

The BACKDROP



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GUYS & DOLLS.

As per usual we wait 'patiently' for the Council to process our invoice for ticket sales and then provide us with an account for BPACC usage. Until then one can only repeat that 'Guys and Dolls' was indeed a wonderful production – but whether was a financial success we can't say as yet. With our budgets now being almost double what they were 'back in the good old days' it really takes a show out of the box to do more than just get you over the line. I reckon we had one – but still the bums on seats (apart from our matinees) were not as good as we hoped. Symo will be convening a final production meeting later this month so 'Watch this space.'

STUFF

The Hut

Many thanks to John, Wayne, Jamie, Kelvin/Em for keeping things moving with the ongoing inspection and consideration of the huts (esp the storage hut) and surrounding drainage. The committee has pretty much baulked at wholesale expenditure to totally re-do the hut; but are looking at a compromise solution that will cost us less; keep the hut (exterior at least) intact for historic purposes and still provide some sturdy infrastructure for our future needs. Still a bit of investigation and work to go – which unsurprisingly will require You guessed it a

Working Bee

We need to clean out a couple of drains (to improve/ascertain water flow) and remove some lower exterior panelling (to facilitate better inspection of the stumps/bearers/joists etc for the load-bearing walls.

Saturday 14 September at 10am we are looking for a small but willing cast of perhaps mainly males (but we welcome all :) to undertake the above. Even half a dozen or so with some concentrated effort can do some good and hopefully get us closer to a final decision on the inevitable spend.

End of Year Gigs

Rehearsals for Raffetys (and Lodge/Legacy) will begin on **Monday September 9th**.

Molly has selected a few medleys for the choir bits which include (if my memory serves me correctly :) a Bee Gees medley (woo hoo); John Denver revisited (an old fave); a 'Surf Songs' one (Beach Boys and Jan & Dean) plus I think an Irving Berlin or similar iconic composer. We need at least a few of every voice range to make a reasonable fist of harmonies so please come along to be part of what is always a fun night

Rehearsal Pianist

Just need to reiterate that we could really do with a rehearsal/performance pianist to save Elaine's hands and also free up Steve/Molly for singing duties. If you know anyone who has the talent and a bit of time and would like to hang out with a wonderful bunch of friendly amateur singers – please let us know or bring them along.

Important Dates

Monday 9 September
In October (TBA)
In November (TBA)
Friday 15 November

First Night for End of Year Rehearsals
ZAPA (Zonta) Awards Night at Wangaratta
GEORGY Awards Night at Shepparton
Night of Entertainment @ Raffetys

HUMOUR

It may be 'dated' and shamelessly 'double entendric' (??) but a few of the old 'Carry On' quotes (let alone the character names) just may bring a chuckle if not some nostalgia :)

Kenneth Williams (as Julius Caesar on being murdered in the senate): Infamy! Infamy! They've all got it in for me!

I have kleptomania, But when it gets bad I take something for it.

Placing the stethoscope on the young ladies chest the doctor says "Big breaths" The girl replied, "Yeth and I'm only 16."

Joan Sims (as saloon girl) - "My real name's Mary, but round here I'm known as Belle"
Sid James (as The Rumpo Kid) - "Remind me to give you a clang sometime"

The Khasi of Kalabar: May the great God Shivoo bring blessings on your house.

Sir Sidney Ruff-Diamond: And on yours.

The Khasi of Kalabar: And may his radiance light up your darkness.

Sir Sidney Ruff-Diamond: And up yours.

Evelyn Blunt: Not for me, thank you.

Vic Flange: Oh. Don't drink?

Evelyn Blunt: No, I tried it once and didn't like it.

Vic Flange: Smoke?

Evelyn Blunt: I tried it once and didn't like it.

Vic Flange: Strange.

Evelyn Blunt: Not at all, my daughter and I are just the same.

Vic Flange: Your only child, I presume.

Lady Joan Ruff-Diamond: [watching polo game] Ooh, I say! He did not 'alf crack that one, did he not?

Sir Sidney Ruff-Diamond: Dearest, if you can't express yourself in more elegant terms, kindly shut your cakehole //

Sir Sidney Ruff-Diamond: [Watching a game of Polo in India, 1895] Good shot! Well done, Phillip! He'll do well that boy, if he marries well... //

Lady Joan Ruff-Diamond: [brushing off a collapsed ceiling] Oh dear! I seem to have got a little plastered! //

Brother Belcher: I've never ridden in a cart pulled by cows before.

Captain Keene: Bullocks, Mr Belcher!

Brother Belcher: No, I haven't, honestly. //