

Presidents Report to the 2004 AGM

I am delighted to say that the past year has been a very successful year for the Pukekohe Light Opera Club both artistically and financially. The shows we have put on have been very well received by the public and have all turned a significant profit. Our thanks go to the Production teams, cast and crew of these productions for their hard work and dedication.

Pukekohe Youth Theatre continues to deliver the results with last years Pirates of Penzance being a tremendous success, although we'd all have liked the ship to stay in one piece when it came on stage! The Youth Theatre has now been running for 9 years and the results of this are evident with the pool of talented members that this activity has produced and indeed those early members who have gone on to start a career in the performing arts.

Both Oliver! and Laying the Ghost were great fun shows but presented big technical challenges because of their scale. For example the number of props in Ghost almost exceeded the size of cast in Oliver! I also need to mention the Music Hall team who have had a very extended season over the past twelve months and have played all over the area!

Our programme for this year highlights the musical Zorba! with a very experienced guest director Bobby Alderton with Bill Chessum as Musical Director and 'Man Alive!' directed by Bob Lack who directed Laying the Ghost last year. Shady lane will report in a few moments on the programme for next year and all members are invited to have input to this.

Apart from our own productions I was delighted that the Club was able to assist the IHC to produce Sylvania Grease in December. Again quite a few Youth Theatre members worked with some adult members to assist the IHC make this show a success and a most enjoyable time for all those who participated.

Chris Kasner has produced, as I am sure you will all agree, an excellent newsletter for the past few years. He has decided to take a well earned break from this and handed this task over to Jim Briggs. We hope to move this to a more electronic medium for those members with access to the internet with the development of an improved web site and circulating the newsletter by email.

The committee has worked well together and I would like to thank those members who are standing down, Rosa Andreef, Liz Kelly and Des Hudson. I would also like to thank those who are willing to stand for this years committee as without people being prepared to do this work there would be no way the Club could put on shows.