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Dates to Note:-

- * **Friday 12th Dec 2008**
STARS Christmas Party
- * **Friday 27th Feb 2009**
STARS Programme Launch
- * **Monday 16th Mar 2009**
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Welcome to STARS Waverley
Homestead News for December
2008

STARS Annual General Meeting will
be held on Monday 16th March
2009.

Please support the Committee by
attending this important event.

There will be an interesting guest
speaker and refreshments.

Note this date in your 2009 diary.

For information about STARS
and its events, or to volunteer to
help:

Telephone
8323 8386 (in business hours)
Or 8321 9714

Please visit STARS' website
www.stars.org.au

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Presentation of 2008 Keith Michell Award



Once again STARS was proud to host the presentation of the \$2000 prize by Helpmann Academy and Southern Theatre and Arts Supporters. The annual award was instigated by Olive Reader in 2003 and named after Keith Michell, a great supporter and friend of STARS. It was awarded to Mark Fantasia an up and coming actor in Adelaide and he graciously accepted the award in the presence of family members and STARS and Helpmann Academy members. The 31 year old is a founding member of Accidental Productions whose play premiered in the 2008 Fringe. He is an outstanding recipient of this award which was judged by members of STARS and the Helpmann Academy.

STARS Melbourne Cup Lunch



The Hat Field

This year was one of the most enjoyable STARS Melbourne Cup lunches in years. The 40 or so guests got into the spirit of the day with a sensational display of hats. The winner was Beryl Stutchbury's daughter Shelley Hunt looking outstanding in a black outfit and stylish hat fit

for the Fashions on the Field in Flemington. The lunch was catered for by the committee and friends and the comments were very favourable indeed.



STARS
Melbourne Cup
Lunch
&
Co-Opera

**Shelley Hunt
being
presented with
the prize for
Best Hat by
Anne Collins**



Co-Opera at Pirramimma 2008

The *Pirates of Penzance* has never been better. The team of eight wonderful singers from Co-Opera gave an outstanding performance to small but appreciative audiences on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th November.

Co-Opera at Pirramimma Winery is a STARS annual event. The STARS raffle raised \$650 at the two performances. Thanks to everyone for their generous support. The Committee has decided to donate \$300 to Co-Opera this year to assist with their performances.

Inaugural STARS Willunga Literary Award

Literary Prize Winners' Stories

Adult Category

Winner	Damien White	"The Neutrality of this article has been disputed"
Highly Commended	Terence Hadert	"Mahler's new symphony"
Commended	Bernice Cohen	"Reflections"

Youth Category

Winner	Aarod Vawscr	"The Forest"
Highly Commended	Caleb Beckedorf	"The Holy Man"
Commended	Georgina Fisher	"The Clever Cat"

Children's Category

Winner	Kira Piper	"Super gum saves the day"
Highly Commended	Roisin Murphy Haines	"Dream Home"
Commended	Jasmin Kelley	"Lost in the Bush"
Commended	Arabella Fleming	"The Long Gallop"

If you are interested in reading these stories (or any other entries) please contact Anne Collins on 8558 6236.



Sandi McMenamin's Road to Willunga



Sandi returned to Waverley Homestead with a wonderful two hour performance featuring many of her own compositions as well as some favourites that she has collected during her vast career both in Adelaide and overseas. She combined this with a humorous account of her interesting and sometimes challenging life. It was a delightful evening for the

small audience and STARS would welcome a return visit.



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STARS Mission

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To foster a vital and diverse arts culture in the southern region by

- * Advocating for the arts
- * Bringing in events
- * Creating strategic partnerships to strengthen the arts community
- * Developing artistic skills
- * Providing access to the arts

Why not become a member of STARS and take advantage of special prices and advance notices of future attractions.

You could also contribute to the arts in the area by volunteering to help STARS run events.

Planning for 2009

The year will commence on Friday 27th February with the STARS Programme Launch.

STARS is delighted that Lucinda Moon, Concert Master with the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra, will be our guest performer. Lucinda plays an ancient Baroque violin and as a Willunga resident, will be performing in her home town for STARS.

There will be more details in the January edition of this publication.

Members are urged to put forward any ideas that they may have for the 2009 programme. The Committee wishes to give its members what they want and we look forward to your feedback.

STARS Christmas Party

7.00 pm Friday 12th December

Special guest - Greg John

will play your favourite piano pieces from Cole Porter to *We wish you a Merry Christmas*.

Dress to kill

This is a free STARS members party, so come along and enjoy the hospitality.

For catering purposes, call 8323 8386



The Committee wishes all members a happy and healthy Christmas season.

Thank you to Brian Reader for his ongoing assistance with this publication.

Carolyn Colling, Chair