



# The Backdrop

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM was held on 1 March with the following people elected for the 2016 year:

President	<b>Molly Craig</b>
Vice President	<b>David Garrett</b>
Secretary	<b>Emily Watt</b>
Treasurer	<b>Jim Tullberg</b>
Committee	<b>Jamie Boatwood</b>
	<b>Elaine Heywood</b>
	<b>Kelvin Watt</b>
	<b>Laurie Webber</b>
	<b>Wayne Wilson</b>
	<b>Stephen Winkler</b>



The President's Award recipient was **Jim Tullberg**. Jim's contributions over the many years was acknowledged particularly recently as his work as the company's Treasurer and also his work behind the scenes as Production Manager, helper in all things at working bees and in anything other situation. Congratulations Jim!

## MEMBERSHIP AND MEDIA RELEASE FORM

At the AGM, those attended voted on the following amounts for our subs for the coming year.

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, give to our Treasurer **Jim Tullberg** or bring along to rehearsals.

The company is also asking you to sign a **media release**, which is on the membership form. By signing you agree to your photo being used to promote the company in various ways including our newsletters, social media

sites and in newspapers in the area. If you do not wish for this to happen, please let our secretary, Emily know, so a register may be kept and you will not be a part of any photos taken for publicity.

## **BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO**

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who came to auditions. This year it was a difficult time for Molly and Elaine as they look at the best fit of everybody for the show. For them it is doing the best for the overall show in terms of acting, singing, dancing as well as people who will fit well together on stage. The casting is done with a lot of thought and hard work. It's lovely to see so many new names and some names we haven't seen on stage for a while, plus our great core of regulars!

### **CAST:**

MARGE GELMAN	<b>Gemma Keating</b>
LOIS WARNER	<b>Debbie Patterson</b>
DEL DELMONACO	<b>Jamie Boatwood</b>
GABE GREEN	<b>Lochie McNair</b>
ESTHER SIMOWITZ	<b>Molly Craig</b>
HARVEY FELDMAN	<b>David Garrett</b>
CHORUS	<b>Del Dube</b> <b>Dianne Feldtmann</b> <b>Amy Foy</b> <b>Lia Greenhalgh</b> <b>Jan Kennedy</b> <b>Holly McIntyre</b> <b>Susan McIntyre</b> <b>Hamish Nelson</b> <b>Janine Simmons</b> <b>Hannah Walkaday</b> <b>Sarah Walkaday</b> <b>Emily Watt</b> <b>Laurie Webber</b>
THE BAND	<b>Richard Barrow</b> <b>Bruce Burton</b> <b>Mick Ferris</b> <b>Stephen Winkler</b>

We still have a few more jobs to fill. Thank you those people who have come on board in the last month. Most of the jobs listed are often better being done by 2 or 3 (or more) people, so come along and give us a hand. Call Emily on 0400 639 536.

Production Manager	<b>Molly Craig</b>
Production Secretary	<b>Emily Watt</b>
Production Treasurer	<b>Jim Tullberg</b>
Director	<b>Molly Craig</b>
Musical Director	<b>Elaine Heywood</b>
Stage Manager	<b>Tim Jarred</b>
Assistant to the Director	<b>Melissa Wilson</b>

Set Design	<b>Molly Craig &amp; Jamie Boatwood</b>
Set Construction	<b>Jamie Boatwood</b> <b>MORE HELP NEEDED!!!!</b>
Publicity Team	<b>Molly Craig</b> <b>MORE HELP NEEDED!!!!!!</b>
Props	<b>Rhonda Ward</b>
Costumes	??????
Sound Designer / Operator	<b>Travas Hope (Sounds Alive)</b>
Lighting Designer and Operation	<b>Jacqui Berry</b>
Follow Spot Operators	???????
Front of House Coordinator/s	???????
Programme	<b>Emily Watt</b> <b>Molly Craig</b>
Show Photography	<b>Kelvin Watt</b>
Sponsorship	<b>Molly Craig</b> <b>Emily Watt</b> <b>Amy Presland</b>
Prompt	<b>Melissa Wilson</b>



What a great looking bunch! Nearly all the cast and band at our first rehearsal. We are still looking for some more people to come and be a part of the chorus. If you know of anyone or if you are, then please to contact Emily.



## 2017 MUSICAL PLANNING

A group will soon be forming to read for our 2017 musical. If you have a suggestion of a musical you think we should look at please contact Emily on 0400639536 and let her know your suggestions. Its always good to have input from members about the direction they feel BTC should go in.

## BENALLA RURAL CITY COMMUNITY PLAN

BRC is creating their first ever long-term community plan for the future of Benalla Rural City. It will outline the shared vision for 2036. They are looking for input from as many people and groups as possible. We are going to be holding a Kitchen Table Conversation on **21 April at 7.30pm at the Hut**. Come along and give some input into how we would like Benalla to be in 20 years' time. Bring friends and family along as well.



We have many people in our company who do many things to help us. This month we would like to thank **Debbie Patterson** for the huge amount of work that she is doing in our costume room. Over time and productions things get untidy and overcrowded and Deb is slowly but surely making her way through the costumes and boxing and reorganising. We appreciate the work that you are doing in this area.

## HAVE YOU "LIKED" OUR FACEBOOK PAGE YET?

As mentioned in last month's newsletter we now have a Benalla Theatre Company Page, in addition to our Group. Please like our page and spread the word to friends and family to like us too. This page is a great way to spread the news about what we are doing. We are already seeing results in having people wanting to be involved with our company, so the more people we can get to see us, the more we will have involved and to come and see our shows!

If you're a member of our Group page (if not send a request and we'll add you) we hope that you've been enjoying the trip down memory lane, as **Molly Craig** adds a few pictures of each of our productions. It's amazing for those of us who have been involved for quite a number of years how young we all look!! It's also great to acknowledge the huge amount of work and effort put into our company by a large number of people over the years, whether that be as actors, directors, set construction, costumes, musicians, etc etc etc. It makes us all very proud of what an amazing company we have!

## WE NOW HAVE AN INSTAGRAM PAGE TOO!!

We also now have an Instagram page....check us out at @benallatheatreco. This page has photos from the AGM as well as other performances. Another great way for us to connect with others in the social media world. So let people know!

## AND OF COURSE TWITTER!

We also have our Twitter account @BenallaTheatre....give us a follow there too!!



The company wishes a very happy birthday in April and the coming year to the following of its members:

**Patience Cooper**  
**Rachael Feldtmann**  
**Jim Tullberg**

## **HELLO FROM MARY MOORE!**

I ran into Mary Moore on Easter day. She is looking really well and said to say a big hello to everyone at BTC. Mary was an integral part of Benalla Light Opera Company and then Benalla Theatre Company and has one of the best senses of humour you could ever ask for! Now residing in Queensland, it was just so lovely to see her.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Wednesday 30 March:** Rehearsals begin for Breaking Up Is Hard To Do

**Thursday 21 April:** Kitchen Table Conversation for Benalla Rural City Community Plan, 7.30pm at the Hut.

**Friday 22 July:** Opening night for Breaking Up Is Hard To Do

**Saturday 30 July:** Closing night for Breaking Up Is Hard To Do

