



# Light Op News

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## Message from the President...

Hello ALOTCo members and fans,

I must admit since becoming ALOTCo's President I feel a bit of a fraud, yes a 'Claytons'\* president as have not been able to have regular face-to-face meetings or have a theatre buzzing with rehearsals, sewing, painting with excited members anticipating the next production which was to be Urinetown the Musical.

Yes, 'It won't happen overnight, but it will happen!' At this stage we really need Phase 5 which eliminates the social distancing. Front of House will have a COVID Safety Plan as expected by the WA Health Dept for our audience. Also, backstage will have some upgrades to hygiene standards too. These changes will reflect the new normal that we will have for the future of COVID.

On the positives the Costume Dept; Linda, Jodie and Coral had been busy tidying up, a never-ending story. The Safety Audit committee had been making decisions in line with upgrades required by Southern Ports and City of Albany. Theatre managers Todd and Dean had done some tidying on the veranda (much needed). Vanessa and helpers, Richard and I have sorted the props Dept. Plus our wonderful Grants Officer Emma has been applying for grants galore. How could we forget the whole time our 'powerhouse engine' Secretary Jill has been handling all the correspondence and coordinating face-to-face and Zoom meetings. Thank you to these quiet achievers keeping our theatre ticking along.

Did you find a positive in these COVID times? Some took up painting, walking, puzzles, reading more and in my case family history (did you know that the newspapers over 80 years ago reported family scandals?)

Yes, we are extremely thankful we live in Albany, Great Southern, WA and Australia as far as COVID is concerned. Also, lucky that we have the greatest number of productions planned over the next 3 years we have ever had. Proof that the theatre is growing and well respected by all especially up and coming directors. We are coming out of hibernation to truly creatives times.

Stay tuned via Facebook and email for news about Urinetown the Musical.

\* <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Claytons> mmm.... I am showing my age.

\* 90's Pantene shampoo advert

Cheers

*Janet McArtney*

## Production Report from Airell...Urinetown the Musical

Rehearsals will be starting on July 21<sup>st</sup>, with performances in September, if all goes well with Phase 5 of the COVID-19 restrictions.

Life moves on and the new schedule has meant some cast and crew changes, with unfortunately some unable to join us for the restart. We thank those members very much for their tremendous time and effort that they had put into the show before rehearsals were halted. We wish Tim, Jenny, Sharni, Phil, Robin and Tom well in their current endeavours and hope to see them again down the track.

The new faces in the company are as follows:-

Maureen Kennedy – keyboard  
Barrel – Sharon Walsh  
Senator Fipp – Mick Vertigan  
UGC Staff – Carmen Fasolo  
Old Man Strong – Old Man Staude (aka Mike)  
Hot Blades Harry – yours truly (Airell)

We can't wait to get restarted, the extra time hopefully has and can be put to good use!

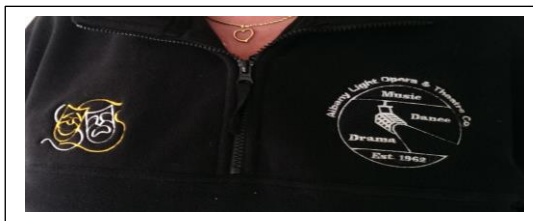
Cheers,

Airell Hodgkinson

## Fundraising...

The ALOTCo polo shirts, fleece tops and hoodies can be ordered by contacting Vanessa at [beanessa@optusnet.com.au](mailto:beanessa@optusnet.com.au) Prices may be slightly higher. We are waiting for confirmation of new prices.

1. Polo shirt (\$35)
2. Polar fleece – full or half zip (\$45)
3. Hoodie (\$50)



## URGENT...Set Co-ordinator/Creator Needed...

We need a persons or persons who are willing to work with directors, set designers and artistic directors to co-ordinate the members who volunteer to create the sets for each show.

Robin Hughes has undertaken this task for many years and now wants to spend more time travelling in his caravan. Robin has done a fabulous job and we wish him well with his future adventures.

So if you are one of those amazing volunteers who has supported Robin over many years we need you to step and offer your services to co-ordinate this vital task. This doesn't mean you have the sole responsibility to produce the sets. Your task will be to co-ordinate a team of worker bees.

Please contact the Secretary.

## ALOTCo's Diamond Anniversary Celebrations 2022...

In 2022 ALOTCo celebrates sixty years of musical productions! Such a proud milestone!

The Committee is calling for ideas as how to celebrate this wonderful milestone.

Please contact the Secretary with your ideas. [info@alotco.com.au](mailto:info@alotco.com.au)



### 'Let's Shine Brightly' to Shine On...

Due to COVID-19 the premiere for the CarersWA mini-films, featuring last year's 'Let's Shine Brightly' production, had to be postponed.

Plans are underway to reschedule for September, with viewings and supper for this Gala (dress-up) event at Orana Cinemas.

Recently CarersWA, Jill and Janet had a preview and we are excited about the screening.

Starring all of our 'Let' Shine Brightly' cast, filmed and edited by Bayden and Dylan Redshaw, it will feature three mini-films about this wonderful production which promotes inclusivity.

Fingers crossed that it all will work out for the new dates as we had to cancel the original date due to the virus.

At this stage, invitations will just go to cast (family/support), crew, the committee and special guests.

We plan to have a members' viewing at the Port Theatre at a later date.

Cheers,

Janet McArtney and Jill Larsen

## Show Timetable...

2020 – Urinetown the Musical; idea for ALOTCo's Got Talent at end of the year

2021 – Musical of Musicals: Seussical the Musical; Alice in Cuckoo Land (panto)

2022 and beyond – TBA – proposals in pipeline...

Mama Mia; Let's Shine Always; Diamond Anniversary Celebrations; Catch Me If You Can; Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat; Albany's Got Talent

## Social Event...

Vanessa and Jill are working on some plans to get us back together at the Port Theatre.



## Spectrum News...

I contacted Daniel at Spectrum. No news to report.

Like us they are simply waiting, waiting, waiting!



## Your 2020/21 Committee

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Auditor: Jan Biglin	Facebook: Janet McArtney and Kelly Seaton
Front of House: Anne Davidson, Linda Leighton	Grants: Emma Davis
History: Karen Freeman	Library: Sandra Wilson
Lighting: Sandra Wilson	Make-up: Alison Sharpe
Newsletter: Jill Larsen	Nostalgia Portraits: Kelly Seaton
Props: Vanessa Paterson	Scenery: ???
Publicity: Janet McArtney	Social Events: Vanessa Paterson
Sound: Charles Danger, Ben Davis	Wardrobe/Costume: Linda Leighton
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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](mailto:info@alotco.com.au) and we will do our best to include them in the next edition!