

The BACKDROP



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COMMEMORATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR I CONCERT

Molly Craig met with the committee and after a few revisions, the program is set and we are ready to rehearse! Rehearsals will begin **this Sunday 1 February at 7.30pm at the hut.** Rehearsals will be on Sunday and Wednesday nights. There are 34 songs to learn...some are just for the choir, some are for a sing-a-long with the audience and one is for us and the Rose City Band. Some of the music is well known eg Waltzing Matilda, It's a Long Way to Tipperary and Keep the Home Fires Burning, while others are not well known, but this is all part of the fun to come together and sing and in the end providing a wonderful afternoon's entertainment for our community. So we hope to see you on Sunday night.



THE BOY FROM OZ

Work and organising for our 2015 musical has begun. **Molly** has been busily talking to members of the production team about sets and lighting ideas and spending lots of time on the internet looking at costume and staging ideas.

Dates are as follows:

Info Night – Wednesday 25 February at 7.00pm.

Auditions – Sunday 1 March and Monday 2 March. The Sunday will be from 2pm -6pm and 7.30pm onwards. Then on Monday from 6.45pm onwards

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

The **script** is available to read. It's really valuable for you to have had a read before auditioning, so you have an understanding of the characters and the story. [Please note a change of contact...](#) **contact Debbie Patterson on 5762 5216** to get a copy of the script, to book your audition or to get some more information.

CHARACTERS

Major Principals

Peter Allen.....Must be able to dance and sing and do anything.
Young Peter Allen....Aged about 10. Sing, dance and act.
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.
Greg Connell...Involved in theatre and becomes Peter's partner
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

PRODUCTION TEAM

We had a bit of a rush at the beginning, but now things have slowed down....what seemed like a long time till we start, is now only a couple of weeks away, so if you were thinking of helping, we'd really love to hear from you. 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 **Molly on 0417 058 567 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	Molly Craig and Haley Grimshaw
Stage Manager	Wendy Hyland
Set Design	Jamie Boatwood and Molly Craig
Set Construction	Jamie Boatwood – more people needed here
Backstage	
Publicity Team	
Props	Rhonda Ward
Costumes	
Sound Designer / Operator	Travas Hope
Lighting Designers and Operators	Chris Cole and Tim Jarred
Follow Spot Operators	
Front of House Coordinator/s	
Programme	
Show Photography	Kelvin Watt
Sponsorship	
Prompt	

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held on **Tuesday 3 March, at 7.30pm at the Hut**. The nomination form is on the last page. If you are interested in being a part of committee please fill the form out. Please note that nominations must be handed or posted to our Secretary, Emily Watt and will not be accepted after Tuesday 24 February, so make sure you get them in on time. Please also see that the nominator and nominee must both be financial members of the company.

A huge thank you to the current committee: **Molly Craig, David Garrett, Jim Tullberg, Emily Watt, Jamie Boatwood, Elaine Heywood, Kelvin Watt, Laurie Webber and Wayne Wilson** for their contributions in the past year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations go to **Maureen Hearn** who received the Order of Australia Medal at this year's Australia Day celebrations. Maureen was involved in BTC along with her late husband John. This is just wonderful news and we are very thrilled for her.

OUR SYMPATHIES

We would like to acknowledge the sad passing of **Jenny Elford**. Jenny was a member of our company for a number of years in the 1980s. She was a bright, bubbly and talented actress and BTC productions definitely benefited from her involvement. People may remember her from The Sentimental Bloke (first time), 200 Not Out and Sir Jasper's Revenge. Our thoughts and condolences go out to her family and friends.

Our thoughts and prayers also go out to **Mary-Ann Jolly** on the passing of her father Alby Hales. Alby was a wonderful man involved in many things including, Benalla Bowls Club, St Joseph's Parish and Benalla Saints. He had a great send off on Wednesday with huge numbers attending, attesting to his contribution to our community.



BIRTHDAYS

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

Adrian Daw, Kathy Holmes, Laurie Webber and Robyn Wilson.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday 1 February	ANZAC Concert rehearsals begin at 7.30pm
Wednesday 25 February	Information Night for The Boy from Oz at 7.00pm
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 at 2.30pm



BENALLA THEATRE COMPANY INC.
COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM 2014

I, hereby
nominate.....for the
position of on
the Benalla Theatre Company Committee.

By signing, I declare that I am a financial member of the
company.

..... (Signed)

I,accept the
nomination.

By signing, I declare that I am a financial member of the
company.

..... (Signed)

Nominations should be handed to the Secretary or posted to
P.O. Box 2, Benalla, and arrive no later than Tuesday 25
February 2014.