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President's Report

Another successful Alotco season with "Little Shop of Horrors" during May 2018. Ticket sales were very good, especially for a lesser know show and as per normal with Albany folks, after opening weekend and the word was out, how amazing this show was, ticket sales greatly improved. Final weekend being a complete sell out.

Again, a huge thank you to Airell Hodgkinson Director, Findlay MacNish Musical Director, and all our amazing personnel behind the scenes for their tremendous hard work and dedication to create amazing, sets, props, costumes. The backstage crew manager and stage hands, front of house staff and an extra special mention to Janet, a tremendous job done by Janet in Publicity. Always a hard task with a not so well-known show to be sold to the public.

Now the puppet saga. I must say, and I know I have said it before, I will be so glad when Audrey & Co leave the building. The last 3 or 4 weeks been a bit of a nightmare, liaising with Sally Field and Perth Modern re taking Audrey & Co away. It is on it is off, nightmare!! Anyway, she asked if she could visit the theatre as she was down in Denmark visiting family and on Saturday 23rd June I along with another couple of members who were at theatre showed Sally and her husband the puppets, dentist chair etc. I was so glad her husband was there, as he could fully understand and see when I spoke about the tray space required in a truck to transport puppets he knew what I was talking about. The crux of the matter, after the meeting, they do again now want the puppets and I am keeping everything crossed that on Saturday 7th July at 10am they will be gone. I have advised Ben Gates at John Curtin, so he knows that they will no longer be in our possession as of 7th July and that the dentist chair which was the main thing that had to go back to them will now be in the possession of Perth Modern. Phew, must say, I for one will be glad to see the back of them. Spectacular as they were and fabulous on stage, bon voyage and au revoir.

It has also been great to see our theatre has been used by some of our up and coming stars, "Evan and the Swing Kings". Nearly half of this group are members of our Alotco family. I was lucky enough, along with some other committee members to see the show on Saturday 23rd June and what a wonderful performance. It is also good of course, that our theatre is being hired out and this all helps to build up the Alotco bank balance, to help with further improvements to our facilities

I am looking forward to "It's Been a Long, Long Time" our next show, with information night and auditions commencing at the end of August 2018. If anything like "Sing as We Go" four years ago, it really is going to be a wonderful show.

Anne Davidson

President

Production Update:

It's Been a Long, Long Time

Information Night: Wednesday August 22nd at 7.00pm

Directors: Susie McIntosh and Linda Leighton

Musical Director: Maureen Kennedy



It's Been a Long, Long Time is a centenary tribute to the end of World War 1 and a follow-on to our tribute to the ANZACs *Sing As We Go* from 2015.

The tribute takes the form of a variety show encompassing song, dance, poetry, lots of ensemble singing and a fabulous MC.



We will include music from all eras from WW1 until the present and the ensemble and audience singing should evoke many, many memories.

If you are at all interested in being involved with the production either on stage, back stage, front of house or helping with costumes or creating sets please come along to the information night on Wednesday 22nd August at 7.00pm.

Photos Needed:



ALOTCO will be paying tribute to family members of the ALOTCO membership who served in any theatre of war.

If you have a photo of your grandfather/grandmother/father/mother/great aunts or uncles or a close relative of whom you are proud and would like your family member to be part of our honour tree, please forward a COPIED or SCANNED photo to Jill at info@alotco.com.au or PO Box 124 Albany 6331. If you live in Albany, you can give Jill your original photo and she will copy it and return it to you as soon as possible.

Show Proposals:

Members are reminded that any member may submit a show proposal. The forms are available on our website.

All submissions are considered by the committee and proposers are invited to meet with the committee to discuss their proposal. ALOTCO will reimburse the cost of the perusal score if the proposed show goes ahead.

Production Update May 2019:

We are very excited to announce that our first show for 2019 is to be **Beauty and the Beast**.

Directed by Anne Davidson with Musical Director, Findlay MacNish.



Step into the enchanted world of Broadway's modern classic, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, an international sensation that has played to over 35 million people worldwide in 13 countries.

Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature, the stage version includes all the wonderful songs written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice.

The original Broadway production ran for over thirteen years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

This "tale as old as time" is filled with spectacular costume and set opportunities or, even more simply staged, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* offers a great opportunity to bring your entire community together for family theatre at its best.

Set the Stage!

With Rachael Theyer



Set the Stage classes start THIS SATURDAY! Still some places left for 6 to 11 year olds.

PM for more information, call 0439 003 832 or email set.the.stagewa@gmail.com



Important Dates:

- July 21st Rachael's *Set the Stage* workshops begin
- Aug 22nd Information Night 7.00pm *It's been a Long, Long Time*
- Sept 1st *The Snow Queen* – St Joseph's production
Richard Habal Director
2.00pm and 6.30pm performances
- Nov 3rd, 4th *It's Been a Long, Long Time* performances
- Nov 6th *Bohemian Rhapsody Fundraiser* at Orana Cinemas
- Nov 9th, 10th *It's Been a Long, Long Time* performances
- Nov 11th *Field of Lights*
- Nov 17th and perhaps the 18th – *Evan & Swing Kings*.
- Dec 1st Christmas Pageant
- Dec 15th ALOTCO Christmas Party Middleton Beach

New Pipes!

In exciting news, we are now connected to Main Drainage! The GIANT septic tank has gone!

We still have to have to some improvements to our water supply and fire fighting capabilities.

The city is also working on improving the storm water sump in the fenced area between us and Westerbergs. The weeds have been scraped away. It is a work in progress.

Our water meter has been moved to the verge near the entrance to our carpark. Hopefully that will be made safer soon so that cars parking will not cause damage.



Christmas Pageant: December 1st

Do you think that ALOTCO should be involved in the Christmas Pageant?

If so, would you be interested in organising our float?

Please email your ideas to the Hayley or Vanessa.



Enthusiastic Helpers Needed:

We are applying to the Albany Regional Volunteer Service to find some enthusiastic helpers who can help with a couple of projects to enhance our storage areas.

We know that everyone's time is precious but we do rely on the goodwill and expertise of our membership to continue to improve and enhance our facilities.

If you have carpentry/plumbing/electrical skills and you are willing to help with these plans, please let us know.

Fundraising: Bohemian Rhapsody – Orana Cinemas – Nov 6th

Join us at Orana Cinemas to watch the biopic of Queen – Bohemian Rhapsody. This is an ALOTCO fundraiser.

The tickets will be \$25 which includes a drink and a bag of popcorn. 120 seats minimum.

Set in the 1970s, the film follows the years before the formation of Queen by Freddie, Brian May, Roger Taylor and John Deacon.

It will tell the story of the beginnings of the band, up until their show-stealing performance at Live Aid in 1985.

So break out your curly wig and join us for an evening of fun!

ALOTCO Social Calendar 2018/2019



Contact Vanessa and Hayley:

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Event Date	Time Details	Where
High Tea	Sunday 5 th August 1.30pm to 4.00pm	16+ event @ ALOTCO Bring your favourite teacup.
ALOTCO's Got Talent	Friday 17 th August 7.00pm	ALOTCO 15 acts only. Six mins maximum per act. A chance to show off your talent. Sing, dance, act, groups and solos. Contact Vanessa and Hayley to secure your place. More info to come.
Costume Party Come as your favourite musical character.	Saturday 15 th September 6.00pm to 9.00pm	ALOTCO Prizes for best costumes.
Oktoberfest!	Sunday 28 th October 1.00pm to 4.00pm	Boston Brewery. Dress up!
Christmas Pageant	Saturday 1 st December Time TBA	Town Centre. If you would like to be part of the organising committee, contact Hayley or Vanessa.
Christmas Party	Saturday 15 th December 3.00pm until late	Middleton Beach. Family event near the Surf Club followed by Carols by Candlelight.
The Roasted Oscars	February 2019 TBC	ALOTCO. Sandy organises this event and if you have an idea for an item, please contact her directly.
Quiz Night	March 2019 TBC	ALOTCO
AGM	April 2019 TBC	ALOTCO

Spectrum News Season Two -Three One Act Plays

By dint of a lot of hard work by Eve and Sandy, we have finally cast our 3 plays with many thanks to all those who auditioned and helped. We sent out an SOS because our first audition did not give us sufficient numbers to cast the plays and with help from our good friends at ALOTCO , extra emails and a post on Facebook we were successful !! We welcome back several actors from past productions, as well as some young newcomers. The crew is being finalised, Martin Hveissel has started constructing the sets and rehearsals have begun in earnest as opening night is Friday 10th August!

The casts are as follows:

“Knightsbridge” by John Mortimer
Ian Napier, Jacqui Daniel, Luka Fumagalli
and Peter Cook.

“An Unwritten Page” by Angela Pritchard
Owen Davies, Jarod Inman and Chloe Pinker.

“Dinner for One” by Laurie Wylie
Caroline Rushforth and Tadhg Bird.

EVE – Season co-ordinator

Tickets are on sale through Paperbarks in York St.

The performance dates are:
AUG 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 at 7.30pm and
AUG 12, 19 matinees at 2pm

A TRIPLE TREAT - three exciting and very different one-act plays

“Knightsbridge”

Francesca brings her lover Henry to her mother's flat, intending to announce their wedding. Complications set in when Henry is given the impression that mother is not as one would expect.

“An Unwritten Page”

A man who is bound to his wheelchair is visited by two friends to celebrate his 40th birthday – his memory and his imagination.

“Dinner for One” also known as “The 90th Birthday”

A British cabaret classic from the 1920s which has become a New Year’s Eve TV tradition.

Directed by Sandy Wilson with

Assistant director Eve Wilkinson

President	Anne Davidson	Vice President	Linda Leighton
Treasurer	Peter Cook	Secretary	Jill Larsen
Theatre Manager	Ross Anderson and Robin Hughes		
Continuing members (1 year remaining)		Robin Hughes, Vanessa Paterson, Neil Hodgkinson	
New members (2-year term)		Janet McArtney, Susie McIntosh, Donna Markovic	
Auditor	Jan Biglin	Facebook	Janet McArtney, Kelly Seaton
Front of House	Anne Davidson Linda Leighton	Grants	Neil Hodgkinson
History	Karen Freeman	Library	Sandra Wilson
Lighting	Sandra Wilson Ross Anderson	Make-up	Lynn Barentine
Newsletter	Jill Larsen	Nostalgia	Kelly Seaton
Props/Scenery	Vanessa Paterson Robin Hughes	Publicity	Janet McArtney
Social Events	Vanessa Paterson Hayley Burns	Sound	Charles Danger
Wardrobe/Costume	Linda Leighton	Website	Jill Larsen

Contributions

If you have any ideas or contributions for the newsletter, please email them through to Jill at info@alotco.com.au and we will do our best to include them in the next edition!