

The BACKDROP

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A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT

Tonight is the night!! Well done to the hard working group who have been rehearsing since September for this performance. Break a leg everyone!

SUMMERY SATURDAY SOIREE

In conjunction with the Swanpool Hall Committee, BTC will be performing a concert out at the Swanpool Hall on **Saturday 6th December beginning at 1.30pm. Please notes change of time from our last newsletter.** This will be mainly music from Night of Entertainment followed by a scrumptious afternoon tea. Cost will be \$10. This is a great way for us to help Swanpool in the use of their hall and a great opportunity for BTC to perform and be out in the community. So come along support your company and have a lovely afternoon.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The date for Carols by Candlelight is **Sunday 21 December.**

We begin rehearsals for Carols on **Sunday 30th November** at 7.30pm.

We will be singing 2 numbers with the Benalla Rose City Band:

Hallelujah Chorus and **A Jubilant Christmas.** So please bring those 2 numbers along if you have them. Copies will be available if you don't.

This is a great time to be involved with the company and a fun way to finish off the year.

We will be having **2 rehearsals with the Rose City Band** to run through all the songs for Carols and our 2 numbers. They are **Tuesday 2 December** and **Tuesday 16 December.** Time 7.30pm.

LEGACY AND LODGE

These are our other 2 regular Christmas performances. **Legacy will be on Sunday 7th of December** and **Lodge will be Tuesday the 9th of December.** These are 2 lovely events for us and continues our long tradition of supporting community.



CHRISTMAS PARTY – change of venue!

Our Christmas Party will be held on **Friday 12 December** from 6.30pm **Mary-Ann and Stuart Jolly's home** at 7 Benson Street.

BYO food (BBQ available), drinks, chairs and a salad to share.

Hope to see you there to help celebrate the great year that BTC has had.

GEORGY AWARDS

The awards were held on 15 November in Shepparton. BTC were fortunate to have one winner: **Molly Craig**, who won Best Supporting Actress in a Musical. **Gemma Keating** won a Certificate of Excellence.

Congratulations to both of you and a wonderful way to continue to celebrate the success of The Pajama Game.



COMMEMORATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR I

To help commemorate the anniversary a concert will be held on Sunday **26 April, 2015**. BTC will be the choir leading the singing, which will be music and word from World War I. There will be community singing as well, with afternoon tea to follow. The Benalla Rose City Band is also a part of the afternoon, which is great. Rehearsals will begin on **Sunday 1 February at 7.30pm at the hut**. The hope is to get a good knowledge of the music before rehearsals for The Boy from Oz begin.



THE BOY FROM OZ

Work and organising for our 2015 musical has begun. Dates are as follows:

Info Night – Wednesday 25 February

Auditions – Sunday 1 March and Monday 2 March – please contact Emily for more info, to read the script or to book your place.

Rehearsals will be on Sunday and Wednesday nights and **will begin on Wednesday 11 March**. Starting on the Wednesday to avoid the Sunday of the long weekend.

CHARACTERS

Major Principals

Peter Allen.....Must be able to dance and sing and do anything.

Young Peter Allen....Aged about 10. A junior tap dancer.

Judy Garland....Charismatic diva aged in mid 40's.

Marion Woolnough....Salt of the earth, mid 50's and up.

Liza Minnelli....A star is born. 20 something punk.

Greg Connell...Sexy Cowboy.

Trio...Karen, Shena, Linelle...dazzling singers and dancers.

Smaller parts

Dee Anthony...Peter Allen's US agent.

Valerie Anthony...Dee's wife. Peter Allen fan.

Dick Woolnough... Peter Allen's alcoholic father.

Brian Henderson... Young TV host.

Josie...Manager of the New England Hotel.

Chris Bell... Young song writer and member of the Allen Brothers.

Wally Bell... Peter's first manager. Mid 40's up.

Cameos

Rich Woman In Hong Kong

Reporters

Choreographer

Director's Voice

Director's Assistant

Bonnie...Member of Broadway production team.

Record Producer...Hard nosed businessman.

Trick...Peter Allen's flat mate

Chorus/Choir.

A fabulous selection of roles in Country Hotel, Disco, HK Night Club, Radio City Music Hall performance, TV Bandstand studio, Auditionees, Broadway Gangster show, Australian Bicentennial extravaganza and Rio Carnival

SONGS

Act 1

Not the Boy Next Door

If You Were Wondering

Name in Lights

Pretty Keen Teen

All I Wanted Was the Dream

Only an Older Woman

Moon and New York City

Don't Wish Too Hard

Somebody's Angel

Sure Thing Baby

Quiet Please There's a Lady on Stage

I'd Rather Leave While I'm in Love

Bicoastal

Taught By Experts

Act 2

When Everything Old Is New Again

Love Don't Need a Reason

She Loves to Hear the Music

Fly Away

I Honestly Love You

I Still Call Australia Home

Don't Cry Out Loud

Tenterfield Saddler

I Go To Rio

Once Before I Go

PRODUCTION TEAM

We are looking for people to help us backstage with costumes, sets, front of house, publicity team...the list goes on! Please let us know if you can help in any way, or if you know others in the community who would like to be a part of our company, let them know we'd love to have them be involved. Come and be a part of a great team. Contact **Emily** on **0400 639 536** if you can 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	Wendy Hyland
Set Designer	Jamie Boatwood and Molly Craig
Sets / Backstage	
Publicity Team	
Props	
Costumes	
Sound Designer / Operator	
Lighting Designer	
Follow Spot Operators	
Front of House Coordinator/s	
Programme	
Show Photography	Kelvin Watt
Sponsorship	
Prompt	

BIRTHDAYS:

We wish a very happy birthday this month and for the year ahead to the gorgeous **Tracy Afflick**, who played Mae in The Pajama Game.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday 30 November	Carols by Candlelight rehearsals begin
Tuesday 2 December	Rehearsal with Benalla Rose City Band for Carols
Saturday 6 December	Summery Saturday Soiree at Swanpool Hall 1.30pm
Sunday 7 December	Legacy Widows Christmas Party 2pm
Tuesday 9 December	Lodge Christmas Party 8pm
Friday 12 December	BTC Christmas Party at Mary-Ann's from 6.30pm
Sunday 21 December	Carols by Candlelight
2015	
Sunday 1 February	ANZAC Concert rehearsals begin
Wednesday 25 February	Information Night for The Boy from Oz
Sunday 1 March	Auditions for The Boy from Oz
Monday 2 March	Auditions for The Boy from Oz
Wednesday 11 March	Rehearsals begin for The Boy from Oz
Sunday 26 April	ANZAC Concert

