

The BACKDROP

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THE BOY FROM OZ

Rehearsals are going really well and cast are to be congratulated on their efforts so far. We have finished our singing section and have now moved onto blocking, which is super fun and super hard work! We have lost and gained some members to the cast. We welcome **Robyn Denyer** to the cast of our great show.

We have completed around half of Act I and there are a number of great scenes and songs and dance numbers already developing. A huge thank you to **Jamie Boatwood** for the amazing grand piano that he has built. The piano is a major set piece and it's wonderful to have it built and being used from the beginning of blocking. I absolutely love it when people come in to the space that haven't seen it and are just blown away by it!

We are starting to look for people to help with **Front of House** duties for the shows. These people are invaluable to us, as they are the first point of contact for the audiences and make people feel welcome and help. People will be usher and seat patrons, sell raffle tickets and programs, serve coffee and tea at interval and any other jobs that need doing. If you are interested, or you have family or friends who would like to help us out. Please contact **Emily Watt** on **0400 639 536**.

We've begun the process of the poster for the show. We're taking a different approach this year and using "The Boy" on it, so numerous photos in different poses have been taken and here's one, plus come other shots from early rehearsals.



We tried lots of poses!

Our Young Peter, **Hamish**, giving it his all during Name In Lights. Along with **Kathy, Steve, Emily, Bree, Tim, Mel, Rachael** and **Jamie**.



Rachael, Debbie, Robyn and Jan having fun during Pretty Keen Teen.



Molly, Jamie and Steve working on The Allen Brothers audition scene.

COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT OF WORLD WAR I ERA



Huge congratulations to those members of our company and Benalla Rose City Band who were involved with this concert. What a wonderful afternoon's entertainment for our community. Thank you to the Benalla and District ANZAC Commemorative Partnership Project Committee and Benalla Rural City for the initiative for this concert. Huge thanks to **Molly Craig** who has spent the last six months organising the concert. Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to getting this event to the stage.

SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

At our general committee meeting this week, we formed a sub-committee to look at focusing on social events for us to be able to spend some time together. **Stephen Winkler** and **Jamie Boatwood** put their hands up to be a part of this group; however we'd love more people to join with them to organise events for us. So please speak to either of them if you would like to help out. We hope to have something once a month for our company.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now due:

Adult	\$30
Student / Concession	\$25
Associate and children under 14	\$15

There is a form on the last page for you to fill out – please send it in with your money to PO Box 2, Benalla 3671 or give to our Treasurer **Jim Tullberg**.

Even if you dont plan to be on stage with the company this year, it's still great for you to be a part of the company and be Associate members, so you continue to receive the newsletter and be up-to-date with all that's happening.



BIRTHDAYS

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

Molly Craig

Debbie Patterson

Sam Towns

Kylie Wilson

Wayne Wilson

