



# The Backdrop

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## ANYTHING GOES

The show has a good number of roles for both males and females with lots of singing and dancing for the chorus to do. The show features songs like Blow Gabriel Blow, It's De-Lovely, I Get a Kick out of You, You're the Top and of course the title song.

We have a great Audition Package, with lots of information and links to audition dialogue on our website ([www.benallatheatrecompany.org.au](http://www.benallatheatrecompany.org.au)) – all this has been done to help you to do the best audition you can. Please contact **Emily on 0400639536** to get an audition pack sent out to you, by email or snail mail or to read the script. It's a really good thing to read the whole script so you get a feel of the characters and how they fit within the show.

The Information Night is on **tonight, 1 March at the Hut at 7.00pm**. Come along and find out how you can be involved with the show.

Auditions will take place **this Sunday 5 March and Monday 6 March**, with rehearsals beginning on **Wednesday 15 March**.

There will 7 performances over 2 weekends at the end of July and beginning of August 2017.

Dates are:

Friday 28 July at 8.00pm

Saturday 29 July at 2.00pm and 8.00pm

Sunday 30 July at 2.00pm

Friday 4 August at 8.00pm

Saturday 5 August at 2.00pm and 8.00pm

We have already made a good start on numbers for auditions. This is a great chance to be in one of the greatest and funniest musicals of all time. Do you have other family members that would like to be involved? Friends? Neighbours? Workmates? Please beg and plead them to come along, as we are begging and pleading to you!! Emily is taking bookings for auditions so please contact her now to secure your place in this wonderful show.

| Name                    | Gender          | Part Size  | Vocal Part |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Reno Sweeney<br>Soprano | Female          | Lead       | Mezzo-     |
| Hope Harcourt           | Female          | Lead       | Soprano    |
| Lord Evelyn Oakleigh    | Male            | Lead       | Baritone   |
| Billy Crocker           | Male            | Lead       | Tenor      |
| Moonface Martin         | Male            | Lead       | Tenor      |
| Evangeline Harcourt     | Female          | Supporting |            |
| Elisha Whitney          | Male            | Supporting | Baritone   |
| Erma Latour<br>Soprano  | Female          | Supporting | Mezzo-     |
| Ship's Captain          | Male            | Supporting | Baritone   |
| Luke                    | Male            | Featured   |            |
| John                    | Male            | Featured   |            |
| Ship's Purser           | Male            | Featured   |            |
| Purity (Angel #1)       | Female          | Featured   |            |
| Chastity (Angel #2)     | Female          | Featured   |            |
| Charity (Angel #3)      | Female          | Featured   |            |
| Virtue (Angel #4)       | Female          | Featured   |            |
| Bishop Henry T. Dobson  | Male            | Featured   |            |
| Chorus                  | Male and Female |            |            |

Below is the Production Team list. **It's a bit worrying to have only a few names added to the list after 4 months.** How can you help our company put on this wonderful show? Don't have the time to be in the show, but have some time to spare? We still have lots of jobs still available where you can help or maybe someone you know can help. Contact Emily if you or someone you know can help, or if you want some more information about what any of the jobs entail.

Production Manager

Production Secretary                      **Emily Watt**

Production Treasurer

Director    **Molly Craig**

Musical Director                              **Elaine Heywood**

Stage Manager

Assistant to the Director

Set Design

Set Construction

Publicity Team

Props

Costumes

Sound Designer / Operator

Lighting Designer and Operation     **Jacqui Berry**

Follow Spot Operators

Front of House Coordinator/s

Programme

Show Photography

Sponsorship     **Emily Watt and David Garrett**

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our AGM will be held on **Tuesday 7 March at 7.30pm** at the Hut. Nominations have now closed. A big thank you to the committee of 2016 (**Molly Craig, David Garrett, Emily Watt, Jim Tullberg, Jamie Boatwood, Elaine Heywood, Kelvin Watt, Laurie Webber, Wayne Wilson and Steve Winkler**) and we will celebrate the new committee in our next edition. All members are welcome to attend the meeting to hear about the past year and to find out who will be the recipient of the President's Award.

## **SINGING WORKSHOP**

What an amazing afternoon we had! With an expectation of around 20 people to attend, we were absolutely blown away by the 50 who came! A great range of ages, experience and members and non-members. We learnt some work up techniques, did some singing in rounds, some mash-ups and also a small 3-part harmony song. It was so great to see everybody just giving themselves over to the afternoon and participate so wholeheartedly. No self-consciousness, just joy! It's so rare that we actually just have a chance to sing for singing sake, we usually are rehearsing for a specific event, so it was great to sing for the moment. A huge thank you to **Ali Comensoli** for running the workshop for us, we learnt so much and had such a lot of fun. Thank you to **Molly Craig** who organized the event and to **Emily Watt** and **Deb Patterson** for their help in many and various ways leading up to and on the day.



## WORKING BEE

A huge thank you to the 6 people who attended our working bee a few weeks ago. On a very, very hot day, it was great to see people happy to come and help our company. Thanks to **Mike Hillenaar, Emily Watt, Kelvin Watt, Rhonda Ward, Steve Winkler and Molly Craig** and also to **Deb Patterson** who was unable to help on the day but went out earlier in that week to tidy up the rehearsal space ready for the singing workshop.



**Thank  
You!!!**

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## FREE PERFORMANCE OF "CARPE DIEM"

Coming up soon is a community performance of "Carpe Diem" starring John Wood and Chris Pidd. This is a contemporary portrayal of everyday Australian males dealing with issues of health, grief and loss which is currently touring the Hume region and has received fantastic accolades from other communities where it has been performed.

This is a free event (donations welcome) which will be held Monday 20 March 2017 - time 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start at the Benalla Town Hall. The session will also include a Q & A session with the actors at the end of the performance.

For further information and bookings please contact the Benalla Rural City Council, Customer Service Centre on 5760 2600.



The company wishes a happy day and year ahead to:

**Bruce Burton**  
**Judy Craig**  
**John Ellis**  
**Jan Kennedy**  
**Susan McIntosh**  
**Emily Watt**  
**Stephen Winkler**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Wednesday 1 March:** Information Night for Anything Goes 7.00pm at the Hut -  
TONIGHT

**Sunday 5 March:** Auditions for Anything Goes

**Monday 6 March:** Auditions for Anything Goes

**Tuesday 7 March:** AGM 7.30pm at the Hut – all welcome

**Wednesday 15 March:** Rehearsals begin for Anything Goes

**28 July – 5 August:** Performances of Anything Goes