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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, 27th August, 2009

Welcome members to our Tenth Annual General Meeting.

Dear Members,

As we are in the 10th Anniversary year of **Tweed Theatre Company**, I would first like to say how proud I am to have been part of this journey as your President, and to congratulate each and every person who has contributed to the Company's success, either on or off the stage, in any capacity, since our first General Meeting on 31st August, 1999.

Once again, during the past 12 months, we have been extremely busy, in October 2008 we produced an English Comedy by Alan Ayckbourn "**Season's Greetings**", directed by yours truly, at Tweed Heads Civic Centre.

For our December **Christmas break-up**, we organised a party at Twin Towns for fifty members and guests, a great night was enjoyed by all.

This year, April 2009, we produced another pantomime/musical play with children from 7 to 18 years "**Disney's Aladdin Jr**", with Lelle Wood as director and Jamie Giddens as musical director, plus Angela Taylor as choreographer at Tweed Heads Civic Centre, to outstanding box office records.

Our major musical in July '09 "**South Pacific**" was performed in Twin Towns Showroom. Directed and choreographed by Tracey Kriz, and Musically Directed by Stewart Kelly, backed by a 13 piece orchestra and extremely well supported by a hardworking and talented cast and crew. All productions were a great success.

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We have been invited back to Twin Towns Clubs & Resorts for our next Major Musical **"My Fair Lady"** to be presented July 9, 10 & 11 next year, which is yet again, another great accomplishment for the Company.

We will continue to produce a Youth pantomime/musical play in April and a straight play/comedy in October at Tweed Heads Civic & Cultural Centre.

The Tweed Theatre Company continues to donate part proceeds of each production, chosen by the director, to local charities. We take "work placement" students, from local schools, and unemployed "volunteers" to help them gain experience, on our productions. We donate a cash prize as an Encouragement Award for Speech & Drama at the Murwillumbah Festival of Performing Arts Inc., all these will continue as an annual commitment.

These donations, the success of the two plays, the musical, and the subsequent publicity, have indeed enhanced the reputation of the Tweed Theatre Company, confirming we are truly community minded. And we will continue to produce well known and audience friendly shows, at a very high standard, at reasonable ticket prices.

We have been very fortunate in having continued support from the local business/community, with major support coming from Twin Towns Clubs & Resorts, our Patrons, Tweed Heads Bowls Club, Lounge City, Allan Grant, Sheila Stevenson, Joy Dodsley, Lisa North & Noela Chapman for costumes, local Newspapers for publicity plus Father Kevin Smith at St. Monica's, Tugun and George & Diane at Tweed Ultima for extra rehearsals.

We are still storing our props and sets in "The Stables", at Border Park, Kirra. To be able to paint & build sets there is a great bonus, it is indeed a wonderful asset and a great joy to the Company.

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We are in the throes of organising another Christmas get-together, so we will keep you advised when details are finalised.

To my out-going Committee, Raelene, Cathy, Rod, Greg, Andy, Natalie, John, Kerry, Lelle and John Martin, 'congratulations' on a job well done. You are always on hand to help when necessary, and to ensure the steady progress of the Tweed Theatre Company. We have seen many great things happen again this year with lots of new people joining our ranks.

Your commitment to the interest of the Company was evident throughout the year. You deserve much recognition for the many hours of hard work, so often, "behind the scenes", that you give.

I wish the incoming committee every success and I look forward to a positive and successful year ahead.

Finally, thank you to all the members who have continued to commit and support the Company, through thick and thin. I'm sure all members realize how important "**Teamwork, Loyalty and Commitment**" is when organizing and running a successful theatre company, and as long as these things continue, we can only go from strength to strength.

Therefore, we are entering our 10th Anniversary Year, with great confidence and enthusiasm.

I look forward to seeing you in future productions.

Complements of the Season to all and have a great year!

Yours in Theatre,

Coral Kelly President