



The Backdrop

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SING AND SWING CONCERT

What a lovely, lovely afternoon it was! A big crowd thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon's entertainment. So many people commented on what a good time they had listening to BTC and BRCB and the chance to sing themselves.

The company gives a big thank you to the organizing committee from the two companies, to the performers, those who helped serve afternoon tea and helped set up and pack up, it was very much appreciated.



MEMBERSHIP

Just a reminder to people, that if you haven't paid your membership, but you are or planning to be involved in any of our events or performances for the rest of the year you need to become a member. Please find the membership form on the last page. This ensures that you are covered by insurance for anything you are participating in with us.

NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT

We are well into rehearsing for our 24 November performance. The enthusiastic singers are learning medleys from Brigadoon, Chicago, the 50s and an Australia medley. Already they are starting to come together very nicely.

Raffety's now has new owners, and a change of name to EllaGoose so we are in the midst of discussions with them about the evening, so final details etc will be available very soon. Tickets will then be available, so please contact **Debbie Patterson on 0428 322 390**

If you were wanting any further on information on being involved please contact **Mary-Ann Jolly on 0409145410.**

REMEMBRANCE DAY CONCERT

We have just begun rehearsals for this concert. So it's not too late if you wanted to join us. Rehearsals are on Sundays and Wednesdays at 7.00pm at the Hut and will run for 45 minutes. We have added in a couple of extra items from last time and the U3A will also be performing a couple of items. So come along to the concert on Sunday 11 November at 2.30pm at the Town Hall.

PHOTO FOR PUBLICITY

We are looking to begin publicity for Robin the Hood and the fact that we will be performing at the Town Hall in 2019. We are asking as many BTC members who are able to make it, to come to the Town Hall on **Thursday 18 October by 4.15pm** to take a photo in front of the grand building. We are hoping to have some, or most, people in costume, so should be a lot of fun. If you are able to be a part of this, and we hope you are, could you please contact **Emily on 0400639536** so we have approximate numbers.

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. The show will be perfect there.

We are starting to look for people who want to be involved but not on stage. Would you like to help with sets, props, costumes, Front of House, publicity, backstage? Then please contact our secretary **Emily Watt on 0400639536.**

With no one applying to directing, the committee asked **Molly Craig** if she would be prepared to and Molly has agreed to direct. If anyone would like to work with Molly on directing, to get a feel for how it works, please contact Emily about this too.

Auditions will take place in early February (dates to be confirmed) with 7 performances over two weekends from 24 May to 1 June.





BENALLA FESTIVAL PARADE

BTC are going to be a part of the parade this year, which will take place on **Saturday 10 November at 2pm**. We are looking for lots of our members to come and be a part of this as well, as the theme is Our Backyard...a celebration of our special places and spaces. Debbie Patterson is organizing our entry and would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved. We'll find some of our most glamorous, jazzy and interesting costumes for people to wear, so it will be worth being involved just for the dress up!! Please contact **Debbie on 0428 322 390** if you want to be involved, so that outfits can be organized.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Not that long till we will be starting rehearsals for Benalla Carols by Candlelight. The date for the event is **Sunday 16 December**. So keep your eye out for when we'll be beginning. This is a great way to bring along anyone you know who may be interested in joining the company, as the music is known and easy to sing.

BTC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Many thanks to **Jannice Smith**, who has offered her home for our Christmas party. To be held on **Saturday 15 December from 6pm**, at 17 Noarana Drive, this is a lovely way to celebrate our year. BYO drinks and meat and bring either a salad or dessert to share.



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

Michael Ham
Elaine Heywood
Sam Heywood
Hannah McIntosh
Linda Simpson
Ben van den Akker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 18 October at 4.15pm Publicity photo at the Town Hall
Saturday 10 November at 2pm Benalla Festival Parade
Sunday 11 November Remembrance Day Concert at the Town Hall at 2.30pm
Saturday 24 November A Night of Entertainment
Sunday 2 December – Legacy Widows Christmas Party
Tuesday 11 December – Lodge Christmas Party
Saturday 15 December from 6pm BTC Christmas Party, 17 Noarana Drive
Sunday 16 December – Benalla Carols by Candlelight

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