



The BACKDROP

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A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT

With less than a month now till our evening, rehearsals are getting to the fine tuning stage. The addition of movement and costumes will certainly give the event a huge lift. Thank you to all those involved and the effort you are putting in. The music is lots of fun to sing which includes medleys from Motown, Ray Charles, the 60s and The Boy from Oz. We look forward to the solos and group work from various members as well!

The Vicar of Devenish makes a return to the stage, as does Geoff McLure, Linda Simpson and poet Col Milligan, so it promises to be a great evening.

A reminder that the show is on **Friday 27 November**...so put the date in your diary and come along and have a fun night and a great meal at Raffetys. Tickets are \$45 a head and include a 2-course meal and show with a free glass of champagne or soft drink on arrival. Please contact **Debbie Patterson on 0428 322 390** to purchase your tickets.

VARIETY CONCERT AT SWANPOOL

Once again the company is heading out to perform at Swanpool, on **Saturday 5 December, at 1.30pm**. We had originally thought the time was different, but please take this as the correct starting time. This will consist of a lot of the items that are at A Night of Entertainment. The company really enjoyed their time last year and is looking forward to this year's afternoon. So add the date to your diary and come along for a lovely afternoon, supporting both BTC and the Swanpool Community.

OTHER END OF YEAR COMMITMENTS

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will also be performing at the Legacy Christmas Party and the Marangan Lodge Christmas Part and then Benalla Carols by Candlelight.

Legacy is **Sunday 6 December in the early afternoon**, so it will be a busy weekend with Swanpool and Carols practise, but that's what this time of the year is about, so it'll be lots of hard work, but fun in the process.

Lodge date is still to be confirmed, but is more than likely to be **Tuesday 8 December**.

Carols by Candlelight rehearsals will begin on **Sunday 29 November, 7.30pm** at the Hut. This is a great way for people to come and start their involvement with BTC. The date for Carols is **Sunday 20 December**. We will be having 2 practises with the Benalla Rose City Band on **Tuesdays 1 and 15 December** at 7.30pm.

CALENDAR

The first small print run sold out in just a few days and a second run is currently underway. There is a picture for each month of our activities, shows and performances over the year including The Boy from Oz (of course), Carols by Candlelight, ANZAC performance and the singing workshop. The photos are all in A4 size and show a fabulous representation of all the hard work our company has done. What wonderful memories to have of the year that was! Thank you to **Kylie Wilson, Kelvin Watt** and **Molly Craig** for allowing their photos to be used. Cost of the calendar is \$10 each. If you are interested in purchasing one (or two), please contact **Emily on 0400 639 536**.



BENALLA FESTIVAL STREET PARADE

BTC are entering the parade this year. The date is Saturday 7 November, with the parade starting at 12.30pm. We'd love to have a great number of members be a part of this. If you would like to be involved please contact **Debbie Patterson on 0428 322 390**, so we know numbers and we can organise costuming. The plan is to wear our Rio costumes from The Boy from Oz. A great opportunity for us to be a part of our community.



BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO

The production team is beginning to take shape. If you are happy to help out, to work as part of a great time, then contact **Emily on 0400 639 536** and you will be added on. A big thank you to those people who have already put their hands up to be a part of the team. The script is available for people to read. Please talk to Emily about that as well. It's a very funny show set in 1960 in the Catskills at a resort, where 2 friends, Lois and Marge

come to find love. Included is a suave singing star and an old time comedian, who both perform at Esther's Paradise. The casting is 3 male and 3 female with a chorus as big or as small as chosen. The band is a quartet of piano, guitar, bass and drums that are an integral part of the show and it will be great to have them involved throughout the rehearsal process and of course performances.

Production Manager

Production Secretary

Emily Watt

Production Treasurer

Director	Molly Craig
Assistant to the Director	
Musical Director	Elaine Heywood
Stage Manager	Wendy Hyland
Set Design	
Set Construction	
Backstage	
Publicity Team	
Props	
Costumes	
Sound Designer / Operator	
Lighting Designer and Operation	
Follow Spot Operators	
Front of House Coordinator/s	
Programme	Emily Watt
Show Photography	Kelvin Watt
Sponsorship	
Prompt	

DIGITAL PIANO FOR SALE

After many, many years of continual service, our dear old Kawai digital piano has been replaced. We are now in a position to move that one into the supper room and the keyboard in there we are looking at selling. It's a decent keyboard, good for beginners, a good number of options and sounds. We would be looking at around \$200, but make us an offer. If you are interested in looking and trying out the keyboard, please contact **Emily on 0400 639 536.**

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our deepest sympathies go out to **Emily Watt**, whose mother passed suddenly a few weeks ago. Emily was most fortunate to have been in the U.S. at the time and was able to spend precious time with her mom. Our best wishes to you, Kelvin and your family.



BTC wishes a very happy day and year ahead to the following members of our company:

David Garrett
Tim Jared
Jake Joyce
Josh Lagstrom
Peter Pennington
Rhonda Ward

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 7 November	Benalla Festival Street Parade 12.30pm
Friday 27 November	A Night of Entertainment at Raffetys \$45 per person
Sunday 29 November	Carols by Candlelight rehearsals begin. 7.30pm at the Hut
Tuesday 1 December	Carols rehearsal with BRCB 7.30pm
Saturday 5 December	Variety Concert at Swanpool at 1.30pm
Sunday 6 December	Legacy Performance
Tuesday 8 December	Probable date for Lodge Performance
Tuesday 15 December	Carols rehearsal with BRCB 7.30pm
Sunday 20 December	Benalla Carols by Candlelight