

The BACKDROP

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White Christmas

Just over two weeks to go as I write this 'late' newsletter – with an extra dance rehearsal called (for a Thursday) to make sure we get our big chorus numbers as tight as possible. Everyone has been working fantastically well under Molly (and now Zoe's) watchful eye, and it was great to get a good chunk of our wonderful orchestra in for a recent run-through. A bit like Martha 'the megaphone' Watson (in show joke) they were loud but sounding good and helped impart some fresh energy.

Our principals are doing a great job also with so much to remember and perfect. A couple of numbers are already 'my favourites' but really the whole show is full of great music with a typical 'Hollywood' feel-good story to boot = drama, humour, love, misunderstanding, ultimate happiness. The Production crew have also put in a magnificent effort behind the scenes and it is now the main task for everybody to reward everybody's effort by getting **as many bums on seats as we can** i.e. family, friends and workmates to come along and see you in all your multi-costumed glory :)

BTC 25 Years Celebration

Our celebration of 'shows gone by' continues with the following photos from 3 out of 5 productions in the 1994 to 1995 period – being **Fool's Paradise**, **Tarantara Tarantara**, **Cinderella** (panto but no photo), **South Pacific** and our melodrama (at the 'Comical' and elsewhere but no photo) **the Wild Flowering of Chastity**.



*From **Fool's Paradise** we have the vibrant and talented Marion Jordan looking somewhat curious; plus the wonderful Steve Rankin who while he was with us (alas in both senses) was a great character actor in many of our shows including as the original Ginger Mick (in *Sentimental Bloke* No. 1) but also versatile enough to give great dramatic performances such as in *A Touch of Silk**



***Tarantara Tarantara** was a wonderful show directed by Brian Clough that told the story of Gilbert and Sullivan and their relationship with D'Oyly Carte with many of their most popular songs sprinkled throughout the show. Geoff Rayner, John Ellis (at the last minute if I remember?) and Jim Tullberg were the main characters but we had a wonderfully enthusiastic and tuneful chorus/ensemble that brought the Town Hall stage to life every night with great colour and gusto as evident above. Ladies visible include Di Meyers, Wendy Hyland, Lois Smith, Wendy Mead & Eileen Skelton – being led astray by ‘Judge’ Rayner and who I thought originally was Bruce Burton (silly me) but we think was in fact a one-timer in Kevan Porter. Understandably; the chorus delivering ‘Hail Poetry’ is one of the enduring memories of a very good show.*

*The full cast photo of **South Pacific** sits on the hut wall as a memento to a wonderful musical that starred Laurie Watters and Ross Bootes with a great supporting cast incl Debbie P and Mike Ryan. Biggest challenge was perhaps keeping warm in a frigid Town Hall esp Laurie and the girls who had to wear swimsuits and native gear :) Also a bit of ‘claim to fame’ for all*



*involved who can say with hand on heart that they shared a stage with Ella Hooper (subsequent lead-singer of **Killing Heidi**) who is sitting on the stage in front of Laurie and **Director Di Meyers**. Only a 12-y-o at the time but for a young kid from Violet Town she & brother Jesse did pretty well for themselves and the district*

Further to the **25 Years celebration**, the sub-committee are still at work setting up a weekend in October when we will try to get as many past BTC participants as possible along to a night at Raffetys and a memorabilia look/brunch at the Hut (more details to follow). **But you can help !!!** If you can provide an email contact or address for any of the following substantial list of people :)

SUE ARMITAGE	CHRIS ASHTON	JEAN BAILEY	MANDY BAIRD	CAZ BAMENT
BRENDAN BEATON	NATALIE BERRY	KERRY BIDDLE	RACHEL BLUCK	MICHAEL BRENNAN
DAVID BURNS	DAVID CAMPBELL	EMMA CAMPBELL	NIMMI CANDAPPA	KELLY CHAPMAN
TONY CHAY	DANNIELLE CLARK	JAIME LEA COATES	REBECCA COLLIDGE	SARAH COLLIDGE
MEG COOPER	JOCELYN CULL	PETER DAVIS	JACQUI DAW	RUSSELL DAWES
BETH DONNELLY	LAURA DONNELLY	SHERILEIGH DOWELL	LYNDA EVANS	CARMEN FEEHAN
BRIAN FITZPATRICK	GREG FOLETTA	BRIAN FORWOOD	BETH FREARSON	MARY GARRETT
PETER GARRETT	ANDREW GIBSON	BELINDA GIBSON	CAMERON GIBSON	PHIL GIBSON
DOUGAL GILMOUR	JOSH GRIFFIN	IAN HARPER	MIKE HEFFERNAN	LISA HERNAN
MELANICK HICKS	REITJE HICKS	RICHARD HIGGLET	LINDSAY HILL	MIRANDA HOCKING
KAREN HUNTINGTON	ANDREA JAMES	LISA JOHNSON	MARIAN JORDAN	SVETLANA KAROVITCH
CLAIRE KELLY	PIXIE KENNY	ALICIA KOTVAS	LINDA KUBEIL	BELINDA LAUGHLIN
KAYE LAWLEY	CHRIS LEVITSKE	TAMMY MAHER	VIOLET MAHER	REG MAXSTED
LISA MAXWELL	SIOBHAN MAXWELL	MARG MCGUIGAN	RACHEL MCHUGH	JOSH MCNAUGHTON
ASHLEA MCRAE	DEBRA MCRAE	RACHEL MENERE	MOLLY MORRISEY	ROBYN MORRISON
BRONWYN MURPHY	JOHN-PAUL MURPHY	JOHN MURRAY	ANDREW NELSON	ANNA O'BRIEN
PAUL O'CALLAGHAN	JANE O'HALLORAN	DEBBIE O'SHEA	DAVID PAEZ	GABBY PAGLIARO
LAKESH PARAG	RICHARD PATESTOS	ADRIAN PATTERSON	HEATHER PATTERSON	JANE PEARSON
SAMANTHA READ	KRISTIE RHODES	ANNE-MARIE RITCHIE	MARY-TERESA RITCHIE	TAMMY ROBL
SIMON ROLLSTON	KARLI RYAN	KEELEY SEMEIA	HAYLEY SHELTON	DAVID SHERIDAN
SHANNON SIGGERS	JULIE SINCLAIR	KRIS SKI	MARY SKI	NICK SKI
LINDSAY SLADE	DARYL SMITH	ANDREW SPELLING	VALERIE SPELLING	PHILLIP STAGG
MAREE STOCKDALE	PETER SUMMONS	JON TEMBY	ANTHONY THORNE	JO TONKIN
MIRIAM TONKIN	EUON WANN	CARYN WATERS	JUNE WELLS	ALISON WILDE
CAROLYN WILDE	FIONA WILDE	DEB WALLACE	MICHELLE YOUNG	JOANNE ZOCH
JAMES ALLAN	COLIN ALLEN	ANNETTE BARTLE	SANDY BEFORD	MAX BEESON
RUDY BETTANIN	SIMON BEVILACQUA	JAMES BOWEN	JOY CHAMBERS	DEBORAH CLARKE
BRIAN CLOUGH	JENNY COLLIER	DAVID CROWDER	LAWRIE DAVIES	TERRY DILLON
GREG FLISSENGER	SHARON GILMORE	CHRIS GLEESON	KATE GORDON-ADDISON	ETHNE GREEN
JOHN GREEN	BETH GREGORY	JIM HARRISON	DENIS HAYES	THERESA HEAD
JIM HENDERSON	JULIE HOBSBAWN	BROOKE HOLMES	MARK JEFFERIS	DARYL JOHNSTON
HEATHER JUDD	CHARMAYNE LANE	FRANK LEVESQUE	MERRAN LEVITZSKE	GARY LEWIS
JOHN MARSHALL	JUDY MARTIN	GWENDA MCCARTEN	GERALDINE MCCORKLE	GAVIN MCMAHON
JUDY MCNAUGHTON	TRACEY MENZIES	LUCY MILLER	ROBYN MILLER	TAMMY MILLIGAN
SARAH MILTHORPE	DEB MORRISEY	MARK NIVENS	MEREDITH PAEZ	SALINA PAULUS
ROD PHILLIPS	PETRA POOLE	BRAD PRYOR	JASON REID/READ	DON SIMPSON
ENID SIMPSON	DION STEVENSON	FRITZ SUENDERMAN	BARBARA TATTERSALL	HEATHER TRAEGER
SARAH TRETOWAN	TONY TROUNSON	JACQUIE WANKLYN	SYD WATSON	KERRY WATT
JEAN WIGG	STAN WILLIAMS	GLENDA WILLMOTT	RACHEL ANASTASIOU	CHRIS ANDERSON
BRIAN BARKER	MATTEW CARRAFA	SARAH CHAPMAN	CAROLINE CLARKE	STEPHANIE CLARKE
ROB DOSSER	BRIAN FLOATE	LUCY FORREST	MATTHEW GRAY	JESSAMIE KAITLER
KAREN KELLY	CHRISTINE JEFFERIS	STUART JEFFERIS	SERENA JEFFERIS	ANNA LANG
PETER LEPPICK	JULIAN MAHER	ANDREW MARTIN	ADAM MCCULLOCH	BELINDA MOULDAY
KIM MUNDY	PETER MURRAY	SANDRA PATERSON	CAMERON POTTER	ADAM PRICE
REBECCA PRICHARD	BILL SCOTT	DAVID TOLPUTT	JACQUIE TONKS	SHARON WRIGHT
STEPHEN WRIGHT				

Of course if everyone turned up we would be spilling out into the car park in Denny Street, but it is the intent of the organisers (and perhaps only courteous) that we extend a formal invitation to anybody and everybody. We've already had some 'Ill be there ...' responses verbally from a few people – and (on a related note) it was great to see a very fit looking Alan Stone over for a recent visit (and studied glance at rehearsal :) – not to mention seeing a bit more of one Jamie Boatwood of late. Sadly we'll be missing a couple of other troopers for a while – but that's another story.

So if you know the whereabouts or contact details of any of the above people could you please forward same to Emily, Jim or Molly for inclusion on the mail-out list. (Invites going out soon after White Christmas)

Important Dates

Fri July 23	Goorambat 'White Christmas' Rehearsal & Devenish Dinner
Sat July 24	Goorambat Night & Bump-In
Thurs July 29	Dress Rehearsal
Fri July 30	Opening Night
Sat August 7	Last Show & start of Cast Party
Sunday August 8	Bump Out & Clean Up
Sat/Sun Oct 16/17	BTC 25 Year get Together

HUMOUR

A handful of quotes from one of my favourites (says something about me??) – Rodney Dangerfield.

A girl phoned me the other day & said Come over, there's nobody home. I went over. Nobody was home.

I drink too much. The last time I gave a urine sample it had an olive in it.

My psychiatrist told me I was crazy and I said I want a second opinion. He said okay, you're ugly too.

My uncle's dying wish - he wanted me on his lap. He was in the electric chair.

My wife and I were happy for 20 years. Then we met.

The way my luck is running, if I was a politician I would be honest.