

# SHOWBUZZ

Encore  
Theatre Company

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## REVVING UP THE PACE

Ladies & Gentlemen.... Start your engines, please!

Encore Theatre Company is delighted to announce their second Naming Rights sponsor: **Greg Crick Honda**.

High levels of performance and the ability to sustain it are something that the team at **Greg Crick Honda** know all about. It takes passion, a belief in yourself and a willingness to constantly improve on what you do.

Similarly, Launceston's newest community theatre organisation know that to develop high levels of performance your talent needs to be nurtured, encouraged and given the opportunity to shine. With these similar values in mind, ETC welcomes their second Naming Rights sponsor with the first class reputation: **Greg Crick Honda**.

For more info have a look at page 2.



Now, whilst on the subject of gaining support for this fledgling company, ETC has taken the opportunity that securing private sector sponsorship offers, and has applied to the **Premier's Arts Partnership Fund** for their support, and they recently had some very good news for Encore! To find out more have a look at page 2.

And while we're on the topic of the Tasmanian Government, Encore would like to welcome **Premier David Bartlett** to our **Facebook** group site **ETC's The Sound of Music**. The Premier asked for this message to be passed on, "I wish you and your team all the very best. Would love to see *The Sound of Music* if possible..." and has asked for the show dates to be emailed to him.

So you never know who could be in the audience on Opening Night!

Supported by the Premier's Arts Partnership Fund



## Caught in the Von Trapp!

**There is a reason for rehearsals... it's so you can get it right! ETC's production of Roger's & Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*... is proving more challenging for some than others!**

It seems that a certain unnamed musical director (well, that narrows the field a bit!) is toying with the idea of running a 'nearest the pin' competition during rehearsals to guess on which line of Maria's song *Something Good* that poor Melissa de Jong is going to burst out laughing on!

Word is that a certain Captain Von Trapp (once again that narrows the field, doesn't it?) is employing a wicked sense of fun and the odd arched eyebrow or two to bring about the aforementioned laughter from our leading lady.

*Melissa de Jong & Daniel Priest rehearse Something Good*



*Do Re Mi rehearsals*

*L to R: John Morgan, Ella Booth, Melissa de Jong, Zoe Jensen, Bree Stephens & James Briffa*

*On floor: Lauren Colson & Nikia Breen*

Plus, every Sunday the Launceston Worker's Club comes alive to the sights and sounds of the Von Trapp children. Without doubt, many a downstairs billiards player has missed that key shot due to the stamping of a foot by Friedrich or the excited screams of Gretl when thunder sounds during *The Lonely Goatherd*.

The talent of the kids is just amazing, and no doubt Launceston will fall under their collective spell from October 1.



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## More about our new partnerships...

### *"A country lad who just wants to race cars... Fast!"*

Greg Crick is living proof that dreams can come true. His need for speed grew out of living near the Longford circuit where, from the age of three, he would see international drivers arrive and compete.

Since the age of eight, all he has wanted to do is race. He began driving at the age of ten where he learnt his craft in the paddocks and on the beaches of Tassie. He began his racing career the week of his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, and in 1991, waiting for that elusive touring car drive, he took his sports sedan to the mainland where, in his first attempt, he won the Australian Sports Sedan Championship.

Greg continues to be actively involved in the sport that has provided him with so much enjoyment and motivation over the years - he has won Targa Tasmania twice, and has a string of top ten finishes in the legendary Bathurst race, and finished third in the Konica V8 Supercar series in 2002.

When not running his business, Greg finds time to contribute to Motor Racing Tasmania as a board member and indulge his other passion - that of flying ultralight aircraft!

Greg Crick Honda is a well-established and multi-award winning Honda dealership in Launceston and ETC are delighted to welcome them aboard in 2008.

[www.gregcrickhonda.com.au](http://www.gregcrickhonda.com.au)



## ETC on the telly...

If you're going to do the World's No. 1 favourite musical, then you had better tell our world about it on Tasmania's No.1 television station!

ETC welcomes Southern Cross Television as their first media partner.

The **Premier's Arts Partnership Fund** in Tasmania is three-way partnership between the Australia Business Arts Foundation, Veolia Environmental Services and the Government of Tasmania through Arts Tasmania.

For business, the Fund makes it more attractive to partner with not-for-profit arts organisations, with all the benefits that brings in terms of community reputation, media coverage, marketing and networking, and doubles the value of their contribution.

ETC has taken the opportunity to approach the Fund with confirmation of their sponsorships, has met all the eligibility criteria, and has been awarded a grant matching the level of confirmed sponsorship.

According to ETC's Marketing & Sponsorship Director BJ King, "securing support from the Premier's Arts Partnership Fund has given our team an amazing boost. Months of planning are now being realised as rehearsals have commenced for our inaugural production, and this support is allowing our production team to dream a little bigger and plan a whole lot more!"

[www.abaf.org.au](http://www.abaf.org.au)

## WHAT'S ON in LAUNCESTON

*Here's just a few of our favourite things!*

Sat 19 July & Fri 1 Aug – **The Ugly Truffles** play live at The Metz from 8.30pm

24-26 July : **Shout – The Musical** presented by G-String Productions at the Princess Theatre. ETC are putting together a group booking – see Jamie & BJ for details.

30 July – 3 Aug **The Fardale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society production of Macbeth** presented by the Launceston Players at the Earl Arts Centre.

15-23 Aug **Cats** presented by Newstead College.

19-20 Sept **Diamond Nickers** 60 Years of Uni Revue presented by Old Nick Theatre Co at the Princess Theatre

1-4 Oct **The Sound of Music** presented by Encore Theatre Company at the Princess Theatre

29-31 Oct **Menopause the Musical** presented by Christine Harris & HIT Productions at the Princess Theatre

## In your next **SHOWBUZZ...** ETC announces their 2010 shows!

This community theatre production of *The Sound of Music* is presented through special arrangement with ORIGIN THEATRICAL on behalf of R&H THEATRICALS of New York City