

# The BACKDROP



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## NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT

An appreciative and enthusiastic crowd attended our show on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. People commented on the great variety of the evening and the high standard of performances. It was great to see a number of members in the crowd, including some of our younger members **Rachael Feldtmann, Alyce Brightmore and Gemma Keating.**

Thank you to performers and musos who worked so hard for this night, particularly **Mary-Ann Jolly, Debbie Patterson and Elaine Heywood.**

On Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, the company continued its great work, with a performance at the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, held at the Anglican Church. It was a very enjoyable afternoon, followed by a scrumptious afternoon tea!

## LEGACY AND LODGE

Rehearsals are underway for these end of year commitments. The programs are a combination of music from A Night of Entertainment and Christmas Carols. It's always lovely to be able to perform for these two organisations that have been long-time supporters of our company.

**Legacy** is to be held on **Sunday 8 December**, at the Benalla Bowls Club at 2pm.

**Lodge** is to be held on **Tuesday 10 December** at the Marangan Lodge, time to be announced.

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

It's not too late if you want to come and be a part of the group singing for Carols. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. This is always a fun time of the year, a little more relaxed and a great way for people to be introduced to the company, so if you have anyone would like to join us, bring them along.

Our item with the band is the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

We are rehearsing with the band on Tuesdays the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.30pm at the PAC at Benalla P-12 College on Faithful Street.

Date for Carols by Candlelight: **Sunday 15 December**



## GEORGY AWARDS

Huge amounts of applause and congratulations to **Jim Tullberg** who was the winner for Best Singing Performance (Male) at the recently held Georgy Awards. Our humble Nicely-Nicely Johnson was in shock after winning the award, but those of us who were involved with Guys and Dolls know that it was richly deserved. Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat was a nightly highlight of the show. Well done Jim!!

Congratulations are also extended to **Shelley Hann**, whose role as Mimi, was acknowledged with a Certificate of Excellence. Well done Shell!!

Congratulations are also extended to those in the cast who were nominated: **Jamie Boatwood, Nicholas Brodie and Stephen Winkler.**



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Yes, it's the most wonderful time of the year and to celebrate it, David Garrett has very kindly offered to open his home to us for our Christmas party.

**The date: Friday 6 December.**

**The place: 151 Waller Street.**

**The time: 6pm onwards.**

**BYO: everything!**

Come along and enjoy a relaxing evening with the company.

## THE PAJAMA GAME

Preparations are well underway for our 2014 production.

Some dates to note:

**Information Night** – Wednesday 12 March at 7.00pm at the Hut

**Auditions** – Sunday 16 and Monday 17 March.

**Rehearsals begin** – Sunday 23 March at 7.30pm

Rehearsal nights will revert back to Sundays and Wednesdays. If you want to be a part of the show, but one of those nights is a problem for you, please speak to Molly at your audition and she will see what she can do to accommodate you in the rehearsal schedule.

The show will run over 2 weekends instead of 3 next year.

## Performance dates and times:

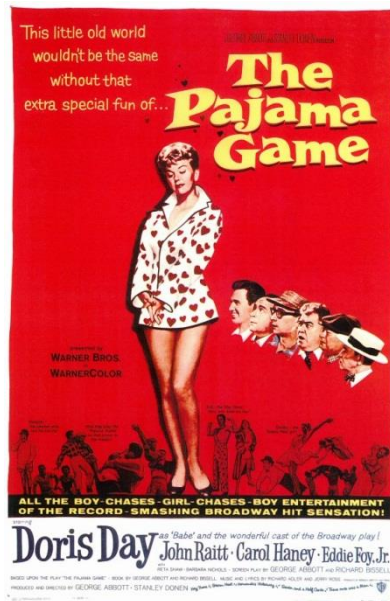
Friday 25 July 8pm

Saturday 26 July 8pm

Sunday 27 July 2pm

Friday 1 August 8pm

Saturday 2 August 2pm & 8pm



A **DVD Night** to watch the movie will be held on **Friday 28 February at 7.30pm at the Hut**. The movie is a lot of fun, starring Doris Day in the lead role of Babe Williams.

The show is full of lots of dancing and singing, and numerous roles for both males and females. The script is available to read. Please contact Emily on 5762 3682.

We are looking for people to help us backstage with costumes, sets, front of house, publicity team etc etc etc. Please don't hold back if you are interested...let us know how you can help! Also, if you know others in the community who would like to be a part of our company, let them know we want them involved! Come and be a part of a great team. Contact Emily if you can help.

Here's the long list of jobs that are needed to get the show to the stage (so you can

see why we need so much help):

Production Manager

Production Secretary                      Emily Watt

Production Treasurer

Director    Molly Craig

Assistant to the Director                      Wendy Hyland

Musical Director                                  Elaine Heywood

Choreographer

Stage Manager

Set Designer

Sets / Backstage

Publicity Team

Props

Costumes

Sound Designer / Operator

Lighting Designer

Follow Spot Operators

Front of House Coordinator/s

Programme Emily Watt

Show Photography Kelvin Watt

Sponsorship

Prompt

## **WORKING BEE**

Thank you to the 8 hardworking people who came and helped to finish the clearing out of the Sets Hut. It's amazing to see the empty hut...I don't think it has ever been empty in the 8 or so years that we have been in it. This now allows our sub-committee, of John Ellis, Jamie Boatwood, Wayne Wilson and Kelvin Watt to start some further investigations and planning for the future.