



The Backdrop

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LOOKING FOR A DIRECTOR

The musical reading committee is currently reading and will have some recommendations this month for our general committee. We are looking for a director for this as yet unknown show, or if you have a show you would like to direct for the company, that would work as well. If you are interested, or know of someone who is, can you please write a letter of application and address it to the Secretary and post to P.O. Box 2 Benalla 3671.

WORKING BEE

As part of our work on the sets hut, we will be having a working bee to clean up and toss out! Big thanks to **Wayne Wilson, John Ellis** and **Robyn Wilson** who are undertaking the big work, but this is a way that we can all help make their job easier. **The date is Saturday 15 October starting at 9am.** Later in the year there will be working bees to paint the walls, making it ready for full use and also for the World Gliding Championships.

NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT

We are well into the swing of rehearsals. The first few weeks are always a bit tough as you begin to learn the music. We have a great group of dedicated people who are putting in a big effort. We have 'broken the back' of a couple of hard sections and the group should be very proud of their efforts in learning the music. The medleys are all very different and take us across many decades of the 20th century – so some great music to sing.

As well as the choral musical, we will have other musical numbers from soloists, and smaller groups as well as poetry and even the possibility of the return of the Vicar of Devenish.

The evening will happen on Friday 25 November at Raffety's Reception Centre. Please come along have a great meal and be entertained by your fellow BTCers. Cost is being ironed out and will be in our next newsletter.

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The BTC group are to be a part of a concert held at the Anglican Church in Arundel Street on **Sunday 20 November**. This was a really fun afternoon the last time it was held, not only for us as performers, but there is also a sing-a-long section which was a huge blast to be a part of the mass singing with the audience. The cost of the concert is \$10, this includes the performance and an afternoon tea. The performance will start at 2pm.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT – BENALLA

As part of our end of year performances, we have yearly performance as the choir for Benalla's Carols by Candlelight. **To be held on Sunday 18 December. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday 27 November.** This is a great way for new people to come and be involved. So if you know of anyone, please let them know.

SWANPOOL CAROLS

We are also to be the choir for the **Swanpool Carols to be held on Sunday 11 December**. It's a fantastic night and great way for us to be apart and support the wider community. Rehearsals for this performance will be incorporated into our Benalla Carol's rehearsals.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

The Victorian Government has brought out standards that are there to protect children and stop child abuse. All schools and organizations must comply by these and have procedures and process that they adhere to. Our committee has begun the process of formulating a policy and code of conduct for not only those in leadership, but all in our company. Many thanks to **Molly Craig** and **Emily Watt** who are putting it all into usable and understandable form. We know you will all be supportive and adhere to these so we can keep children who are involved in our company safe. We will update you further on this as we go along, with things in place at the beginning of 2017.

SINGING WORKSHOP

One of the ideas that came from the Kitchen Table discussion was that we look at running a singing workshop, not just for BTC, but for the whole of Benalla and surrounds – for anyone who loves singing and wants to learn more. **Molly Craig** is in the process of contacting various music schools, teachers and groups about their interest in running this. It will more than likely take place in February. So keep your eye out in future editions of the newsletter for more info. This should be a lot of fun as well as gaining in skill and confidence.



The company wishes a very happy birthday during October and the year ahead to:

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 15 October: Working bee at the Hut 9am

Sunday 20 November: Pleasant Sunday Afternoon concert, 2pm at Anglican Church

Friday 25 November: Night of Entertainment at Raffety's Reception Centre

Sunday 27 November: Rehearsals for Carols by Candlelight begin, 7.30pm at the Hut

Sunday 11 December: Swanpool Carols

Sunday 18 December: Benalla's Carols by Candlelight