mission and purpose from time to time:

Friends of Castlemaine State Festival will be positive and enthusiastic ambassadors and advocates for the Festival and work diligently to raise funds to support the ongoing financial viability of Castlemaine State Festival.

In the course of the day, we discussed:

- the Friends Committee structure and its current strengths and weaknesses
- the fundraising program of events for 2010
- goal setting for 2010–2011
- working harmoniously with the festival Board and staff.

The day proved to be very fruitful in helping us to refocus our energies and determination as we work together to support the 2011 Castlemaine State Festival.

A full report of the planning day will be available at the Friends Annual General Meeting in March 2010.

### Coming Friends events

**Saturday 27 February 2010**  
**TIM MCKEW TOASTS NOEL COWARD**  
 8 pm, Phee Broadway Theatre,  
 Castlemaine

This promises to be a fantastic evening of scintillating, suave and simply hilarious cabaret, presented by acclaimed Coward performer, Tim McKew. Tim has performed in London, Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne, Amsterdam, Shanghai and throughout Australia.

Tickets are selling fast! Patrons are invited to be in the theatre foyer before 7.45 pm to greet 'Noel' on his arrival.

Tickets for the evening are \$40 / \$35 (Friends concession), which includes supper with Tim after the show, and are available from House of Fergus Frog (5472 2410) or John Coller (5472 1965). **BE QUICK, BOOK NOW!**

**Wednesday 17 March 2010**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. 7.30 pm,**  
 Buckley Hall (rear St Mary's Church)

At the Annual General Meeting there will be three Friends Committee vacancies to be filled for a 2-year term. If you are interested in joining our hardworking Committee, please complete the nomination forms that you will receive shortly with notice of the AGM.

Note that all nomination forms must be returned to the Secretary or John Coller seven days prior to the AGM, accompanied by a short resume listing the skills and experience you can bring to the committee.

For at least one of the positions, we will be looking for someone with basic bookkeeping experience as our Treasurer, David Avery, intends to retire.



TIM MCKEW TOASTS  
 NOEL COWARD

### *Sunday brunches return!*

Due to popular demand, our series of Sunday Brunches will return on Sunday 11 April.

*Put the date in your diary now.*

**Where: Forest Hall, 3 Burnett Road, Castlemaine**

**When: Sunday 11 April, from 10 am**

**Guest artists: Little Big Band**

**Cost: \$15 members, \$20 non-members**

## JOIN THE FRIENDS

If you are not already a member of Friends of Castlemaine State Festival, now is the time to join!

Being a member of the Friends is a great way of ensuring the future of the festival and a fantastic way to make new friends and enjoy a huge program of social events. The Friends group sponsors events and supports the development of the festival program.

By joining the Friends of Castlemaine State Festival, you can be more than just an audience member — you can become an integral part of the festival family.

For more information regarding Friends membership contact:

Friends of the Castlemaine State Festival Inc.  
PO Box 573, Castlemaine VIC 3450

or  
John Collier  
(5472 1965 or [jcoller@gcom.net.au](mailto:jcoller@gcom.net.au)).

## POSTAGE COSTS VERSUS EMAIL — HELP! HELP! HELP!

A huge thanks to all those who responded to our cry for email addresses in the spring newsletter. Although the response was not overwhelming, it did add a few to our email list and every new addition counts.

We promised to draw prize winners from the new email recipients and here we go:

*Richard Szreniawski wins a \$25 voucher*

*Ruth Barkla wins a bottle of wine*

Thanks to everyone who came across!

We realise that not everyone has internet and email access and we want to reassure you that we will continue to send newsletters and other information via regular mail if this is the case. However, due to increasing printing and postage costs, we again urge all snail mail newsletter recipients who do access the internet to please consider receiving their news by email.

Please forward your current email address to our office  
[information@castlemainefestival.com.au](mailto:information@castlemainefestival.com.au).

Every new email address we receive by the end of March will go into a draw for a prize.

## HARCOURT APPLEFEST 2010

Organisers of the 2010 Harcourt Applefest are happy to announce that Quattro Voci will be performing at 7.30 pm on Saturday 6 March in James Park, Harcourt. This will be the premier event for the Harcourt Applefest, which runs from 5–8 March, over the long weekend.

Tickets for the event are \$10 (from [www.harcourtapplefest.org.au](http://www.harcourtapplefest.org.au)); under-18s enter free.

## FRIENDS OF CASTLEMAINE STATE FESTIVAL

*The Castlemaine State Festival thanks you for your support.*

Subscription for a 2-year period is:  
\$30 single – \$60 double  
Payment may be made by cheque or credit card.

### PAYMENT DETAILS

Either  New Member or  Renew Membership

Sum paid / Charge credit card \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Either  Cheque enclosed or  Charge credit card

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Please send this form with payment and a stamped, self-addressed envelope for a return of your membership card to:

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