

# The BACKDROP

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## NUNSENSE IS ON A ROLE (or several : )

This year's sure to be hilarious and popular musical has been in rehearsal now for several weeks with a relatively small but enthusiastic and mega-talented cast. Now that we have two pianos (with no dud keys : ) the singing practice/learning has progressed apace; with the looming prospect already of getting some harmonies right : )

Those that heeded the call of 'get thee to a nunnery' are:

Reverend Mother Mary Regina - Molly Craig

Sister Hubert - Debbie Patterson

Sister Robert Anne - Mary-Ann Jolly

Sister Amnesia - Dianne Feldtmann

Sister Leo - Shelly Hann

Sister Julia, Child of God - Rod Miller

Sister Brendan - Emily Watt

Brother Luke - Jamie Boatwood

Brother Wilhelm - Nick Brodie

Father Virgil - David Garrett

Chorus Alyce Brightmore

Gemma Keating

Samantha Towns

Congratulations and thanks to all those people who will grace the stage; a special welcome to Sam and a big welcome back to Rod and Shelly.

And saints be praised !! – on the Production side there's great news with all but maybe one of the key coordination/job roles filled already. (Note to Production Manager – get act together soon : )

All members & friends let's get behind the cast & production team to make Nunsense a huge hit !!

## AGM

Our Annual General Meeting was held as usual on the last Tuesday of November; attended by 15 or so hardy souls. The election of Office Bearers was a typical stress-free and bloodless exercise for chair-taker Laurie with the following results:

President / Molly Craig; Vice President / David Garrett; Secretary / Emily Watt; Treasurer / Jim Tullberg;  
Committee / Jamie Boatwood, Elaine Heywood, Laurie Webber, Kelvin Watt, Wayne Wilson.

Molly presented a very positive report for the year that saw us participate/in and support many community functions; stage a wonderful Oklahoma and Raffetys Night and end up in a better financial position to boot. A thrilled recipient of the **President's Award** was retiring & long-serving committee member **KATH O'HARA**. Well done to Kath plus Molly & all the 'outgoing' committee and best wishes / thanks to the continuing and new members of the company executive. No show without cast but also no company without committee

## Subs/Membership

A standard part of the AGM was the setting of subs for the year – and not surprisingly the status quo was maintained for the ensuing year i.e. BTC Subscriptions:

Full/Adult Member	\$30
Concession/Student	\$25
Associate Member	\$15

As acknowledged at the AGM the company will always 'live and die' according to the success of our shows; but taking out membership is still very important. It is compulsory for cast members (to cover our personal accident insurance premiums) and is definitely encouraged for all others; if not as a gesture of support/solidarity then at least to give you voting rights at the AGM.

So please get your 30/25/15 to Jim or Emily or any committee person ASAP – in exchange for a pretty BTC membership card that can get you a discount to shows put on by other NE theatre companies.

## Working Bee

Every now and again the rehearsal and (more importantly?) storage hut(s) need a bit of TLC.

The well intentioned Bump-out from a previous show can occasionally lead to a severe case of the 'where-the-hell-did-that-end-up?'s the year after; or at least limited access to important stuff because other important stuff is in the way : )

So on **Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am** we are having a short working bee (the more hands the merrier/quicker) to sort out a few storage issues and transfer some required stuff to the main room.

Please come along and give a bit of a hand if you can. No heavy lifting(?). No spiders : )

## SINGING TUITION

Another quick plug for **Caroline the singing teacher at TDA** – available Thursday nights for lessons if you want a fantastic teacher guaranteed to bring out your vocal best.

**Ring Vicki on 0418 616 987** or pop into TDA one night after work (next door to Hollywoods in Carrier St) to discuss/organise a lesson.

## Important Dates

**Saturday March 17**

**Friday July 20 to Saturday August 4**

**Working Bee at Hut - 10am**

**8 x 'Nunsense' Performances at BPACC**

## HUMOUR

A few quotes from the legendary Groucho Marx : )

Go, and never darken my towels again.

I never forget a face, but in your case I'll be glad to make an exception.

I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it.

Those are my principles, and if you don't like them... well, I have others.

Anyone who says he can see through women is missing a lot.

I worked myself up from nothing to a state of extreme poverty

Here's to our girlfriends and wives; may they never meet!

I have nothing but confidence in you. And very little of that

The secret to life is honesty and fair dealing; if you can fake that you've got it made

Before I speak, I have something important to say.

I didn't like the play; but then I saw it under adverse conditions – the curtain was up.

If you've heard this story before – don't stop me; I'd like to hear it again.

A man is only as old as the woman he feels.

Who are you going to believe – me or your own eyes?