

# The BACKDROP

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The 'old' (figure of speech only?) editor is back at his desk. Big thank-you to Molly for standing in while I was away – just what doesn't that girl do and how would we do without her?? : )

## Oklahoma

The cast have been singing and dancing and blocking their butts off already at various all-in or select group rehearsals under the guidance of Molly and Elaine. I popped in soon after getting back from holidays and saw a very enthusiastic rendition of 'It's a Scandal ....' that even without the scene's star on the night was looking and sounding pretty good. The lovely mix of 'old hands' and new faces are really putting in a great effort and I'm sure we can look forward to a fantastic show. Our new mirrors have yet to be 'unleashed' on the chorus; but let's hope that when they are there is a whole lot of togetherness (as in synchronicity) and minimal preening

Touch wood we seem to have nearly all bases covered as far as the Production side goes; though as usual several people are finding the time and dedication to do two or more things. I'll be looking for volunteers (family, friends, members not on stage) to help out with Front of House duties (ushering, selling raffle tickets, serving coffee/tea/champagne etc) and pretty sure I won't have to do much pleading(?)

Promoting the show and getting bums on seats is of course a priority; so please start talking up the show (even though still 12 weeks away that will fly : ) and get as many people along as you can. My good friends Harold and Gwen from Shepparton are hoping to get a busload from their retirement village; so you locals should endeavour to match that.

One thing we certainly could do with is **a rehearsal and/or performance pianist** to help out or take over from Elaine whose hands are struggling to cope with playing. If you know anyone who would fit the bill then please get in touch with Elaine or Molly.

Also – on the props/sets side we are looking for **an old fashioned rocking chair** and **any assistance we can get for the sets boys** (Jamie, Don, Eddie etc) with some construction in the next few weeks – possibly at a working bee or two? If you are even half capable with a hammer and nails then see if you can find time to help out when the call is made. A lot more of our shows these days make use of lighting and curtains and 'location' to help set scenes, but Oklahoma just won't be the same without a good smoke-house and a few hitchin' rails and fences etc : )

## Membership

At our AGM a couple of months ago we kept our annual fees the same as they've been for many years (Adult \$30; Student/Concession \$25; Associate \$15). For insurance purposes – everyone who appears on stage needs to take out membership but we would also like to see many more of those not actually 'under lights' be a formal part of BTC. We are printing out membership cards this year and we'd dearly like to have to do a re-print; but at the moment cast and committee plus a few other stalwarts are our only takers.

Membership subs will never cover our annual 'exes' – we live and die by our shows - but they help; and for a mere \$15 (or whatever category you'd like) you can be an official part of 'the family'. We are probably only posting 20% of the number of newsletters we used to – emailing most – but even that comes at a certain cost in time and money (60c x 18 x 11 per year plus envelopes) and a certain amount of internet usage; so for the price of a couple of McDonalds meals you could help BTC roll along just a little bit – and get a lovely membership card. Being a member will also get you \$5 discount off shows at other companies in the area; so have a ponder : )

## Movie Night(s)

Two of these successful monthly evenings have been held so far out at the hut to see some classic shows/movies that are both family friendly and hopefully 'inspirational' for the current crop of board treaders. The wonderful 'Singing in the Rain' was first up followed recently by 'Easter Parade' and the **next movie night will be on Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>**. The name of the next movie to be screened is a closely kept secret (known only to a handful of White House aides) – which is a euphemistic way of saying that at the time of writing this no decision had been made : ) Whatever it is will be entertaining no doubt. Huge thanks to Steve 'Mr Screen It' Winkler and other helpers who set up the club-room and the technology to let these nights happen. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated; and if anyone has a suggestion as to what would be a good show to include on the monthly programme – then please let us know. Personally I think back to one of the great double features I saw as a younger dude (and we are talking 1979 here folks – when a lot of you weren't even twinkles : ) – the first (and probably best?) 'Alien' movie (Sigourney Weaver & her cat Jonesy etc – fantastic); supported by a crass but very funny thing called 'Caddyshack'. Bill Murray and Rodney Dangerfield in the one movie – absolutely tasteless but terrific at the time. But .... I digress. Get along to one or all of these nights if you can.

## Humour?

Just thinking of Caddyshack and other even funnier films (e.g. Life of Brian – now maybe there's one for the list Steve???) I'm compelled to try to inject a smattering of amusement into this otherwise news-heavy and 'colourless' tome (no piccies as such – miss that series of old ones – might have to just resurrect a few – or grab some current rehearsal ones : ) Anyway – a few quotes from the wonderful Phyllis Diller

"Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight."

"Women want men, careers, money, children, friends, luxury, comfort, independence, freedom, respect, love, and a three-dollar pantyhose that won't run."

"Most children threaten at times to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going."

"Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?"

"What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day"

"It's a good thing that beauty is only skin deep, or I'd be rotten to the core"

"I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them."

A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once"

"Any time three New Yorkers get into a cab without an argument, a bank has just been robbed"

"Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age / as your beauty fades, so will his eyesight."

## Important Dates

Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>  
Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>  
Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>

**Info Night for Allegro 'Return to the Forbidden Planet' (see ad following)**  
**BTC's next Movie Night at the Hut (keep ears/eyes open for what : )**  
**Oklahoma Opening Night**  
**PROBABLE Night of Entertainment at Raffetys (to be confirmed)**



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**the cult rock'n'roll musical**

**Yarrowonga; November 2011**



## **INFORMATION SESSION AND AUDITIONS :**

**Information evening – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 7pm**  
**Senior Study Centre, Yarrowonga College P-12 Secondary Campus,**  
**Pinniger Street Yarrowonga**

**Open Auditions – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 10am, also at Yarrowonga College**

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