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## Out & About MAGAZINE

### OAM Marks Ruby Anniversary for "Ma" and the Ashgrove Dance Studio...

Loving theatre and dance is not always just about loving the performance – it's also the colour, the costumes, the creative couture that turns a performance into theatre.

Enter, stage left, Theda Claire Lowe, or "Ma" as she is affectionately known, the wardrobe mistress of the respected Ashgrove Dance Studio.

After nearly 60 years of designing and creating costumes for not only the lucky students at the studio but also the Queensland Light Opera Company, Queensland Modern and Contemporary Dance Company, and The Ballet Theatre of Queensland. From Queensland Ballet, Mrs Lowe was this year awarded an Australia Day Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her services to the performing arts.

And while you might think that being commissioned to create costumes for a royal performance for her Majesty the Queen during her 1982 Commonwealth Games visit to Australia, would be one of the highlights of Mrs Lowe's successful career, that is not necessarily the case.

For this sprightly and vivacious octogenarian, who has devoted her life to creating costumes for thousands of performers, it's the fast pace of show business that keeps her going... along with the "thanks Ma" from the students that call Ashgrove Dance Studio home.

"I love it – I enjoy the excitement – that's what keeps me going," Mrs Lowe said.

"That, and the lovely smiles of excitement on the faces of the students, and their parents, when they receive their costumes."

With the Ashgrove Dance Studio, operated by Principals Wendy and Judy Lowe, celebrating its Ruby Anniversary this year, Mrs Lowe's OAM, is a fitting additional reward for this year of celebration.

Join the Ashgrove Dance Studio when they celebrate 40 years of dance, and Ma's OAM, at a Community Dinner in the coming months. Find out more by visiting [www.ashgrovedance.com.au](http://www.ashgrovedance.com.au), emailing [principal@ashgrovedance.com.au](mailto:principal@ashgrovedance.com.au) or phoning 3366 2976. Also mark your diaries for 10th, 11th, 12th October for their annual dance spectacular.



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**W**elcome to Out & About Magazine readers. A wonderful award for a very special lady Theda Lowe. With so much going on in and around Brisbane, there will be no excuses for sitting back with nothing to do in 2013. A wonderful award for a very special lady, Mrs Theda Lowe. O.A.M. for special service to the Performing Arts. Congratulations! Read all about it in this edition of Out & About. Don't forget, Out & About Magazine is happy to help you publicise your community activity or event. Just send details to Out & About PO Box 1686, Noosa Heads 4567 or email [ros@outandaboutmag.com.au](mailto:ros@outandaboutmag.com.au) The deadline for the next issue is 7th July.

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Jan, who has a range of degrees including an M Ed (Learning Support and Inclusive Education), a Bachelor of Education with a Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood, and another in Gifted Education, said

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"I have 36 years teaching experience in both primary and secondary schools," Jan said.

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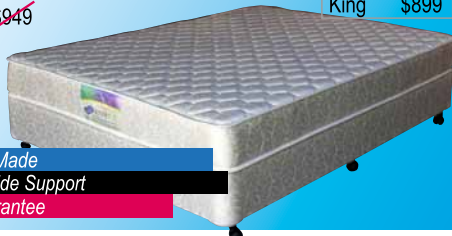
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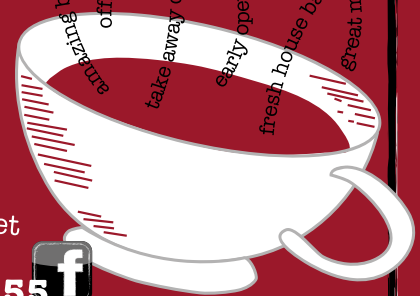
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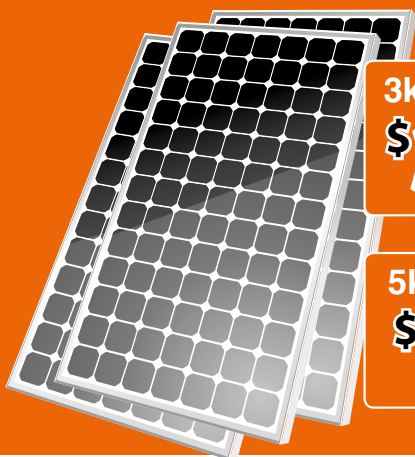


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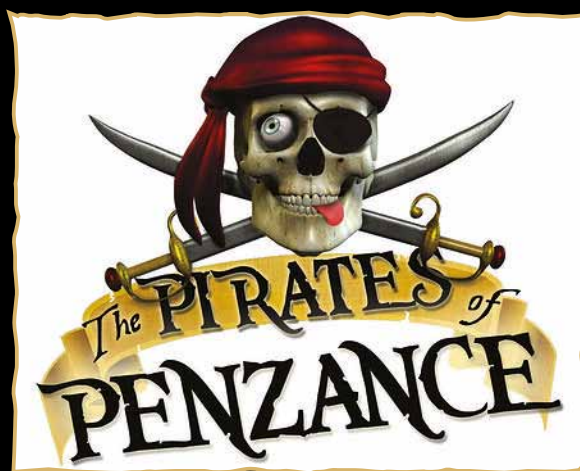
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