

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
**New Theatre Cubby House Committee**

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006

**Present**

Lyn Collingwood (*Chair*)  
Wayne Richmond (*Minutes*)

Ian Hamilton  
Sonia Bennett

Pat Russell

**Apologies**

Kate Freyburg

**Meeting Opened:** 11.30am

**Dates**

13th January (Capricorn)  
20th January (Aquarius)  
24th February (Pisces)  
24th March (Aries)  
19th May (Taurus)  
26th May (Gemini)  
30th June (Cancer)  
11th August (Leo)  
1st September (Virgo)  
20th October (Libra)  
? (Scorpio)  
? (Sagittarius)

Badjelly the Witch is returning in January which will be a good springboard for our concerts.

**Timing**

Start at 11am with two 35-40m brackets and a 20 minute interval

**Name**

After some discussion it was decided to call the shows: Cubby House or Cubby House Club. This name exudes a feeling of safety and warmth. It is also a space where kids go to 'make believe'. We could make a big thing about the name at the beginning of the first show.

We could leave the word Club off. On the other hand it will encourage them to come back. We need to make a final decision about this.

Lyn will ask her daughter to design a poster. This could be used in newspaper ads etc. Perhaps we could have a photoshoot with Lyn and grandchild in cubby house in tree. Lyn will try and arrange for a photo like that to be taken.

It was suggested that we could decorate the entrance to the foyer.

All

Lyn

Lyn

**Publicity**

Lyn will talk with the New Theatre publicity officer about getting an article in Sydney's Child.

Lyn

## Staging Issues

Lyn has asked for all sets in 2007 to leave an apron.  
Need a spot to follow action up the isles.  
Need a place for the screen (1.5x1).  
Need a place for the painting.

## Films

The Red Balloon (1956 classic) would stand up well because of the morality of it apart from anything else.

Lyn has a projector (in good condition) organized.

Do we need to insure the films we borrow?

National Film & Sound Archive hiring is about \$27 per film

We do need to have copyright clearance.

Films need to be at least 10 minutes (x2). Screen will be set up (perhaps Brer Rabbit could bring it in!) and first film will be threaded in front of the kids using a camcorder & data/video projector to project what is going on.

## Puppets

No joy so far with this.

## Magicians

Good progress here!

**Peter Talmacs** (a New Theatre member) does some tricks and might be able to help.

**John Henderson** from Channel 7 used to do magic and he might be able to help. Needs dates.

**Alfred Hayes** is overseas at the moment. He is an old fashioned sort of bloke. He did 5 years on Channel 9 and ABC and seems keen to become involved.

**Graham Kite** might help train someone.

## Plays

Lyn still adapting the Brer Rabbit stories

## Musical Items

Wayne presented a list of items grouped by type (see attached). He will work out a draft list of specific items for the first two concerts.

It was suggested that nursery rhymes would go down well. Sonia and Lyn will dig some up.

It was suggested that we could prepare movements for the kids to do for different parts of songs (Wollemi swaying etc.).

Lyn will follow up

Lyn

Wayne

Sonia & Lyn

'Instruments' such as chopsticks could be placed under the seats for kids to play. Lyn knows a young 14 year old Egyptian Arabic girl (Mariam Sawires) who is at the Performing Arts High School and who sings like an angel. Lyn will ask if she wants to be involved.

Lyn

### **Dance**

Pat is still looking for an Aboriginal dancer and didgeridoo player.

Pat

Ian hasn't been successful yet in contacting Lola at SBS.

Ian

### **Storytelling**

Wayne hasn't had any further conversations with Judie Eddington. It was suggested that if Judie isn't available others could do it - Ian or Lyn, for example. It was also suggested that someone younger would be advantageous. Wayne will contact Bec Schofield.

Wayne

### **Sound FX**

Peter has said he will do the January shows. We, or some younger members of the New Theatre, could take it on after that if Peter isn't available.

Wayne

### **Painting**

Pat and Wayne had envisaged that the large painting of the relevant Zodiac sign would be undertaken by Pat pretty well continuously throughout the show with attention being drawn to it at various stages and with it being finished as part of the birthday segment. Lyn & Ian, on the other hand, were thinking more of three or four specific segments during which Pat would approach the painting (with a different colour?) and paint a new bit while everyone watched. Perhaps there could be a musical theme each time this happens. Pat will think about this and see what approach will work best.

Pat

We will need to get materials - brushes, paints, paper (newsprint? butchers?)

### **Birthday Segment**

We should build this segment around the Wollemi Pine song.

Reveal finished painting of star sign.

Ask kids with birthdays in the current period to come up on stage & receive cup cakes with a candle (fire restrictions permitting)

Sing 'Happy Birthday' & blow out candles

Give them 'Wollemi Pine' birthday cards produced using one of Sonia's paintings and printed by Wayne and/or Ian.

Front: Wollemi Pine painting

Inside: "Happy Birthday \_\_\_\_\_"

Back: New Theatre Cubby House Club together with logo/drawing

(Ian's daughter teaches making cards. He will talk with her about it.)

Finish with Wollemi Pine song.

Sonia  
Wayne  
Ian

It was suggested that we could try and find some organisation prepared (happy?) to come and sell plants/trees in the foyer each show. (Greening Australia?) They would be furthering their cause as well as making some money for themselves and New Theatre. Perhaps the birthday kids could receive one for free. Sonia will look into this.

Sonia

## Budget

Items we will need include:

Cakes - Lyn will ask New Theatre members to make some.

Candles - Lyn has some that won't blow out

Films c\$35 per film (\$27 + freight)

Large paper - butchers paper - Lyn will ask Richard (works at a paper company) for advice on this.

Paints - poster paint - Pat will get some prices.

Lyn

Pat

## Program

Wayne presented a draft schedule for the shows.

Lyn

Start	Item	Who?	Dur	Comment
11.00	Opening song	All	3.00	Lively, rousing!
11.03	Welcome	Ian	2.00	Rah! Rah! Get responses from kids etc.
11.05	Introduce artist	Ian	1.00	Explain ongoing artwork
11.06	Brer Rabbit Part 1	Lyn etc.	4.00	
11.10	Musical item	LW	4.00	Could be more serious/beautiful item.
11.14	Sound FX demo	Peter	5.00	
11.20	Story with FX	Judie & Peter	5.00	
11.25	Musical item	LW	4.00	
11.30	Brer Rabbit Part 2	Lyn etc.	4.00	
11.35	Film (cartoon)	Ian	10.00	Show projector, thread & watch cartoon
11.45	Musical item	LW	4.00	Participatory song
11.50	Brer Rabbit Part 3	Lyn etc.	4.00	
11.55	Visiting artist (magician?)		10.00	
12.05	Birthday stuff	Ian	5.00	
12.10	Closing musical item	LW	4.00	Wolleme Pine
12.15	Finish			

Wayne will work further on this including adding an interval. He will also present specific draft programs for the two January shows.

Wayne

**Meeting Closed:** 1.35pm

**Next Meeting:** Loosely Woven people will meet separately in Sept/Oct.

# Music Suggestions for Kid's Matinee Concerts (Draft 31/8/06)

## **Silly songs for kids**

The Kangaroo Song  
Tiny Little Man  
Isn't it funny?  
Cut Lunch Blues  
Armpits are my weakness  
Have you got a phobia?  
Super Gran  
Do you know the Muffin Man? (Denis Rice)  
The Hen's Duet  
The Irish Ballad  
I hold your hand in mine  
Weela Weela Wallia  
Paper of Pins  
Gendarmes Duet  
Here's a howdy do  
The Hippopotamus Song  
Old King Cole  
He's nobody's Moggy(?)  
Rubber Ducky  
Teddy Bears' Picnic  
Humpty Dumpty  
The Cat Song  
Pickled Pork

## **Christmas songs**

Nuttin' for Christmas  
Grandma got run over  
Wreck the Sheds  
Christmas Bush

## **Participatory Songs**

The Barnyard Song  
12 Days of Christmas  
Grandfather's Clock  
Gial's Magic Paintbrush

## **Others**

Wimoweh  
What have they done to the rain?  
Oh freedom!  
Sydney Rose  
Wollemi Pine  
That 50s Beat  
I'll fly away  
Eileen Aroon  
Mend the torn air  
Been all around the world  
Rudolf the Hooper  
I said my pyjamas  
Baby you've got what it takes  
Waltzing with bears

## **Tune Sets**

Yiddish Tune Set (abridged?)  
The Crochet Tune Set  
King of the fairies Tune Set  
Foxhunter's Jig Set  
Marni Swanson/Athol Highlanders  
Ragtime Annie  
Blaydon Races Set  
Oh Susannah Set