



Light Op News

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President's Report

On behalf of the ALOTCO Committee, I would just like to say what a fabulous show "It's Been A Long, Long Time" was. This beautifully produced show by Linda, Susie and Maureen, commemorating the end of the First World War and celebrating the Declaration of Peace, really was wonderful. With 4 performances over 2 weekends, it was pleasing to see the theatre more than 3/4 full for each performance, especially as not a well-known show, congratulations. Also, a very big thank you once again to all our fantastic behind the scenes members, costumes, lighting, sound, set design, props, stage hands, publicity and the "Poppy Makers", our theatre and auditorium certainly did look stunning.

Plans are underway for the installation of a new lighting board, details in the newsletter regarding the training sessions. A training session on sound has been organised as well. It would be great to see some of our members interested in both these areas come along.

The committee is also looking at upgrading the foyer and entrance to the theatre, also the kitchen area. Many plans in the pipeline for 2019. We would also love to upgrade backstage. With the recent cinema fund raiser and the hiring of the venue, the additional revenue here will hopefully help to make these plans and ideas come to fruition. Also, Neil is working very hard on Grant Applications, which again hopefully will help us fulfil some of these plans.

Enjoy your well-deserved rest over the next couple of months. It is going to be a busy time with the first production of the year "Beauty and the Beast" in May 2019 and we will need everyone refreshed and raring to go.

On behalf of the ALOTCO committee, I would like to wish all our members and their families, a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for more theatre adventures and dreams in 2019.

Anne Davidson. President



...and prepare yourself for a BEAST of a year in 2019!

Lighting and Sound Tutorials with John Culverhouse - this week – Nov 23/24

John Culverhouse from Ashton Admor Stage, Sound & Lighting, will be visiting Port Theatre THIS week to run workshops with interested members on both our existing sound desk, as well as a new lighting desk that we will be trialling with a view to purchasing.

These **FREE(!)** workshops are open to any members interested in these sides of our productions.

Sound Desk Tutorial – Friday evening, November 23rd – time TBC

Lighting Desk Tutorial – Saturday, November 24th - during the morning (exact time TBC)

John is an expert in stagecraft and can cut through much of the dark arts of sound and lighting.

Heck – he was even able to teach me the basics in half an hour!

We owe it to our wonderful volunteers, Charles and Sandy, that they have back-up and know that someone can step in for them if required. Cheers, Neil.



All interested members are asked to contact our Secretary, Jill on 0408 844 727 to register your interest prior to next Friday (23/11). There will be limited places, so register asap.

Grants and Acquisitions: Report from Neil

Over the course of this year, ALOTCo has received almost \$3000 in grants from both private and local government support. This money has gone toward the costs of productions, as well as theatre assets such as a digital video camera, rechargeable PA system and other small items.

Further grant applications to the Department of Social Services and Lotterywest are in the pipeline and we will hopefully hear some good news during 2019!

Funds raised through various grants will continue to enhance both our performers' and patrons' experiences through improved stage lighting, heating in our auditorium and improvements to our backstage, foyer and kitchen areas.

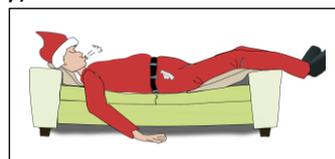


Neil working hard for the money!



Important Dates: Put them on your calendar or in your phone NOW please!

- December 1st (Saturday) Christmas Pageant. Contact Vanessa 0412 259 149 or Hayley 0409 684 489
- December 4th (Tuesday) at 6.00pm **Farewell to Margaret Evans. Margaret is moving to Perth. Details to follow.**
- December 15th ALOTCO Christmas Party Middleton Beach. Details to follow.
- January 23rd (Wednesday)2019 - Information Night - Beauty and the Beast – 7.00pm
- February 2nd & 3rd February 2019 (Saturday and Sunday) – auditions
- February 5th (Tuesday) 2019 – first rehearsal
- March 3rd (Sunday) – Inaugural annual car boot sale
- March 8th (Friday) – Eric Bogle – Details to follow.



APOLOGY: Jill would like to publicly acknowledge Robin's hard work with set creation and props for It's Been a Long, Long Time. Robin's name was left out of the programme. Please accept my apologies, Robin.

Evan Ayres and the Swing Kings: Farewell Performances

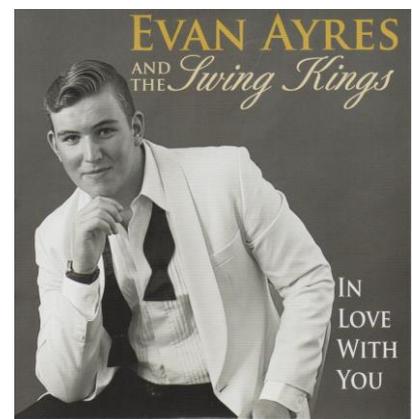
One door closes, another opens. So it is with the Swing Kings, whose light has shone so bright.

What started as a project to record a few songs became sell out shows, faultless performances and satisfied audiences. The band will now split up. Evan is having a gap year, writing songs and recording at the end of the year with a new look swing band before heading to WAAPA the following year. Oliver (Bass) is also having a gap year before heading to Uni to study engineering. Mollie (backups) is auditioning In November at WAAPA for Musical Theatre in Perth. Bryce (Trumpet) and brass arrangements is off to Uni in Canberra. Anna (sax) is headed to Uni in Perth to study Social work. Bonnie (backup singer) and harmony arranger will do year 12 and Hunter (trombone) will continue at school in year 11. Of course, then there is Jeremy (drummer) who will also continue at school and skateboarding and eating lolly snakes for which he has an insatiable appetite.

The connection with ALOTCO is close.

With the Tetlow/Staude/Ayres families and Mollie being members of ALOTCO we'd like to acknowledge with a great deal of gratitude the help the band has received from the ALOTCO family.

After the EP release Janet McArtney came on board as our publicist. She worked tirelessly to help us to achieve our goals and was largely responsible for the sell-out shows. Thank you, Janet!



In the new year Evan will be recruiting new musicians and new backup singer for the album and gigs. Evans standards are high. To put the original Swing Kings together, ten musicians and two backup singers went through the rotating door so it could be some time before a new band is formed. The Swing Kings have always been about high standards of musicianship plus 'the look' (suit and tie), shiny shoes and trimmed fingernails. They are a very professional package!

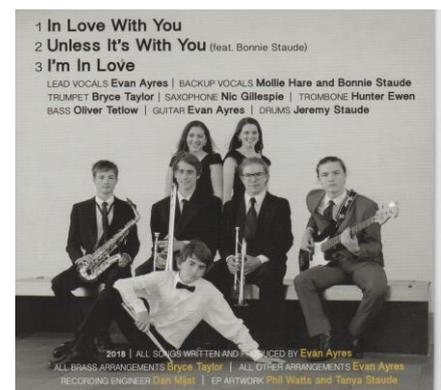
From my point of view it has been a hell of a journey! With numerous stand up fights with Evan over musical direction and money, we finally decided that he does the music and I do the business. However, the hard work paid off with 850 seats sold, 500 EPs sold and 5 sold out shows (one selling in 2 hours). All this in little old Albany. Oh, and did I mention that courtesy of Nigel Bird at WAMI WA the band has a song in the central programming dept of the ABC in Sydney, which will be sent out to every ABC radio station in Australia to be included on their play lists.

The band, band management and the ALOTCO volunteers to arrive at this point.

We should all be proud of what we have achieved!

Graham Ayres: Manager

The ALOTCO Management Committee have really enjoyed hosting these talented young performers. We wish them all well in their future endeavours.



It's Been a Long, Long Time: Message from Susie and Linda

Now that the songs have been sung and the music has stopped, may I thank each and everyone of you for your time and commitment to our little tribute to Peace. I couldn't say all this on Saturday as for once I was a little lost for words and besides that the pizzas were getting cold. Nobody likes cold pizza with or without pineapple! Both Linda and I were so pleased and proud of you all. Special thanks to Maureen for her time in locating and writing harmonies for the gorgeous music and also for her fabulous little orchestra, to Findlay for his invaluable input into music unknown to me and that made the show more meaningful, to Neil who was just as fabulous as our MC as he was in Magic of Musicals....minus the lace!.....quietly and respectfully telling our story.

Thank you allcast, orchestra and crew alike for your time and commitment to what has been a very special production to me. It was a joy to work with you all.

Last, but by no means least, my sincere thanks to my lovely poppy makers who made a very lengthy but fun process so much shorter. If it had not been for you all, I am sure that I would still be knee deep in glorious poppies! I won't name you all as I run the risk of missing out someone and I wouldn't like to do that. I think you all got to know each other a little better as you chatted and made those glorious poppies! I think they looked magnificent.

Thank you also for the beautiful flowers and gift of a gorgeous candle. When I light it, I shall think of you allfor a long, long time!

Peace to you all, Susie and Linda



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