



Light Op News

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Safety Audit Update:

Thank you to all the members who attended the briefing about the future of the theatre. As everyone has been told, the Safety Audits undertaken by Southern Ports Albany and the City of Albany listed a huge amount of work that needs to be undertaken to bring our safety requirements up to scratch.

A sub-committee has been formed and has had their first meeting. We are concentrating on the City's audit at first as they have been given us a six month time frame. We have to show that we are making plans to improve all the areas listed. We are sure that with our membership and volunteer support we will complete all tasks.

It is going to cost many thousands of dollars to complete these tasks so any support you can offer, in any way, is vital. Please do not leave it all up to the committee.

Plan of action from City of Albany audit:-

1. Electrical – Exit signs, improved platform lighting, improved emergency lighting, smoke detectors, RCD labels - Ross
2. Emergency evacuation plan – Jill and Anne
3. Replacing cracked tiles in all toilets. Help needed here to remove old tiles. **HELP!**
4. Stage door to be moved and open outwards. **HELP!**
5. All new external doors and door furniture (crash exit bars). Neil looking into this.
6. Testing and Tagging. Ben.
7. Railings along platform. **HELP!**
8. Ramp – tactile ground indicators need to be installed. Robin.
9. All steps and landings - need to rethink. Will need an architect and/or structural engineer. **HELP!**
10. Storage – we need much more as we have to clear the props area and platform. **HELP!**

And that just the start!

We will need **YOU!** If you can help let us know. Work will probably take place in December and January.

Busy Bees!

Production Update:

Janet McArtney and Jill Larsen are well underway with their new production *Let's Shine Brightly*, the fifth in the *Let's Shine* series. Jill is thrilled to be assisting Janet for the first time.

We have had a brainstorming session, watched the video of *Let's Shine Together* and recently held an information session.

There will be lots of shared performances with our guest stars plus lots of other individual acts.

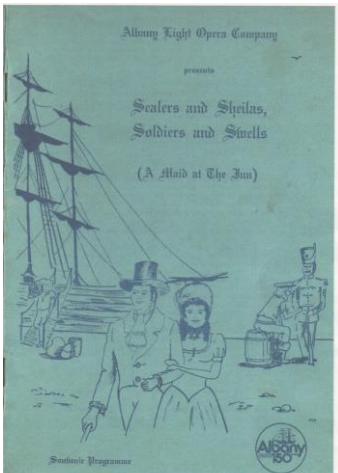
If you would like to be part of this delightfully heart-warming show, please contact Jill or Janet. If you cannot be a part of the show we would love you to buy a ticket to watch the performances. Remember that ALOTCo needs your support!

Only TWO shows – Nov 30th and Dec 1st – matinees.
Tickets will be available at Paperbarks.



The poster features a smiling sun with the text "Let's Shine Brightly" arched above it. In the top right corner is the logo for Albany Light Opera & Theatre Co., which includes icons for Music, Dance, and Drama, and the text "Est. 1963". Below the logo, it says "Presented by Albany Light Opera and Theatre Company". The main text on the poster reads: "The 5th of the 'Let's Shine' series, integrated variety concerts starring the hidden talents of people living with a disability performing alongside Albany Light Opera existing and new members. Directed by Janet McArtney & Jill Larsen. 2.00pm Matinees 2019. Saturday 30th Nov & Sunday 1st Dec. Port Theatre, Princess Royal Drive. Row Seating Book online www.paperbarks.com.au or Paperbarks Merchants @ 240 York St. \$20 Adults & \$15 Conc/child/student. Companion Cards welcomed. Keep updated 'like' www.facebook.com/LetsShineALOTCo www.facebook.com/AlbanyLightOperaTheatreCompany". At the bottom, there are logos for CLA (Community Living Association Inc.), Albany, and Rotary Club of Albany City (Van Eyk Trust).

Can You Help?



Sealers and Sheilas, Soldiers and Swells...

or *A Maid at the Inn* by D.A.P. West was an ALOTCo production for Albany's sesquicentenary in 1976. It was co-directed by John Swain and Sheena Prince.

We have found an old copy of the programme but cannot find an original script.

If you were involved in the production, please sort through your memorabilia to see if you have a copy and let Jill know.

Many thanks from Sandra Swain.

Christmas Pageant:

Is there anyone who would like to co-ordinate an ALOTCo float in the Christmas pageant this year?

We received third prize in 2018.

Anyone? Contact Jill for more details.



Missing:

We are missing a tripod attachment that went missing during Albany's Got Talent. It's the size of a big button.

Has anyone seen it?

HELP!



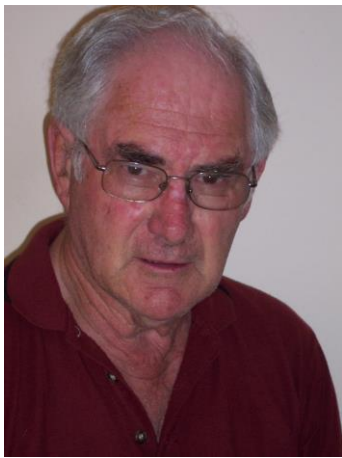
BIG NEWS:

It is with great sadness (and trepidation) that we announce that Ross Anderson and Robin Hughes will not be re-nominating to continue as Theatre Managers at the next Annual General Meeting.

These two ALOTCo stalwarts have shouldered much of the burden of the running and maintenance of the theatre for many, many years and need to hand over responsibility to some younger, stronger bodies. They have assured us that they will be available for information sharing but their heavy lifting days are over.

Please start thinking now of nominating as a Theatre Manager or scenery designer/builder for next year. Any likely apprentices please contact Ross or Robin so that you can work alongside them for the remainder of their time to learn where all the bodies are hidden!

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR TURN AT KEEPING THIS COMPANY MOVING FORWARD?



In Other Big News:

In other much happier news, congratulations to Evan Ayres and Maddy Marsh who have both been accepted by WAAPA to study a four year degree in Bachelor of Music (Jazz/Vocals). Woo hoo!

We will miss you both but wish you every success with your studies.

Congratulations



Show Proposals:

The revised Show Proposal form is available online at alotco.com.au on the Auditions and Forms page or from the Secretary.





ALOTCo has recently registered with YourChange.com.au to help defray some of the costs of the safety audit.....

AND IT DOESN'T COST YOU ANYTHING!

If you shop online, you can register yourself with YourChange, choose ALOTCo as the beneficiary and then click on your preferred company to make your purchases.

Thank you to Donna for setting this up for us. We have been told that the About Face choir is using this to good advantage.

Donna has discovered that if you purchase groceries via the link to Woolworths and spend over \$100 then Woolies donates \$14 to ALOTCo. Other suppliers donate differing amounts. Woo hoo!

Spectrum News:

Tickets for **THE HOUSE OF FRANKENSTEIN** by Martin Downing are officially now on sale at [Paperbark Merchants!](#)

Head in store or online for access to Albany's Top Halloween Event for 2019!

With an ensemble of creatures of the night, you'd have to be MAD to miss this ridiculous comedy.

Your 2019/20 Committee

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Auditor: Jan Biglin	Facebook: Janet McArtney and Kelly Seaton
Front of House: Anne Davidson, Linda Leighton	Grants: Neil Hodgkinson (retiring)
History: Karen Freeman	Library: Sandra Wilson
Lighting: Sandra Wilson	Make-up: Lynn Barentine
Newsletter: Jill Larsen	Nostalgia Portraits: Kelly Seaton
Props: Vanessa Paterson	Scenery: Robin Hughes
Publicity: Janet McArtney	Social Events: Vanessa Paterson
Sound: Charles Danger	Wardrobe/Costume: Linda Leighton
Website: Jill Larsen	Albany Gateway: Jill Larsen

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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!