



Light Op News

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From the President...

Hello ALOTCo,

Where has the year gone? Fortunately, it has been a more 'normal' first quarter than at the same time last year. With COVID Phase 4B now in place, the theatre can resume full capacity, which means more people can enjoy our productions and better profits too! Which means more dollars. \$\$\$\$\$\$

ALOTCo is moving ahead with the upgrades required by the City of Albany and Southern Ports, headed by Theatre Manager Todd McGregor and supported by a team. This project is one of the biggest challenges and costs that ALOTCo has had since the setup of the Port Theatre over 25 yrs ago. Thankyou Todd and team.

Exciting teams (sub-committees) will be setup for:

- 'Diamonds' Celebration – 60 years of ALOTCo, performance/s planned in 2022.
- Life Memberships - to recommend to ALOTCo Committee new life memberships that will be recognised at the 'Diamonds' Celebration. This committee will consist of current Life Members.

News regarding these two sub-committees will be forthcoming in the near future.

Welcome to new Committee members - Findlay MacNish and Charles Danger.

- ALOTCo Life Member, Findlay, is a versatile Director, Musical Director, Set Designer (and 'hands on' builder). Now retired he has already spent many weeks building the MoM scenery. Thankyou Findlay.
- Long time ALOTCo Sound Technician, Charles (also recently retired), has taken the role of Secretary, Charles has entered into the role with his head spinning, Jill will be by his side to help with the transition. Good Luck Charles!

A huge thank you to Jill Larsen, my right-hand person and partner in crime for 'Lets Shine' projects and two AGT's, but most of all, as the ALOTCo secretary for many years. Her knowledge and encouragement have been inspiring and such immeasurable assistance to me. Jill will still be involved in ALOTCo, so you will still see her smiling face and positive attitude for many years.

The Musical of Musicals (The Musical!) or affectionately known a 'MoM' has had the cast and production team working extremely hard. Having cabaret (table) seating will ensure a very memorable night with drinks and nibbles, watching an eye catching (costumes and scenery) and witty performance. Tickets are selling fast as the first weekend is almost SOLD-OUT and overall over 80% sold! Yes, the word has got around!

To the fabulous and creative Donna, her cast and crew - 'Break a leg'

Janet McArtney

ALOTCo Presidente

Musical of Musicals – the Musical...

Tickets are selling fast, so contact Paperbarks on York St or online via our website link or our Facebook link to book your table.

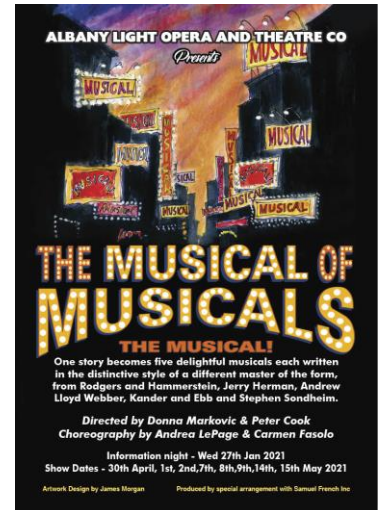
Tables of 6 or row seating available on raised area.

BYO drinks, nibbles and glasses if seated at a table.

Kiosk will be operating.

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Working with Children Check...



As our next show is *Seussical the Musical* the Management Committee requests that all adults involved in the show should apply for their Working with Children Check.

Forms can be obtained from any Post Office.

When you have completed the form, you can return to the Post Office with your identifying documents and have your photo taken and submit your paperwork.

Seussical the Musical

Full information is on our website

alotco.com.au



Audition Information: Seussical the Musical

We are looking for a large cast of all ages (5 years to 105 years) to bring this beautiful family musical to life! Seussical takes us into the world of Dr Seuss, where we revisit beloved characters including The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie, Sour Kangaroo, and JoJo.

Information Night:

Wednesday 26th May 2021 6:30pm – 7:30pm

This is a non-compulsory night where you can learn a little more about the show, meet the production team, collect the audition material, ask any questions you may have, and sign up for an audition time slot.

All adults over the age of 18 will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) to participate in this production.

Director: Emma Davis

Vale Brian Bairstow

It is with great sadness that we share the news that our Life Member, Brian Bairstow, has recently passed away.

Brian and Celia played a very important part in the history of ALOTCo. They were both awarded Life Membership in recognition of their efforts in helping this company become a vital and treasured community theatre.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Celia and her family.



Brian's Farewell

Bethany Funeral
Home

Monday May 3rd

10.30am

Brian – centre back – with the splendid hat



In further news...

- **Heywire – ABC – Let's Embrace Diversity – Albany Autism Awareness** – started first interview, paper article (Advertiser) & ABC radio
- **View from the Magpie's Nest – for the Breaksea Festival** - script created, production team meeting May, info night July, rehearsals Sept/October for late October performance at Town Hall.
- **Let's Shine Brightly** doco completed, currently being assessed by CarersWA before releasing online.
- **ABC TV** filmed for a mini-doco on Naomi Lake including Let's Shine at ALOTCo recently

Jill Larsen and Janet McArtney More info www.facebook.com/LetsShineALOTCo



Containers for Change....

We have some wonderful donations trickling into the bank account, with members returning eligible containers to the depots around Albany.

Bill and I have discovered that it's easiest to return a bag of containers to the depot at 93 Stead Rd, Centennial Park.

Just drive around to the back of the building and drop off your bag with ALOTCo's number attached - C10316210.

They have spare sacks available for your next donation.



Your 2021/22 Committee

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History: Karen Freeman	Library: Sandra Wilson				
Lighting: Sandra Wilson, Ben Davis	Make-up: Alison Sharpe				
Newsletter: Jill Larsen	Nostalgia Portraits: Kelly Seaton				
Props: Vanessa Paterson, Sandy O'Doherty	Scenery: Findlay MacNish				
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Sound: Charles Danger, Ben Davis	Wardrobe/Costume: Linda Leighton, Jodie James				
Website: Jill Larsen					
Dropbox: Janet McArtney, Karen Freeman, Jill Larsen	Mics: Imogen and Zoe Taylor				

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Contributions

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