

# SHOWBUZZ

Encore  
Theatre Company

e-Newsletter  
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## Our Boy is Flat Out!

Tasmanian Premiere of *The Boy from Oz*  
@ Princess Theatre in October 2009

Rehearsals are well underway and blocking, vocal lines and choreography is being painstakingly pieced together to create Tasmania's *The Boy from Oz*.

And it seems a certain cast member has found a new use for the bar at the Launceston Worker's Club... Patrick O'Halloran!! Actually, Patrick IS flat out... currently about to hit the local stage in LMS's *Rent*, before launching himself headlong into the title role of *The Boy from Oz*.

Grab your tickets now – there are 3 easy ways to book:

ONLINE: [www.theatrenorth.com.au](http://www.theatrenorth.com.au)  
PHONE: 6323 3666  
IN PERSON: Princess Theatre Box Office  
SEASON: 2-10 October @ Princess Theatre

PS Want to sit front row centre of the balcony?

Sorry, but it's too late... those prized tickets have already been snapped up for ALL performances. But the good news is that the centre of the second row of the balcony is mostly still available!



## The (Piano) Keys to Buy Locally...



Since forming in April 2008, Launceston's Encore Theatre Company has faced many challenges to mount their community theatre productions, begging and borrowing costumes, set pieces, props and even instruments.

However, one ongoing need has been for keyboards, essential to the rehearsal and performance process. And that need has now been fulfilled by a grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund.

And with those grant funds in hand, Encore have chosen to support local business and make those purchases of two Kurzweil keyboards (totalling \$5,390) through Barratts Music. From the printing of posters and programs, theatre, sound and lighting hire costs, wherever feasible the team choose to spend their show budgets locally in support of local businesses and employment.

Danny Gibson, The Examiner's Promotions and Special Projects Manager says "The Examiner is delighted that Encore has embraced the Buy Locally Campaign and we congratulate them on securing the community grant. Spending locally, whether on a theatre ticket or a new keyboard supports our community and does make a difference."

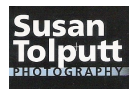
A total of \$9896 was granted to Encore Theatre Company Inc by the Tasmanian Community Fund in Grant Round 18, specifically to fund the purchase of two keyboards and assist with their investment in radio microphones.



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## Meet LAFM's Mel & Greg

Encore has three media partners... Southern Cross Television, The Examiner and LAFM. And heading the on-air line-up for 89.3 LAFM is the breakfast teaming of Mel & Greg! So, what are they like? Let's find out...

### Meet Mel Hope!

Describe yourself in five words.  
Blonde... fun... loud... tired... thirsty!

Where were you born?  
Numurkah Victoria.....heard of it? Didn't think so!

How old are you?  
33 on the outside, 22 on in the inside!

What's your favourite food?  
I love love love Thai food oh wait, is beer considered food?

Name the first record you owned.  
Ha ha ha, Air Supply!

What movie makes you cry?  
The part on my wedding video when the cops arrived.....don't ask!

What won't you leave home without?  
A designated driver.

Define agony.  
Filling this out.

How would you finish this sentence? "I came, I saw, I ....."?  
Put it all on Black!

### Meet Greg Allan!

Describe yourself in five words:  
Tall...calm...fun... hungry... passionate.

How old are you?  
29

How old are you really?  
Well...I do like cardigans, slippers and eating before 6pm!

What's your fave drink?  
Boag's Classic Blonde, a nice Cab Sav, Scotch and Dry or Vodka with a twist of fresh lime.... It's hard to choose!

What song describes your personality?  
'Hungry like the Wolf' - Duran Duran. Or with the hours I work perhaps 'Waking up Tired' from the Hoodoo Gurus!

What's the one thing you can't say "NO" to?  
Canapés.

Elvis reappears and you can ask him one question. What would it be?  
What's the Secret Sound?

How would you finish this sentence? "I came, I saw, I ....."? ...  
Bought the T-Shirt.

## From Broadway to Launceston!

Entrusted with the responsibility of the Australian Premiere Season of Nunsense A-Men in Launceston last month, Encore Theatre Company were thrilled to receive a morale-boosting message from the acclaimed Broadway and Nunsense composer Dan Goggin.

Dear Friends,

I just got the word that your production of Nunsense A-Men was about to open. I couldn't be happier for everyone! We have had several productions of my Nunsense shows in Australia and I have visited three times, always having a blast!

I personally think that Nunsense A-Men just boosts the laugh level another notch for the audience. Even the Sisters who taught me have seen it here in the U.S. and loved it. I wish you enormous success and huge laughs for all. Many you have a great long-run and then a national tour!!!

If there is anything I can do from here at the other end of the world to help you, please don't hesitate to email me. Congratulations to all involved!

All the best, DANNY GOGGIN



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**The Boy from Oz**

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Or call 6323 3666

## ResCom says YES to Encore in 2009/10

Encore's first private sector partner was ResCom Property & Finance Services, and they are delighted to announce that Martin O'Toole and his team are back on board for 2009/10.

Ranging from market appraisals, sales & purchases, property management, maintenance, conveyancing and finance – if it's to do with real estate you'll find everything you need under the one roof. Truly, ResCom is a one-stop shop!

Encore has no doubt you will be seeing Martin's cheery face popping into rehearsals from time to time, especially as his old friend, John de Jong, begins work on reprising his portrayal of Jen Valjean for Encore's March 2010 production of Les Miserables.

Welcome onboard for a second exciting year to Martin & the ResCom Property & Finance Services Launceston team.

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## Chookas to All!

2009 is definitely a year of big productions, and there's plenty to keep local audiences entertained during the chilly winter months.

This week sees the Player's present Whose Life is it Anyway, and next week OperaWorks presents Die Fledermaus (featuring Encore performers Di Briffa, Alana MacDonald & Susie Fisher)

And Encore also look forward to enjoying Opening Night of LMS's Rent, cheering on their past team members (Liz Corrick, Jessica Brownrigg & Jeff Hockley), current cast members (Patrick O'Halloran & Kerri Gay) & the entire crew!

Chookas to all our theatre friends for successful seasons!

And while we're at it... congrats to Liz Bennett & her Launceston College team for winning an audience of some 7,000 fans to Disco Inferno and also Natalie Bramich (Musical Director) and Alex Thomson (principal role) for King's Meadows High School's SOLD OUT season of Jungle Fantasy!

## Encore Superstars

Each month Encore highlights the valuable efforts of a member of their dedicated team of volunteers, and this month we would like you to meet Alan Gray.

This is one man who doesn't know the meaning of the words 'not possible'. For Alan, almost anything is possible!

Need to create a school gym? Yes! Need a hospital bed? Yes! Can Encore bring an \$80,000 set to Launceston and can Alan make it fit the Princess Theatre stage? YES!!!!

Mixing his goodwill with enthusiasm for well-thought out projects, the Encore team are delighted to have Alan's assistance when it comes to technical issues of creating sets, and in particular his advice for dealing with the technical aspects of making The Boy from Oz rise on the stage of the Princess Theatre this October.

Congratulations to  
our latest  
Encore Superstar...

Alan Gray!



## WHAT'S ON in LAUNCESTON?

Buy Locally & support your own theatre companies!

8-11 July Whose Life Is It Anyway presented by the Launceston Players at the Earl Arts Centre

16-19 July Die Fledermaus presented by OperaWorks @ LC

22-25 July Rent presented by Launceston Musical Society at the Princess Theatre

30-31 July Steel Magnolias starring Jackie Weaver & Geraldine Turner presented by Theatre North at the Princess Theatre

6-15 August The Crucible presented by Three River Theatre at the Earl Arts Centre

2-10 October The Boy from Oz presented by Encore Theatre Company at the Princess Theatre

In your next *SHOWBUZZ*... Big announcements of new supporters!!

The Boy from Oz is presented by arrangement with David Spicer Productions [www.davidspicer.com](http://www.davidspicer.com)