

The BACKDROP

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A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT

Our big night is swiftly approaching. The small but enthusiastic group are working really hard to refine the big chorus numbers. The Wicked medley is hard work for singers and musos and sometimes it felt like we'd never get there, but its sure to be a highlight of the evening. Other medleys include Jersey Boys, a group of songs of the 1940s and a great gospel medley including O Happy Day and Aint No Mountain. We're so pleased to have **Colin Milligan** a part of the evening with his great poetry and also **Ross Bootes** singing a couple of numbers. Also making a return to the Raffety's stage is The Vicar of Devenish....so be prepared for the wedding planning of the century with the gang!

If you would like to come and see this fabulous evening, tickets are \$45 and include a 2-course meal with nibbles and complimentary drink on arrival. Please contact **Debbie Patterson** on 0428 322 390 to buy your tickets, or just to get some more information. We look forward to seeing you there!



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Immediately following A Night of Entertainment, we will begin rehearsals for our end of year commitments. Sundays will be Carols rehearsals (until Legacy and Lodge are complete and then it will be both Sundays and Wednesdays) and will begin on the 30th of November at 7.30pm. We will be singing 2 numbers with the Rose City Band: the perennial Hallelujah Chorus and A Jubilant Christmas. We haven't done Jubilant for quite a while now, so you may have to dig through your music to find it again!! If you cant find it, or haven't sung it before, there will be copies available.

This is a great time to be involved with the company and a great time 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 to be advised, but will be around 7.30pmish!

Thanks to **Molly Craig**, **Debbie Patterson** and **Elaine Heywood** who have been attending the meetings on our behalf with the Lions and other parties for the event.

LEGACY AND LODGE

These are our other 2 regular Christmas performances. **Legacy will be on Sunday 7th of December.** Time to be advised and **Lodge will be Tuesday the 9th of December.** Time to be advised. This is when we use selected choral work from Night of Entertainment and sing a few Christmas carols as well.

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 2pm**. 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 keep your eyes out for the posters around town and come along support your company and have a lovely afternoon.

ZONTA

BTC were not involved with the Zonta Awards this year, but some of our members were involved in other productions that were. We would like to say a huge congratulations to **Sam Hargreaves** (our very own Prez from The Pajama Game) who won the Youth Encouragement Award for his performance in Wang Players' Summer of the Seventeenth Doll!!

Congratulations to all other companies on their hard work and achievements on the night.

GEORGY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following people who were nominated for the awards coming up on 15 November. Its wonderful to see so many of the The Pajama Game cast rewarded for their hard work.

Dianne Feldtmann – Best Performance in a Musical – Female and Best Singing Performance Female

Debbie Patterson - Best Performance in a Musical – Female and Best Singing Performance Female

Stephen Winkler – Best Performance in a Musical – Male

Jamie Boatwood – Best Performance in a Musical – Male

Molly Craig – Best Supporting Performance in a Musical – Female

Sam Hargreaves – Best Supporting Performance in a Musical – Male



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas Party will be held on **Friday 12 December from 6.30pm at the foreshore near the new library.**

BYO food (BBQ available), drinks, chairs, sunscreen, hat and bathers if you're brave!!

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

If the weather is inclement we will move to the hut to celebrate.



THE BOY FROM OZ

Work and organising for our 2015 musical has begun. Molly has put together the rehearsal schedule and dates are as follows:

Info Night – Wednesday 25 February

Auditions – Sunday 1 March and Monday 2 March –

please contact Emily for more info 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 spunk.

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

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

COMMEMORATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR I

Benalla Rural City is planning some big commemorative events next year over the ANZAC Day weekend and one of those is a musical concert. **Molly Craig** has been working hard to get the music and poetry together for this event, which 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 now on board for the event. So this promises to be a wonderful afternoon. 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.

BIRTHDAYS!

We wish a very happy birthday month
and year ahead to the following people:

David Garrett
Tim Jared
Jake Joyce
Josh Lagstrom
Peter Pennington



THE PAJAMA GAME REUNION

Photos below are from a The Pajama Game reunion held last week. It was great to catch up with everyone!



Kathy Holmes, Mary-Ann Jolly (our hostess) and Debbie Patterson.



Jamie Boatwood and Molly Craig



Gemma Keating, Jake Joyce, Tracy Afflick and Kathy Holmes



Tim Jared and Chris Cole



Kelvin Watt, Emily Watt, Ben van den Akker and Rhonda Ward