

# The BACKDROP

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## OUR END OF YEAR PERFORMANCES

The end of November through to Christmas was an extremely busy time for our company, with a string of performances. These were: A Night of Entertainment, Summery Saturday Soiree at Swanpool, Legacy Widows, Lodge, Carols up the street and Carols by Candlelight.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to **everyone** that was involved in any or all of these. It's really important for us to have opportunities to not only perform for ourselves, but also to support other groups and towns in our community. Some were big, some were small, some parts were frustrating, some parts were hilarious, but that's what being a part of our company is about!

A big thank you to **Mary-Ann** and **Stuart Jolly** for hosting us for our Christmas Party.

Below are a couple of pictures from Carols by Candlelight.





## AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

**Emily** and **Kelvin Watt** are generously opening their home for an Australia Day party on **Monday 26 January** from 12 noon. The address is **14 Edward Street**. BYO drinks, and a salad or dessert to share. Please RSVP by 21 January, to **Emily** on **0400 639 536** if you are going to attend, so they know how much meat to buy. Come along, enjoy each others company and get excited about the coming year for our company.



## COMMEMORATION OF THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR I CONCERT

To help commemorate the anniversary, a concert will be held on **Sunday 26 April**. 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. **Molly Craig** is meeting with the committee that the town has to put together, in the next couple of weeks to finalise the program. After that we can really get things set and get going. Rehearsals will begin on **Sunday 1 February at 7.30pm at the hut**. Rehearsals will be on Sunday and Wednesday nights. 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.** 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 a understanding of the characters and the story. Please contact **Emily** on **0400 639 536** to get a copy to read and to book your audition time.

### 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 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 Design    **Jamie Boatwood and Molly Craig**

Set Construction

Backstage

Publicity Team

Props

Costumes

Sound Designer / Operator

Lighting Designers and Operators              **Chris Cole and Tim Jarred**

Follow Spot Operators

Front of House Coordinator/s

Programme

Show Photography                                  **Kelvin Watt**

Sponsorship

Prompt



## **BIRTHDAYS**

We wish a very happy birthday and coming year ahead to **Jamie Boatwood** and **Dianne Feldtmann**.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Monday 26 January**  
Watt

Australia Day BBQ at the home of Emily & Kelvin

**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