



The Backdrop

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CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

We have had our first two rehearsals for the night and it's not too late to join in. Rehearsals are on Sundays and Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

The date for the event is **Sunday 16 December**.

We have had one rehearsal with the Benalla Rose City Band and will have our second on **Tuesday 4**

December at 7.30pm at Benalla P-12 College's PAC.

We are looking to have people come and help set up the event. If you could help on the 16th from 9.30am down at the Garden's grandstand that would be great – many hands make light work as we well know! If you're not involved, it's a great night out for the whole family to come and enjoy an evening outside and singing carols.

BTC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Many thanks to **Jannice and John Smith**, who have offered their home for our Christmas party. This is on **Saturday 15 December from 6pm**, at 17 Noarana Drive. This is a lovely way to celebrate our year and catch up with people you may not have seen for a while. So can people please BYO drinks and meat (BBQ is available) and bring either a salad or dessert to share. We'd love to see you there!

ROBIN THE HOOD

It's been great to hear people's enthusiasm for our 2019 musical, but also for being back at the Town Hall. This show will be perfect there.

Music for the show is our choice – its fun to be choosing hits from yester year and movies and shows that will fit with the action happening on stage.

Information Night is Wednesday 30 January at 7.00pm.

Auditions will take place on Sunday 3 February and Monday 4 February.

Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, 6 February.

Show dates:

There are 7 performances over two weekends from 24 May to 1 June. Dates for the shows are as follows:



Friday 24 May at 7.30pm
Saturday 25 May at 2.00pm
Saturday 25 May at 7.30pm
Sunday 26 May at 2.00pm
Friday 31 May at 7.30pm
Saturday 1 June at 2.00pm
Saturday 1 June at 7.30pm

Please contact **Emily Watt on 0400639536** to get a copy of the script to read and to book an audition time. The audition pack which is now up on the BTC website is a great place to get lots of information. Including a detailed synopsis and links to the dialogue for auditions.

Please spread the word about being involved with this show.

Lead Characters

Robin the Hood (our Hero)
Maid Marian (our Heroine)
Sheriff of Snottingham (lackey of King John – a baddie)
King John (the not so rightful ruler of England – the baddie)
Marlene the Sorceress (the Royal Magician)
Ben (Town Cryer)
Queen (the not so loving wife of King John)

Supporting Characters

Ivy (leader of the Greenies)
Fairy Woodmother (Fairy of the Wood, not to be crossed)
Pansy (a Greenie)
Rose (a Greenie)
Bluebell (a Greenie)
Lily (a Greenie)
Allan a Dale (a Merry Man)
Little John (a Merry Man)
Friar Tuck (a Merry Man)
Will Scarlett (a Merry Man)
William Tell (the best Archer in England...from Austria)
Clieen Tell (William's daughter)
Phyllis (a Lady Bowler)
Gladys (champion Lady Bowler)
Prunella (a Lady Bowler)
Gertie (a Lady Bowler)
King Richard (the rightful King of England)

Ensemble

Men and Women chorus members

Townspeople of Sherwood Forest, Greenies, Merry Men, Lady Bowlers

We are also starting to look for people who want to be involved behind the scenes. Would you like to help with sets, props, costumes, Front of House, publicity, backstage? Or would you like to try your hand at some directing? This is a really good show to start giving it a go. Molly is happy to work with people to help them learn the ropes. Please contact Emily if this is something you'd be interested in. Below is our production team and you can see there are lots of place where we need your help.

PRODUCTION TEAM

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 Operator

Front of House Coordinator/s

Programme

Show Photography

Sponsorship

Prompt



The company is **looking for a piano player** for the Robin the Hood performances. The person wouldn't have to play for rehearsals, jut for the seven performances. The music won't be difficult and so the person playing won't need a huge amount of practice time to get things up to speed. If you, or you know of someone who would be happy to come and play Elaine would love to hear from you! Please contact **Elaine on 0427945652.**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Over the past year the company has begun building new orchestra stands. We have been using the base of our originals and building new top halves to incorporate better lighting for the musicians and also better viewing for our audiences. Many thanks to **Bruce Burton**, who has prototyped and then built the ones that are completed. But we still have many more to make. Are you a handy person? Good with your hands? Then we'd love to have your help in completing the rest of the 15 or so stands by the end of 2019. If you can spare some time to help us, can you please contact **Kelvin Watt** on **0417181256** or **briedj@bigpond.net.au**

BENALLA FESTIVAL PARADE

This was the beginning of a big weekend for the company. Thank you to those who came and were part of it. It was wonderful to be a part of this community event. A big vote of thanks to **Debbie Patterson** who got us all organized and did the decorating and the signs.



REMEMBRANCE DAY CONCERT

This was the company's second event over the weekend of the 10th and 11th. The company and the U3A singers performed to a packed Town Hall. The audience just loved the sing-a-longs! A big thanks to our performers, to **Jamie Boatwood** as our MC, The ANZAC Committee for the overall organising and to **Molly Craig** for organising all the music. What a day! Photo was taken after the concert, so some members of the choir had already departed.



NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT

Our busy November was capped off by our performance on the 24th. A big thank you to EllaGoose for hosting us and to our organising team of **Mary-Ann Jolly, Debbie Patterson and Molly Craig**. The response from the audience was they loved it. Thank you to the performers for all their effort. Its wonderful when all the hard work pays off!

Lovely to have **Alan Stone** come and be a part of the show as well, marking 45 years since he first stated coming to Benalla to work with the Benalla Light Opera Company and then BTC.

Here we are in our little cubby space!



Kelvin and Emily Watt are once again kindly opening their home to us for Australia Day BBQ. The date is Saturday 26th of January at 12.00pm. Please BYO drinks and bring a salad or dessert to share. Their address is 14 Edward Street. Come along and have some fun catching up with everyone about what they did over the Christmas and New Year period.

The company wishes a very happy birthday and year ahead to our following member:

Karen Nicholls



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 2 December – Performance for Legacy Widows Christmas Party

Tuesday 4 December – Carols rehearsal with BRCB at 7.3pm at Benalla P-12 College PAC

Tuesday 11 December – Performance for Marangan Lodge Christmas Party

Saturday 15 December from 6pm BTC Christmas Party, 17 Noarana Drive

Sunday 16 December – Benalla Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 26 January – Australia Day BBQ, 14 Edward Street from 12pm

Wednesday 30 January – Information Night for Robin the Hood at the Hut at 7.00pm

Sunday 3 February – Auditions for Robin the Hood from 2pm

Monday 4 February – Auditions for Robin the Hood from 7.30pm

Wednesday 6 February – Rehearsals begin for Robin the Hood at 7.30pm