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Supporting the Performing Arts

# Seaborn Broughton & Walford Foundation Newsletter

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## Nan's Letter Space

Dear Friend

The main work of the Foundation continues.

Since we promised to support by donation, according to our rules and agreements with NIDA, the Rodney Seaborn Artist in Residence programme, sponsored by the SBW Foundation, there is much activity at NIDA provided by this years selected artist group "**Legs on the Wall**".

NIDA is very pleased about this support which is in keeping with their aim and visions of teaching.

SBW Foundation is fulfilling its chosen role to support the performing arts through projects selected by the Board with particular concentration on projects at NIDA.

At our Botany Road head quarters quiet calm pervades the building as Dr Peter Orlovich and his team work on the important and ever increasing hoard of treasured archives, protecting this history of theatre in Australia and sorting the collections so generously given to Rodney Seaborn's beloved cause.

We need to pause once in awhile I think to consider the dedication of those who give their valuable time and expertise, their concern and energy to support this vision of preservation on a grand scale for the benefit of present and future research, for teachers, students and authors, performers and designers who will need to know how things really were in past decades.

If you were to see **Dr Peter Orlovich**, his team of helpers, **Ann Peck, Joanne Burgess and Ken Smith** you would admire their dedication and their awareness of how they support Rodney's "grand design".

Apart from this official team there has always been a group of helpers called "The Volunteers" they give their time freely, and their numbers ebb and flow over the years, but they are always there to help the archivists, doing the tasks that keep the place going.

We would be doing a good human thing if we just paused to thank and show gratitude to these silent workers. I felt something should be said to praise and acknowledge their important support.

While writing on this subject, there is one person that must be singled out for our thanks and praise and that is **Joan Birch**. Many of you will remember her. She retired in January, after 50 years association with "Dr", always a tower of strength I would say at his side.

They first met at Concord Hospital, and then later she was matron at Alanbrook the hospital run by Dr. Seaborn.

So, as you can see, she gave her life of service to good causes and is a person who should be remembered in love and gratitude by all. We wish her happiness in her retirement.

There is one "tower of strength" still to be thanked for her ceaseless work and dedication, and that is our Administrator, **Carol Martin**.

Carol's passion in earlier years was performing and teaching as a professional dancer, yet here she is the perfect secretary with a mind like a steel trap. Goodness knows where we would be without her!

Carol keeps the whole place going and has a hundred tasks to perform, we are certainly most grateful to her.

From early April she will adjust her working hours. Those who may need to be in contact with her should note she will be present 10am to 4pm Monday to Thursday. Messages can be left on Friday for bookings and so on.

So that is about it for this month folks and a heap of necessary praise being the main point.

One last item, a very nice invitation has come for SBW Friends from the **British Consul General, Mr Richard Morris and Mrs Alison Morris** to a reception at their home in Vaucluse. This will be on Wednesday 21 April and the information you need is included with the Newsletter. It would be a most agreeable event.

There are many events to choose from, please book early so you will not be disappointed, some functions sell out quickly.

Sincerely

*Leslie Walford*

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