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COFFS HARBOUR MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY

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WELCOME!

Here we are in rehearsal for Hairspray already, and I'm told it's going really well! I hope you're all looking forward to seeing it on stage in November; I know I am! Take a look at some of the photos on page 5 - there's plenty of new faces, and young faces as well as some well-loved faces in this show! Thanks to Shalla Thomas for the photos.

People are starting to ask what shows we're planning on next year, and the answer is that we're still deciding. It's been a little quiet on the submissions front - we'd love to hear from anyone who'd like to direct either this year or next. That being said, we'll be able to tell you all about our May show in the not too distant future, so keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for announcements.

Now is the time of year when we have to think about our Annual General Meeting. This year, we thought we'd make it a bit of an excuse for a social occasion, so come along to the AGM and then join us in the bar for some light refreshments afterwards. We'll be in the Bowls Room in Club Coffs on West High Street - Saturday August 16th at 3pm. This year we have enough nominations to hold a vote on committee positions, so why not come along and get involved? If you're over 18 and a current financial member, you can vote at the AGM.

If you've ever wondered what the AGM is for, or what the committee does, who better to tell you than our current President, Maureen Burgess, who takes the time to address just that in her column on the next page.

We've got lots to look forward to from our local community groups at the moment: 'The Love List' from the Arts Council is a very funny little 3-hander, and that will be followed by the Johnny Cash story 'Ring of Fire' from Curtains Up, and 'Rumors' from CHATS. I'm giving 'Rumors' a shameless plug here because I'm going to be in it, but it is a hilarious script and I guarantee you'll enjoy it! And then of course it will be time for Hairspray! Check out the dates for your diaries on page 3.

Take a moment to read the information about the AGM on page 6 and put that date in your diaries too, and while you're there, do take a moment to read about the Black Dog Ride. David Lee is participating in the Ride around Australia at the moment, to raise funds for suicide prevention and depression awareness - there is a link on page 6 if you wish to donate to this worthy cause and help David with his fundraising.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM (and for drinks and nibbles afterwards), and hope to find some more committee nominations in the mailbox!

Di O'Ferrall - Secretary



Committee Volunteers

This year's AGM will be held on August 16th, and all committee positions will be up for election. Please consider getting involved and helping to manage our great company. Nomination forms for committee positions are available on our website. Please think about nominating yourself or someone else.

Submissions for 2015

If you would like to direct a show for CHMCC, whether one from our wish list, or something completely different, please send us an email to coffsharbourmcc@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

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From the President

Hello and Welcome, Members old and new!

As you would probably know by now, we are holding our AGM (Annual General Meeting) in a couple of weeks, and I hope that you will indulge me in this brief explanation of what this means, and why you should care.

Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company was established in the 1970's with the aim of producing quality musicals featuring local performers. From that initial, humble membership of 15 people, we now have over 150 members from across all walks of life and across all age groups, and have given hundreds of locals the opportunity to experience the joy of performing.

Some have gone on to work professionally in the Biz!

We are proudly secular and all-inclusive.

So, back to the AGM... As you can imagine, a group this size cannot simply run itself, and that's where the Committee comes in. We currently number 8 members (usually 10) and our responsibilities are many and varied. We generally meet once a month, and always have business to attend to - our current production, future productions, bills to pay, equipment to purchase and maintain, memberships, insurances, problems, potential problems...and etc.

Productions do not magically happen, there is a great deal of thought and work that goes into each one, and the brunt of the load falls on... the Committee.

As President, I also liaise with other Community Groups, attend meetings of ACCTS (Association of Coffs Community Theatre Societies, of which I am Secretary) and attend meetings of the newly formed Theatre Management Committee on behalf of CHMCC.

I strongly believe in forging solid ties with other community organisations, helping out wherever possible, and maintaining a good working relationship with Council, the Theatre manager and Theatre staff.

This is how our Company will continue to prosper and grow.

I digress. Each year at the AGM, the current Committee must stand down and a new Committee be elected by those financial members in attendance. More often than not, the newly elected Committee looks exactly like the recently stood-down Committee, as there are rarely any new members prepared to take on committee positions. On occasion, we have had more nominees than there are positions for, one good reason to attend and cast your vote.

**CHMCC President
Maureen Burgess**



The incumbent Committee have all expressed an interest in remaining on board, and at the the time of writing, two other nominations have been received.

If you think you are happy with the current Committee, and the way we are running the Company, you should show up to support us! If you are unhappy, maybe you could consider standing yourself, or putting someone else forward.

Any way you look at it, attending the AGM shows that you're interested in the future of CHMCC.

Generally, AGMs run for 30-45 minutes. That's not a huge chunk out of your day, people! I urge you to consider attending on Saturday 16th August, 3pm at Club Coffs on West High (the Catholic Club).

There will be light refreshments to follow, and drinks available at the bar.

Hope to see you there,

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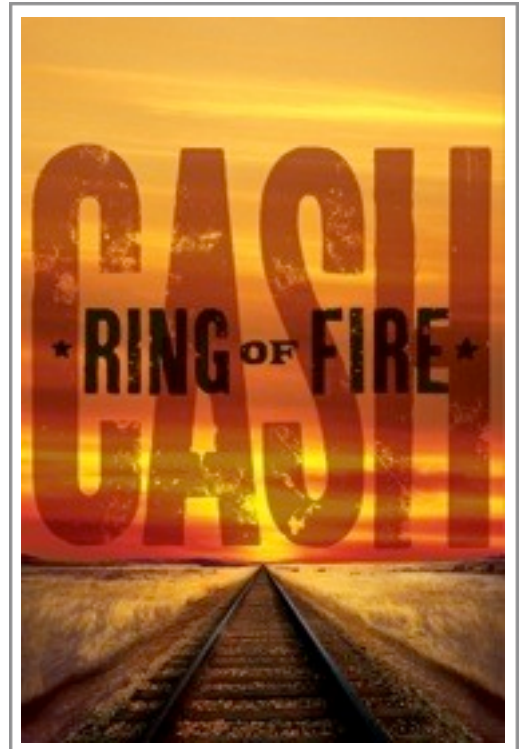


Diary Dates

Upcoming events include:



August 2nd - 10th, 2014



September 5th - 21st, 2014



Opens October 8th, 2014

Chats Productions presents
Rumors
 by Neil Simon
 Directed by Emilia Guthrie

What has happened to Deputy Mayor Brock?
 Where is his wife?
 Where is the help?

Their party guests become hilariously entangled in a web of deceit and lies as they attempt to keep the police at bay.

Improv Workshops

Beckley Vincent will be running some Improv workshops leading towards a performance/competition at the end of the year as a fundraiser for the Mens Resource Centre.

He'd like to hear from any interested parties. Workshops on Tuesday nights.

Contact Beckley via text on 0401 455905.



Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company
presents



Jetty Memorial Theatre
 November 7th - 30th
 Directed by Lisa Jonas

by arrangement with Hal Leonard Pty Ltd, agents for
 Music Theatre International

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CAST LIST

Tracy Turnblad.....Katie Goddard
 Link Larkin.....Philip Ranieri
 Penny Pingleton.....Leah Tidey
 Edna Turnblad.....Dylan Ashton
 Wilbur Turnblad.....Paul Smith
 Seaweed.....Kaiyai Doenau
 Amber van Tussle.....Fiona Stiles
 Velma vanTussle.....EJ Ford
 Corny Collins.....Peter Hodges
 Motormouth Maybelle.....Billie-Jean Campbell
 Prudy Pingleton.....Penny Telford
 Little Inez.....Asha Khamis

Mr Spritzer.....Brett Touzel
 Mr Pinky & Matron.....Lewis Hackfath
 Principal.....Cate Walsh
 Police Officer.....Hugh Goddard
 Cindy Watkins.....Linda Star

Corny Collins Singers:

.....Stephanie Bateman
Isla Telford
Hanna Guppy
Emma Goddard

Corny Collins Dancers:

.....Brooke Oakley
Jamila Grace
Zoe Spooner
Christie King
Alysha Walker



Hairspray will be on stage November 7th - 30th, 2014

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Hairspray in rehearsal!



Katie Goddard (Tracy Turnblad) & Leah Tidey (Penny Pingleton)



Dylan Ashton (Edna Turnblad)



EJ Ford (Velma van Tussle) & Fiona Stiles (Amber van Tussle)



Kaiyai Doenau (Seaweed), Asha Khamis (Li'l Inez)
& Billie Jean Campbell (Maybelle)



Phil Ranieri (Link Larkin) & Peter Hodges (Corny Collins)
with Isla Telford, Hanna Guppy & Emma Goddard (ensemble)



The Dancers
Christie King, Zoe Spooner, Brooke Oakley, Alysha Walker
& Jamila Grace

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company will be held on **Saturday August 16th at 3pm** in the Bowls Room, Club Coffs, West High Street, Coffs Harbour.

All members and interested parties are encouraged to attend. Only current financial members may vote at the AGM.

All committee positions are up for election. Please consider standing for committee, or nominating someone else to stand. You can download a nomination form from our website.

Nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than Saturday August 9th. You may post your nominations to CHMCC, PO Box 1466, Coffs Harbour, or send them by email to coffsharbourmcc@gmail.com.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTION

A special resolution will be proposed at the AGM. The resolution is to accept amendments to the current constitution and adopt the amended constitution in full. You can download the current constitution, with the proposed amendments from our website.

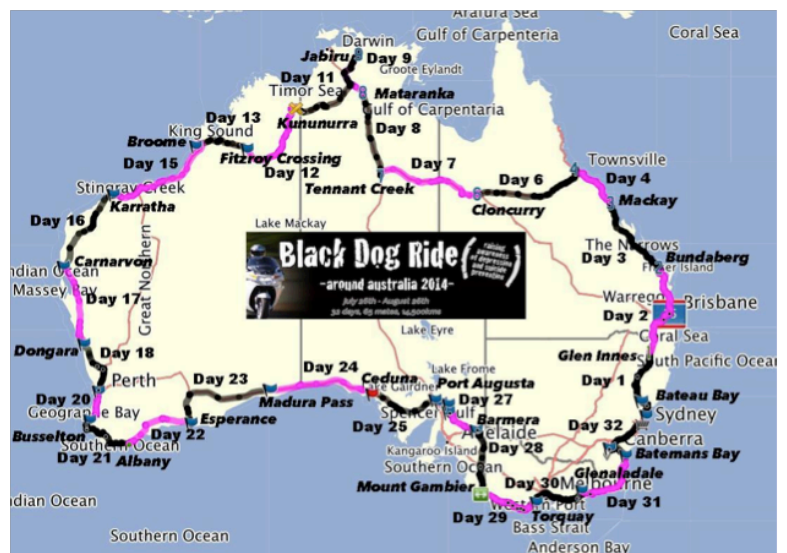
Please support your company and get involved. We look forward to seeing our members and friends at the AGM. Join us in the bar afterwards for some light refreshments!

Black Dog Ride

Suicide Prevention

It's time to start **THE** conversation

One of our members, David Lee, will be riding on the 2014 Black Dog Ride around Australia beginning on 26th July. The ride is to raise awareness of depression and prevention of suicide, raising funds for Lifeline (to support their online crisis support) and rolling out Mental Health First Aid Australia's course to Australian High Schools. Please support this cause and make a donation at <https://blackdog-ridearoundaustralia-2014.everydayhero.com/au/david-lee>



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