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From the President...

Dates are 'locked in' for Mamma Mia. YAY!

The Port Theatre has been fairly quiet during the week but Saturdays are busy with Mamma Mia scenery, costumes and props that are almost finished. Thank you to a busy team at the theatre in these non-rehearsal times.



Ben Davis and a small team have been building the Proscenium which is a frame separating the stage from the auditorium. Currently being built to be ready for the ALOTCo Diamonds 60th Anniversary. Findlay MacNish will be designing the 'dressing' of the proscenium then consulting with the committee..

Some happening over the next few months:

- **'Blues Brother meet the Soul Sisters'** on the 10th & 11th June. They performed last year with 2 sell-out shows as was sooo much fun. Tickets 50% sold already, Tables (6) and row seating available. <https://paperbark.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/54093>
- **'Art after Dark'** will celebrate local performing arts with an event at the Port Theatre on Thursday 16 June 5pm to 7pm, hosted by City of Albany and Albany Light Opera and Theatre Co. So far Southern Edge Arts (SEA), Albany Children's Theatre (ACT), Great Southern Playback Theatre and Spectrum Theatre will be presenting. Must RSVP to arts@albany.wa.gov.au or on 6820 3740 as drinks and nibbles are provided.
- **'Let's Shine – Seachange'** dance workshops for people living with a disability is another collaboration with Breaksea.org. To participate call Janet 0401203557
- **'Maritime Festival'** will be performing 'Songs of the Sea' (2 shows) at The Port Theatre on the Saturday 9th July. Details and ticketing are being finalised, stay tuned for further information. Albany will come alive with an array of different events across the month of July for the Maritime Festival 2022. From food, culture, creative workshops, art exhibitions and more, there really is something for everyone during this year's winter celebrations.

<https://www.cityofalbanyevents.com/whats-on>

Goodbye to our amazing 'Props Lady' Vanessa Patterson who has been the Props Manager and Designer for the last ten years ie over 20 productions, hard to imagine. Vanessa has been working on completing the props for Mamma Mia before she retires from the position. She plans to return in the future to help with costumes.

We have heard that many of our members have been unwell with COVID or other winter illnesses. We wish you all a full and speedy recovery.

Hope to see you everyone supporting the events above.

El Presidente'

Janet McArtney

Happy 90th birthday to Ross

Ross worked as an engineer and when he retired he brought to ALOTCo many skills required to set up this magnificent space. Some would say he was a 'glorified handyman' 🛠️🔧🔨 and yes, he could build or fix anything. ALOTCo owes him so much.

We hope Ross had a fabulous day with Ailsa and friends celebrating his amazing 90 years of life. 🎉🎂🥳🥰



MAMMA MIA!

After working around cast trips overseas, three weddings and another dance performance, we have the dates.

So gather your friends and family together as ticket will go on sale 10 weeks before with very little advertising.

- Friday 18th, Saturday 19th November - 7.30pm and Sunday matinee on 20th November 2.00pm
- Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November - all 7.30pm starts
- Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd December - 7.30pm and Sunday matinee 4th December 2pm
- Friday 9th December and Saturday 10th December – both 7.30 pm

Where are they now?... Rachael Theyer

It's hard to believe that my husband Ryan and I packed up our life over 3 years ago and moved to Port Hedland. Many didn't understand and questioned "why would you?" And our answer was simply "why not!" but I can honestly say it has been the most wonderful adventure and one we continue to enjoy every day. I spend my days working at one of the local Primary schools as a Library Officer (best job ever!), spending time with Ryan and our almost 14 year old dog Tyson, camping, fishing and of course... theatre!

A few months into our new life, I found a small group of very motivated individuals putting together a pantomime consisting of over 60 children. They immediately took me under their wing and I joined the team to assist with vocal coaching and backstage. I had an absolute blast and I was thrilled when they shared their hopes and dreams of creating Hedland's own theatre company. In 2020, the dream became a reality and HATch was formed. I was appointed the very fancy name of "HATch Musical Director" and In January 2021, we started weekly workshops for primary and high school children. Throughout the year, we gave them many opportunities to perform. Our first official HATch show was in 2021 called Hijack. The show consisted of small pieces showcasing singing, acting and the art of improvisation! The adults even got in on the act and we performed a song from "Shrek: The Musical". Since then, we have had so much interest for more adults to join in the fun that we decided for 2022's show to be a combination of children and adults. This year's production is called "After Ever After". The show has been cast and rehearsals are well under way and not only am I a part of the production team, I also get to be in the show playing Mary Moppins!

I am so looking forward to performing again and to also mentor some incredibly talented children and teens throughout the whole process. I am quite sure I will learn a thing or two from them as well! This year, we received the Active citizenship award at the Australia Day citizenship celebrations. An award we never thought we would receive, especially as a very new group but we're obviously extremely happy and proud of all we have achieved in such a short amount of time. It truly is such a wonderful thing to find such an incredibly motivated, inclusive group who are as much in love with theatre as I am. Our motto at HATch is "Bring Joy" and I truly believe that we are achieving that with every step we take. I am truly grateful.



Vale Hugh and Barbara...

Hugh Copeland was an early member in 1967 until 1970. He passed away on Thursday 10th March. Hugh was in The Gypsy Baron, The Wizard of Oz and Rose Marie. Hugh always kept in touch with ALOTCo and joined us for the 50th anniversary celebrations in 2012. We send Hugh's family our deepest sympathy.

Barbara Lawrence sadly passed away on Tuesday 15th of March. Her daughter Yoli was in many shows and Barbara was involved in costume making. We send Yoli and her family our deepest sympathy.



Let's Shine

Let's Shine Dance Workshops

Come and join the Let's Shine team to create a dance performance as part of the Breaksea Seachange Public Showcase at the Albany Entertainment Centre
Saturday 23 July 2022

Workshop dates as follows:

Friday 17 June, 1.30pm - 3pm
Friday 24 June, 1.30pm - 3pm
Friday 1 July, 1.30pm - 3pm
Friday 15 July, 1.30pm - 3pm

Final Dance Rehearsal:
Friday 22 July, 6pm - 9pm
Albany Entertainment Centre

Workshop location: Albany Port Theatre

To register contact:
Janet McArtney
Tel: 0401 203 557

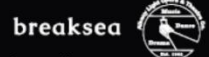
Main Dance Performance:
Saturday 23 July, *10am - 4pm
Albany Entertainment Centre
*exact performance time TBC

Music written by local band Flood the Moon

'Lets Shine' all abilities performing group is supported by Albany Light Opera and Theatre Company.



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7:30 p.m. FRIDAY 10th & SATURDAY 11th JUNE
ALBANY PORT THEATRE



Featuring:

Southern Edge Arts, Albany Children's Theatre, Spectrum Theatre and Playback Theatre.

Wine and nibbles will be supplied by City of Albany.

Bookings essential:

RSVP 6820 3740 or

arts@albany.wa.gov.au

AGM

Thank you to all the wonderful members who attended the recent AGM.

You will see the list on the last page of the newsletter the names of all the amazing people who work so hard to keep this theatre moving from strength to strength, through these difficult times.

We welcome Maureen Davies and Renae Graton to the committee. They are full of energy and ideas which is vital to the health of this company.

ALOTCO CALENDAR

- June 10th and 11th performance **Southern Soul-Blues Bros.**
- June 17th Friday 1:30 – 3pm June **Seachange Lets Shine Dance Workshop 1 of 4 (Auditorium)**
- June 24th Friday 1:30 – 3pm June **Seachange Lets Shine Dance Workshop 2 of 4 (Auditorium)**
- July 1st Friday 1:30 – 3pm July **Seachange Lets Shine Dance Workshop 3 of 4 (Auditorium)**
- July 9th Saturday **Maritime Festival Day (late afternoon & evening)**
- July Friday 16th 1:30 – 3pm **Seachange /Let's Shine Dance Workshop 4 of 4 (Auditorium)**
- August 8,10,12,13 August (Set-up week Friday 12th) **St Joe's production**
- October 7th and 8th **Diamonds**

- **Mamma Mia**

- Wednesday 16th November - Charity night - 7.30pm
- Friday 18th, Saturday 19th November - 7.30pm start and Sunday matinee on 20th November 2.00pm start
- Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November - all 7.30pm starts
- Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd December - 7.30pm start and Sunday matinee

No dates as yet:

1. Roasted Oscars – perhaps September.
2. Catch Me If You Can - May 2023 to be approved. Sandra also researching alternative shows.
3. Alice in Cuckoo Land – late 2023
4. Let’s Shine – late 2024

Your 2022/23 Committee

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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!

If anyone would like to take over publishing the newsletter, please contact Jill.