

Old Vic Report for the Pukekohe Light Opera Club Inc AGM held  
Wednesday 26 April 2006 at Harrington Hall Theatre, Pukekohe.

It has been another busy year at Old Vic. Last year we had nineteen people on the roster, with three people working each Friday from 5.00 - 6.30. There were four keyholders taking turns to 'be in charge' on Friday evenings with other members being rostered on about every five or six weeks. Since we opened again at the beginning of February we have had three members stand down, one on leave, and we have one new recruit. We are always looking for new members as the more people the more the job can be spread.

We had some extremely busy evenings last year. On one occasion we hired out thirteen separate costumes in one evening which didn't count the school show wardrobe person who was trying to outfit a cast. I even attended at 9 am the day before Christmas to help our patron's grand daughter find costumes for a midnight service nativity play.

Jim Denly very kindly put up hooks in the changing room so that we didn't have costumes lying over chairs or on the floor as people tried others on.

We have had a slower start to the year but we have never had a Friday without at least two or three 'clients'. Two members with great enthusiasm (!) spent a Saturday before we opened making sure that the rooms were tidy and all sorted for the start of the year. This made a great beginning, thank you Diane and Coralie.

Julie Carswell has been doing the banking since February as she works right next door and it is much more convenient for her. Hopefully this will mean a more regular service.

One of the concerns I have had this year is what to do about people who do not return costumes. I would like the committee to consider whether we could have a letter or some sort of billing system. Despite continuing to ring people who have not returned costumes there are still some outstanding.

I also wonder whether it might be worthwhile either doing a key inventory or changing the locks at Old Vic. It is a worry when costumes seem to sometimes come and go between Fridays with no record of where they are and perhaps the above might help this.

Thank you to all those who have helped in various ways this year, whether by being on the roster, helping with the occasional tidy, putting up hooks, assisting school and other clubs with their costumes outside the normal hours, mowing the lawns and all the other tasks that are needed to keep Old Vic working.

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