



The Magic Circular

August MEETING

3rd Monday of the Month

Next meeting 18TH August at **THE MAGIC ZONE.**
25 Michellan Court, Bayswater. Melway Map 64 A4.

President Report:

Firstly I must say thank you to the members who voted me in as the new President of the club. It is a great honour and I am sure that with the help of Brenton as Vice President and the committee we will be able to continue the growth and success the club has enjoyed in recent years. I am sure you all join with me in thanking Alan Sloggett for his time and effort as our previous President and I am much relieved to take over the role with the club in such a positive position. Thanks again Alan.

Many thanks to Graham Etherington for visiting the club last month. I particularly liked Graham's rope effects and was inspired to put the cards to one side and practice the Panama Rope Trick when I got home.

The committee met on the 30th July 2014 to discuss ideas for upcoming meetings and I will list some of those ideas below to help generate discussion from the members of the club. In particular we are interested in suggestions for guest lecturers who you may know would be willing to visit the club to share their knowledge and experience. I also want to ensure we capture the vast experience we have from within our own club members and invite those who feel they would like to contribute, to let myself or the committee know how you would like to help.

Upcoming Meetings: Although there is a risk that we may need to change plans for upcoming meetings, I have listed below the current thoughts for the rest of 2014.

August 2014: Gary Cohen has asked members to bring their oldest trick and also provide some history around the effect if possible.

September 2014: The club will run a teaching night with 3 or 4 tables showing techniques for effects using props such as sponge balls, ropes, cards and perhaps rubber bands. We will confirm the teachers and topics at the August meeting. Roger will be travelling and will be unable to attend in September.

October 2014: This night was previously advertised as an intra-club auction and this will be confirmed.

November 2014: Close Up competition with the format similar to the April 2012 night. The rules need to be confirmed but each act is expected to be limited to 7 minutes. Details to be announced asap.

December 2014: Xmas Meeting – Do I sense a BBQ works well?

General Business:

Club Library: John Cairns has already put in a huge amount of work cataloguing the club's existing books and DVD's. John has asked that all books and in particular DVD's you have at home be brought to the next meeting to help him finish this process. John will let us know his new system at the August meeting.

Working with Children Card: The committee recommends that any club magician working with children organise a current Working with Children card available on-line or through a local Post Office. It was noted that the rules of the club require that no child under the age of 18 should be at the club without their parent or guardian present.

Possible lecturers for 2015: The committee made a list of potential lecturers that we will approach to visit the club. If you know any experienced entertainers who you think would be willing to come along, please let the committee or myself know.

Club Website: <http://magiccircle.org.au/> Felix needs help with articles for the website and we also need to update the Facebook Page. If any tech savvy members want to assist please let Felix know. I suspect this will take quite a bit of work to get updated.

That should do it for this newsletter. I hope my "Honeymoon" period lasts a few months at least and you can offer me constructive and positive advice when you can. My goal is to ensure all members enjoy the monthly meetings and the company of other members while also improving their magic skills and ability to entertain your audiences.

See you at the August meeting.

Roger Watson
President



Annual General Meeting.

John Cairns, Cassandra Hermans and George Kechichian.



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2013 - 2014 Harmony Competition Winners.

Richard Wibberley 1st place winner.



2nd place George Kechichian.



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2014 - 2015
New Committee.

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David Kaffey.



Craig Charkisky.



Gary Cohen.



Webmaster:
Felix Lee.



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Two new Junior Members.

President Roger Watson Inducted
Kyle Donohue & Alex Watson into the club



President Roger Watson with Kyle Donohue.

President Roger Watson with Alex Watson.



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Harmony Six Competitors:

Don Jones, John Cairns, Kyle Donohue, George Kechichian, Benjamin Hermans and Richard Wibberley.



1st place winner Don Jones.



2nd John Cairns assisted by David Kaffey.



3rd Kyle Donohue assisted by Brenton Foale.



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Time for a Trick:

Gary Johnson talking about his new trick.



Graham Etherington teaching a card Prediction.



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Magic Circle Library Logic



To quote the motto of Unseen University, (The University for Wizards in Terry Pratchett's Disc world novels, which I recommend as a very funny read)

"Nunc Id Vides, Nunc Ne Vides",
(Now You See It, Now You Don't)

As new librarian I have just gone through the cupboard and I really hope our current members have some of the missing books and DVDs, because a lot of them have vanished.

If you have anything from the library please return it to me at the next meeting or, if you can't get to that meeting email me and let me know you have it. I will be going through the book with the borrowing information shortly but this will make my life easier.

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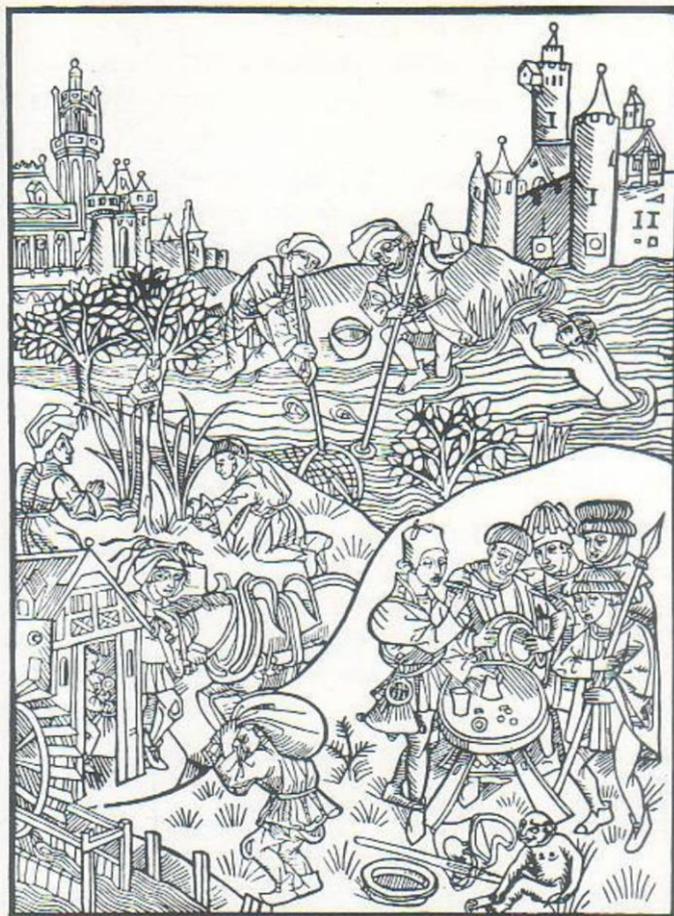
I will also be putting a complete list of what we have on our website so if you want to borrow a particular book just let me know.

Stay tuned for more bibliological burblings

John

To fit in with this month's meeting where members have been asked to bring their oldest trick and also provide some history around the effect if possible, I've added a picture which includes some history on the famous cups and balls routine.

The picture below is from "The Great Illusionists" by Edwin A Dawes



The Cups and Balls trick in the fifteenth century. A woodcut by an unknown artist for the Block Book WIRTUNG DER PLANETEN (1470) derived from the original CHILDREN OF THE PLANETS drawing by Joseph of Ulm (1404).

Our monthly Raffle

If you have any new items you wish to donate for our monthly raffle please bring them along.

Magic on the net

Each month Dave & Craig from the "Wizard Product review" discuss and rate new magic products from all over the globe. This is a fantastic site for the new & upcoming magicians. Not only will it give you ideas but it will assist you with your direction in magic. Go to youtube and search wizard product review. Displayed will also be all their previous months.

Magic on TV

If you know of a series or show coming up please let us know so we can include it here.

Free Public shows

If you have a show coming up that you would like to advertise here, please let the editor know.

Something on your mind?

The MCV newsletter is always interested in getting new stories and articles to publish. If anyone wants anything put in the newsletter, please feel free to email it to the editor and we will find a special spot, just for you.

This newsletter has been compiled by Gary Johnson. Photos by Graeme McKenzie.

2013 - 2014 Committee.

<i>President:</i>	Roger Watson
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