



# Light Op News

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rehearsals are underway for ALOTCO's tribute show "It's Been a Long, Long, Time", commemorating the end of the First World War and celebrating the Declaration of Peace. It is very pleasing to see some new members who have just joined the company being involved in this show. The tickets are now on sale at Paperbark Merchants and as there are only going to be 4 performances - 2 matinees and 2 evening performances, so get in quickly and buy your tickets. This really will be a wonderful and memorable show, so spread the word to make it a sell-out.

The tickets for "Bohemian Rhapsody" Fund raiser are going well. I have a list of 95 people who would like tickets and 60 have paid. That means still 65 to sell to have the cinema completely booked out with ALOTCO members, family and friends. If you would like tickets, please contact me on 0419 605 672 so I can organise to get tickets to you.

There have been quite a few enquiries to hire our theatre from other groups and performers, which so far, we have been able to accommodate. We already have a booking for Eric Bogle. Eric is returning to Albany and the Port Theatre on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019. It is great to see the theatre being utilised and this helps generate additional income to enable us to improve and upgrade the facilities. We are looking to upgrade the foyer and entrance of the theatre, so this additional income will help us carry out these improvements. Regarding theatre upgrades, again, if we have any trades people who can help us to carry out some of these improvements, it would be very much appreciated. If you can help in any way, please contact Robin Hughes on 0417 098 805 as **we need you**.

Anne Davidson. President

Link to purchase tickets from Paperbarks [www.paperbarks.com.au/tickets.html](http://www.paperbarks.com.au/tickets.html)

## Production Update

Rehearsals are underway with ensemble on Tuesday and soloists/groups on Thursday.

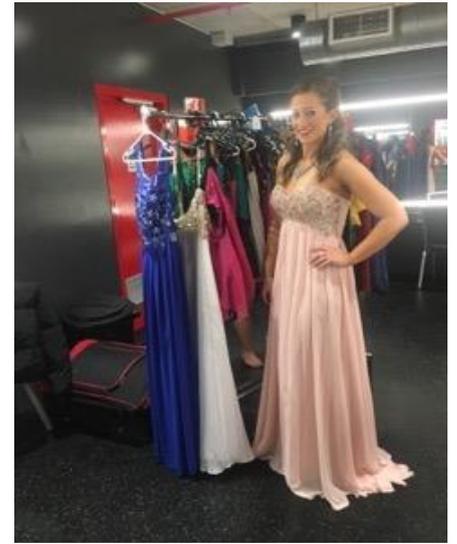
We still have room for a few extra men. Most of the songs are well known and easy to learn. Contact the secretary if you are interested so that we can prepare the song sheets.

Just a reminder that we do need as many people as possible to help on Saturdays - mainly in the mornings from about 9.30am, especially with sewing, construction and painting of sets and props. Lunches will be available from next Saturday,



## Where are they now?

### Former member: Alannah Woods



Alannah moved to Albany with her family in 2005 and attended Great Southern Grammar School until graduation in 2008. While at school Alannah was a member of the Senior Vocal Ensemble and took piano and singing lessons. She first joined ALOTCO in 2006 with the production of Music Hall Capers, directed by Linda Rogers. She then followed with three shows in 2007, “Annie” as a French Maid, “Gumshoe” in the Ensemble, and a Musical Showcase also in the Ensemble.

The highlight of Alannah’s time at ALOTCO came in 2008 with the production of “Les Miserables” where she was in the Ensemble and featured as one of the factory workers. Her last show was in 2009 where she was a tap dancer in “70 Girls 70”.

Alannah moved to Perth in 2010 and after training for a year auditioned and was successful in gaining admission to the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) in a Bachelor of Music (Classical Voice) as well as a Certificate II in Musical Theatre.

While at WAAPA Alannah performed in many small scale and large productions, the highlight being a soloist in the sacred music concert Transcendental Voices and playing the role of Alma March in the opera “Little Women”, both in her third and final year.

After graduating in 2013 Alannah moved to Melbourne where she studied a Diploma of Musical Theatre and Dance at APO Arts Academy, graduating in 2015. Since then Alannah has performed with the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic, performing at Hamer Hall and at the Prime Minister’s Olympic Gala Dinner performing with Jimmy Barnes, John Farnham, Jemma Rix and Dami Im among others. She has also been in two local musicals, “Anything Goes” with Babirra Musical Theatre Company in 2016 and most recently “Strictly Ballroom” with CLOC Musical Theatre Company.

In June of this year Alannah was given the incredible opportunity to join the company of Celtic Illusion, an Irish dance and illusion show, as the lead singer, to tour the East Coast of Australia with them, starting in Victoria and going all the way up to the top of Queensland. She has since been offered a regular spot with the show, touring New Zealand in September, South Australia in October and heading home to Western Australia in November where she is very excited to be returning home in her first professional show.

**Note from Editor: Tickets for Celtic Illusion at the Albany Entertainment Centre available now.**

## For Sale

Auskay 6000 - inbuilt vacuum system for sale - perfect for home, garage or small business

In good working order. Pick up and dismantling will be required. Help will be provided.

Reason for sale: not suitable when auditorium is set up for a show.

\$500 ONO. Contact Secretary if interested.

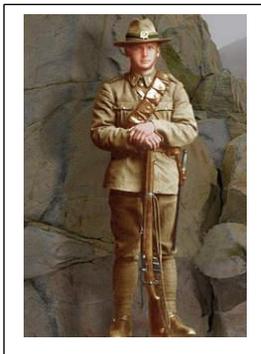


## Honour Role Photos

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 a family member of whom you are proud and would like to be part of our honour tree, please forward a COPIED or SCANNED photo to Jill at [info@alotco.com.au](mailto: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.



## ALOTCO Car Boot Sale

Due to our car park being a disaster area for the first half of the year we had to cancel the planned Car Boot Sale, which we hope will become an annual event/fundraiser.

We have pencilled in the first Sunday in February, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, so that we coincide with the Boatshed Markets and Cars and Coffee at the AEC.

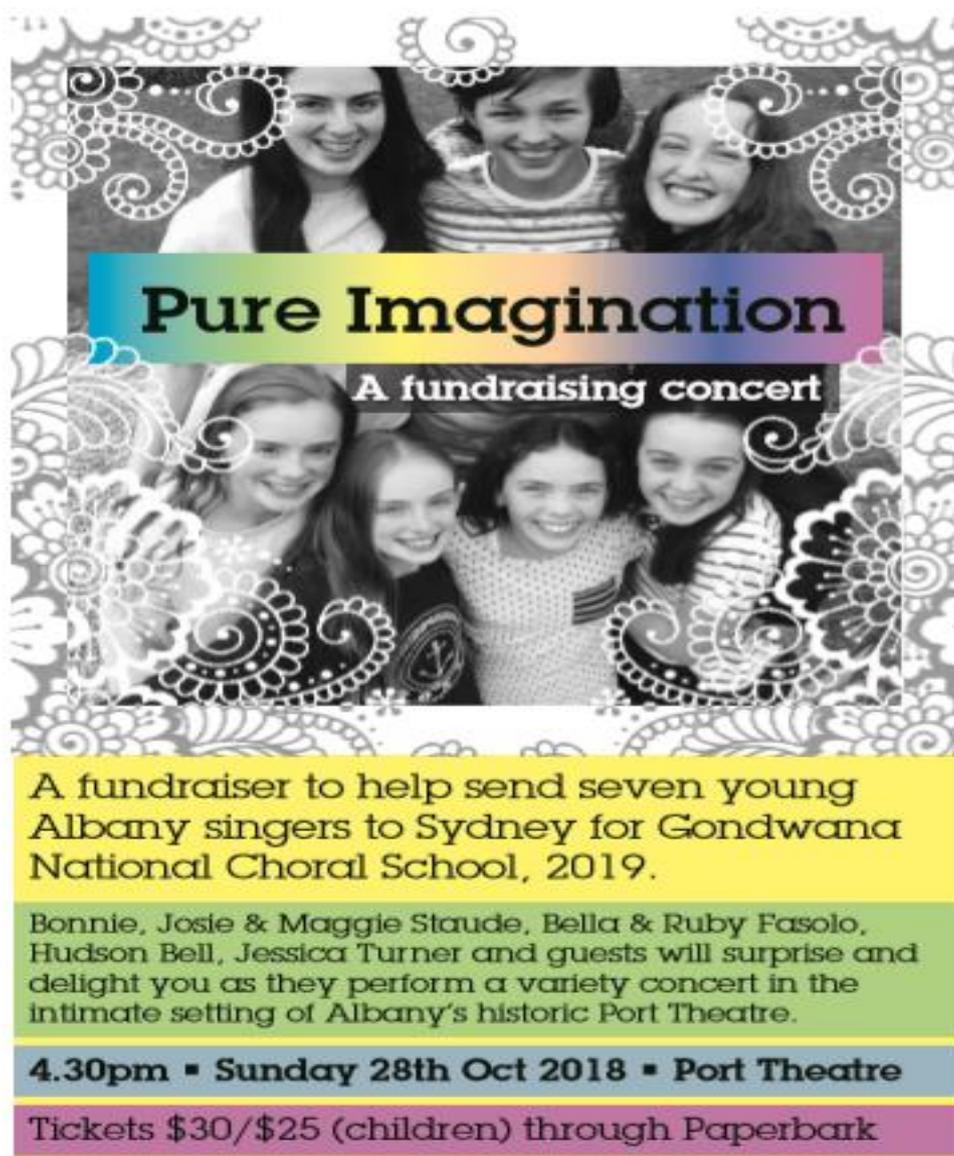
So we recommend you start spring cleaning your cupboards, sheds and garages and we can all get together in February and exchange our treasures!

Neil has put out a challenge for a better/wittier name.

Any ideas?



## Pure Imagination Concert



**Pure Imagination**  
A fundraising concert

A fundraiser to help send seven young Albany singers to Sydney for Gondwana National Choral School, 2019.

Bonnie, Josie & Maggie Staude, Bella & Ruby Fasolo, Hudson Bell, Jessica Turner and guests will surprise and delight you as they perform a variety concert in the intimate setting of Albany's historic Port Theatre.

4.30pm ▪ Sunday 28th Oct 2018 ▪ Port Theatre

Tickets \$30/\$25 (children) through Paperbark

Link to purchase tickets [www.paperbarks.com.au/tickets.html](http://www.paperbarks.com.au/tickets.html)

## FRONT OF HOUSE VOLUNTEERS – It's Been a Long, Long Time

Anne Davidson, our Front of House Manager, is in the process of putting together the Front of House Roster for our coming season of "It's Been a Long, Long, Time" on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (matinee), 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (matinee).

If you can help with any of the performances, please get in touch with Anne to offer your services.

Contact Anne on 0419 605 672.

## Your 2018/19 Committee

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