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Dates to note

Ochre Coast Poets	Sat 19 Oct
STARS Gala Concert	Sat 8 Nov
Library Plays	Thurs 16 Oct
Willunga 175 Quiz	Sat 22 Nov

Welcome to Waverley Homestead News for October 2014
For information about STARS and its events, or to volunteer to help:
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Please visit STARS website www.stars.org.au

Anne Lawson



A celebration of the life of long standing member of STARS and the Victoriana Society was held on Friday 26 September

Anne was member of the group which formed the Victoriana Society In 1983 and when the Victorian Dance Group, "Danse Victoriana", was created she was a founding member; in 1986 she became the Victoriana Society's dance teacher as well as a performer.

In 1989 Anne was a founding member of the Friends of Noarlunga Theatre and was a member of the Committee when it became STARS in 1994. Anne with Olive Reader ensured that STARS continued to be the successful organisation which evolved from the Friends of Noarlunga Theatre. Anne was still on the Committee when STARS first occupied Waverley Homestead and after Olive's death in 2007 took over the role of President for some time. Whilst not in a leading capacity on the committee, Anne remained the catering co-ordinator for many years eventually giving up the role due to her busy life looking after her beautiful grandchildren. Anne was always positive and cheerful even though she had suffered a debilitating illness in November 1999 that almost took her life. She was supported by Sam and enjoyed better health until this year when it sadly returned. Even facing death, Anne was positive and grateful for her life. We will miss her terribly.

Winter Concert Review

The last STARS Winter Concert for 2014 starred Samantha Rubenhold and Robert England who entertained a captivated audience with an eclectic mixture of musical theatre and opera. “Oh What a Beautiful Morning” from Oklahoma seemed most apt as the sun came out and it appeared that the long cold winter was finally over.



In addition to Samantha and Robert the programme included an amazing jazz performance by Jordon Goudy and Aiden Ryan, whose enthusiasm was delightful. Samantha’s rendition of Ave Maria had everyone close to tears and the beautiful duets with Robert were, as always superbly performed. As they took their curtain call it was lovely to see their daughter, Leilani, present Samantha with a posy of flowers.

Carolyn dedicated the day to two amazing STARS members who have recently passed on. Ann Lawson and Desi Moore would have enjoyed the afternoon.



STARS Gala Concert



STARS GALA CONCERT

Featuring Cabaret performers

**SIDONIE HENBEST
and
PETER BUTCHER**

Announcement of the Winner of
the STARS of Waverley Award

Saturday 8 November 2014 7.30 pm

Waverley Homestead

St Peters Terrace Willunga

Tickets \$35.00 per head.

Bar available and finger food included

The STARS Gala Concert is the last event on the busy STARS calendar for 2014 and the proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards the STARS of Waverley Award.

The dynamic Sidonie Henbest will open the show and brilliant Peter Butcher returns with another outstanding and entertaining performance which will end the night.

There will be a belly dancing performance, some humorous skits, poetry and most importantly the announcement of the winner of the STARS of Waverley Award and the presentation of the prize. This monetary Award is to assist emerging

artists in the advancement of a career in the arts.

On Sunday 5 October STARS autonomous panel of judges held auditions for the final applicants for the annual STARS of Waverley Award. There were five finalists selected from the applications received and all participants were interviewed by the panel before their performance.

STARS Committee would like to thank the Panel convened by Meredith Bowman which included Lucinda Moon, Libby Raupach, Julie Howard and Gail Kellett. They have given their time tirelessly to the cause of selecting a winner of this important award.

The unanimous winner was **Aiden Ryan**, a local boy, who is studying guitar at the Conservatorium. Aiden will perform at this concert.

Seats are limited for this popular event so book early on 8596 4182.



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STARS Mission

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. We are always looking for new members.

If you would like to find out more about the group please phone 8323 8386 during Business Hours



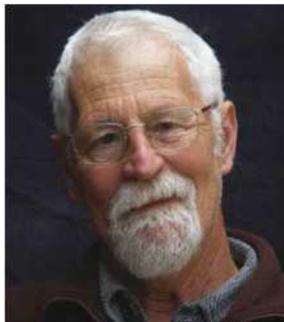
**STARS Presents
Ochre Coast Poets**

19 October 2014 1.00 pm
Waverley Homestead
Tickets \$10.00 (Students \$5.00)
Light refreshments provided

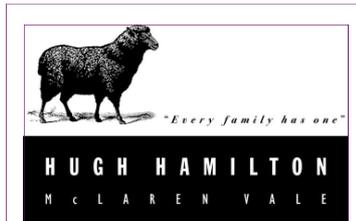
The Ochre Coast Poets will launch their latest poetry anthology. The group consists of local poets who meet regularly to tweak each other's poems. They have performed their work to appreciative audiences at the City of Onkaparinga's *Poetry Unleashed Festival, Readers and Writers Festivals* and at Friendly Street Poets regional events.

The afternoon will include readings from the anthology and feature well-known guest poets, David Cookson and Louise Nicholas whose work has been published widely. Louise and David will share their poetry and their writing ideas accumulated over the years. It will be well worth coming along to hear the wit and poetic insights of these two accomplished poets.

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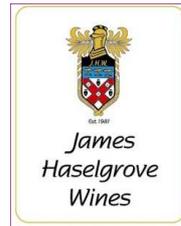
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