

The BACKDROP



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A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT

A small, hard working group are rehearsing twice a week learning the various medleys. We're having a lot of fun with the music, which include medleys from Motown, Ray Charles, the 60s and The Boy from Oz. We've also got quite a few other songs and items to present to you as well!

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**. This will consist of a lot of the items that are at A Night of Entertainment. We had a hoot of a time out there last year (thunderstorms and power outages a highlight, as well as a fabulous afternoon tea), 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 and Lodge will take items from Raffetys as well as some Christmas carols. Dates to be confirmed.

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**.

COSTUME RETURN

A huge thank you to everyone for returning their costumes. For the first time in forever we got everyone's costumes back within a couple of weeks. This makes this so much easier when we don't have to chase people...if people find any costumes that they still have from previous shows or have borrowed for an occasion, we'd love to have them back...so contact us about returning them. Thanks to **Debbie Patterson** for all her hard work in boxing up and sorting all of them out.



WORKING BEE

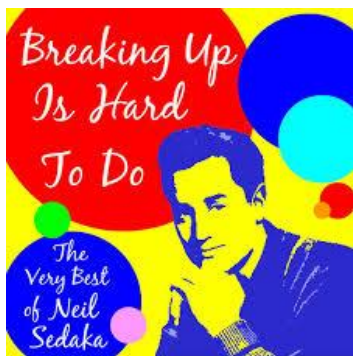
A big HUGE thank you to the 15 people who came to the working bee – this is the biggest number that we have had for many years and it was wonderful to get a few big jobs done and out of the way. These included clearing out the gutters and putting in some gutter guards. Mowing and whipper snipping around the huts, cleaning the filters on the heaters, getting rid of some of the old damaged ceiling and wall panels and general cleaning and tidying in both huts and the costume return. Really makes a big difference to have those jobs done and doing so preventative jobs rather than fixing jobs.

It was also lovely to have **Shelley Hann** come and see us and help out.

Shelley was home for a quick visit before heading back to Britain. We wish you all the best for the future Shelley!

CALENDAR

Molly Craig and **Emily Watt** have come up with a great idea about having a 2016 BTC calendar. The idea was floated on Facebook a month ago and a number of people were interested, so production and printing is going ahead!! 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 will be \$10 each. If you are interested in purchasing one (or two), please contact **Molly on 0417 058 567**.



BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO

With no takers to direct the show, the committee have asked **Molly Craig** to direct and she has accepted. So preparation work now begins, as does looking for people to take on work on the production side. If you are happy to help out, to work as part of a great time, then contact **Molly on 0417 058 567** and she will happily add you to the team! The script is available for people to read. Please talk to Molly 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

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



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

Lyndal Cherry
Sam Hargreaves
Elaine Heywood
Sam Heywood
Linda Simpson
Ben van den Akker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Saturday 5 December	Variety Concert at Swanpool at 2pm
Sunday 20 December	Benalla Carols by Candlelight