



Light Op News

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President's Report...

Where has the year gone?

Congratulations to Emma Davis, Sandra Wilson, Findlay MacNish, the cast and crew for such a vibrant and entertaining production of *Seussical the Musical*, which was enjoyed by all ages.

Now can you believe it we're onto 2022? Mamma Mia Info Night had a massive turnout which was no surprise as ABBA is such a popular band and having a resurgence. Auditions will be 'full on' for two days early December, good luck all and 'rest up' audition panel.

Recent theatre hires were a hit! Evan Ayres and The Swing Kings, Blues Brothers & Soul Sisters (with our own Jenny G & C) were all sold-out and such fun, 'ouch' my dancing feet. The next show will be a Beatles Tribute 11th & 12th December, tables and rows still available. Plus the ACCI 'Business After Hours' Christmas Party early December, so the words out what a great venue we are. Pssst...shhhhh... I've heard that Southern Souls 'The Commitments' might be coming back next July, so here's your chance if you missed out earlier in the year. Great to see music still happening between our productions and YES we're making a bit of pocket money too from the hire and kiosk.

CircuitWest has provided two workshops, one was marketing and other technical. Both were of immense information, the advice on sound, lighting and OHS was very valuable. Also four of our members were sponsored by CircuitWest to attend a 3 ½ day conference called ShowcaseWA. www.showcasewa.com.au whereby we met other people from WA venues, community theatres and artists discussing arts funding, grants, marketing and more. An amazing opportunity that opened our eyes up about the arts world and that there are many other community theatres that run their mini-business very different to ALOTCo.

Rehearsals are full on at ALOTCo. 'View from the Magpies Nest'. 'Lets Shine' members Naomi Lake wrote and narrated (mentored by local author Dianne Wolfer), Emily O'Brien is choreographing and lead dancer (mentored by Rita Bush, cast and crew are ready to perform at the AEC this Friday. An exciting collaboration with Breaksea and the opening/supporting act for 'Caretaker of the Lost Selves'

Welcome Laurence Mitchell who has been co-opted to the ALOTCo committee till the 2022 AGM. Laurence is a talented and keen newcomer and with his daughter Ruby says that ALOTCo feels like 'home' to them. Both appeared in the two 2021 productions and can't wait for the future opportunities.

The ALOTCo committee wish you a Merry Christmas and we'll burst into the new year with the anticipation of another great production 'Mamma Mia'.

Janet McCartney El President.

Headline – Congratulations to our very own Hunter Ewen



A message from Hunter...

On the 8th of October I had my audition for WAAPA and on the 16th of November I was informed that I had been offered a spot at WAAPA for a Bachelor of Dance which I euphorically accepted.

I had been preparing for the audition for quite a few months. In my experience, it was more nerve wrecking than my high school WACE exams. I was required to take part in a classical ballet class, a contemporary class, and perform a 1-minute solo of my own choreography.

The audition lasted for 5 hours however I was having the absolute time of my life! All the music that was played during the audition was live. My favourite part of the audition was the ballet, the entire time a grand pianist would play our music and it felt so much more inspiring than just listening to a sound track so naturally I was smiling a lot!

I was the only person who travelled from outside of Perth to come to the audition and it was a bit daunting at first however once I started dancing, I felt like I was home already.

I'm extremely excited to be starting a new chapter of my life and can't wait to see what opportunities WAAPA creates for me.

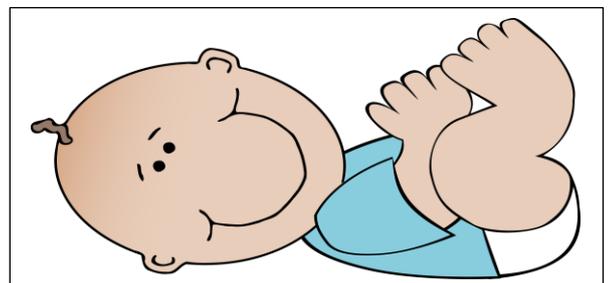
We at ALOTCo are so proud of you Hunter and wish you every success in this new challenge.

Congratulations to Emma, Ben and Lilith...

We are all very happy to hear of the safe arrival of Nathaniel Jacob Davis on the 18th of November.

Such a fabulous early Christmas gift.

Lilith has nicknamed her little brother 'Lollipop'!



Our deepest sympathy to Coral...

Every ALOTCo member, past and present, send their condolences to our very own Coral Hughes, on the recent passing of her dear husband, Des.

We send our sympathy and love.



Our very own ALOTCo's *'Let's Shine'* performers living with a disability www.facebook.com/LetsShineALOTCo – *'View From the Magpie's Nest'* is the opening act and will be supporting Breaksea's *'Caretaker of Lost Selves'* @ the Albany Entertainment Centre.

Friday 26th November 4.00pm & 7.30pm

Book: <https://www.ptt.wa.gov.au/venues/albany-entertainment-centre/whats-on/caretaker-of-lost-selves-view-from-the-magpies-nest/>

'View From the Magpie's Nest' is a new dance work in six parts. Enjoy the story of a young magpie across twelve months living at Middleton Beach.

“As the sun rises over Middleton Beach, the morning warble of the magpies can be heard. High above the ground, in the branch of a Norfolk Pine, sits a lonely, young magpie. She is searching for a mate and dreaming of a family of her own”

Thank you to the Cast and Crew. It has been crazy fun especially when the baby magpies are let loose!



Mamma Mia news...

MAMMA MIA!

Looking for young male performers 16 to 25. Contact Anne on 0419 605 672.

All audition information is on www.alotco.com.au

Cast must be **over 16 years of age** by auditions 4th and 5th of December.

There will be eleven shows over four weekends in May 2022

Directed by Anne Davidson Musical Direction by James Turner and Roger Hey.

Over 60 million people all around the globe have fallen in love with the story and the music that make MAMMA MIA! the ultimate feel-good musical. And now, in a stunning new production, Albany Light Opera and Theatre Company, invite you to fall in love all over again!

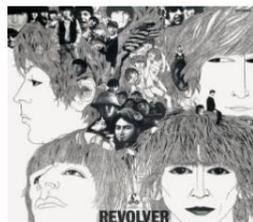
Voulez Vous, S.O.S, Take a Chance on Me, Dancing Queen, Waterloo and so many more hits you know and love, make this worldwide phenomenon a fabulous night out for audiences of all ages.



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Eleanor Rigby
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Come Together
Maxwell's Silver Hammer
Octopuses' Garden
Oh! Darling
Something
Here Comes the Sun
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Love You To
Good Day Sunshine
And Your Bird Can Sing
and more...*



ALBANY PORT THEATRE
SATURDAY 11TH AND SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER

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