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COFFS HARBOUR MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY

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WELCOME!

Welcome to all our members, old and new!

Apologies for the late arrival of the newsletter, but since I was in England during the traditional June writing and issuing period, this one is now a June-July edition!

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our production of 'Anything Goes'. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! Thanks as ever to the many many people who make our shows possible. You can check out some photos on pages 4 and 5.

No sooner did we close the doors on 'Anything Goes' but we were holding auditions for our November production, 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'. Thank you to Peter Hodges and Tim Egan for making it possible to hold the auditions at Bishop Druitt College. The small and intimate venue made for a much more relaxed and informal setting, which are not often words that I have been known to use in the same sentence as 'auditions'! We have a fabulous cast assembled, and if you missed the announcement, you can see the cast list on page 7.

And now, to the social event of the year! Yes, the annual Gala Arts event - this year a 1940's style Swing Dance! We will be holding the dance at the Showgrounds again, dancing along to music from the big band era with the fantastic Big Big Boogie Band. We often hear people saying how we should have more social events - well here it is folks. Tickets sales so far have been really disappointing - if you loved the Balls and enjoyed the Bush Dance, now is the time to start buying tickets for the Swing Dance. Because if you don't support it, guess what? We won't be able to throw one next year.

You can read about the dance on page 8, and why not print out the poster on page 9? Put it up somewhere prominent and start encouraging people to come! It's not only open to members, so why not get together a group of friends or colleagues - I promise you the band are AMAZING! See you there!

Di O'Ferrall - Secretary



PRIZE DONATIONS

If you or anyone you know has connections with a local business who would be willing to donate prizes for the Swing Dance raffle, please get in touch.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

"It don't mean a thing (if it aint got that swing)" ...yep, I'm practicing for the Gala Swing Dance. I'm going to be so light on my feet I shall dazzle and amaze!

Okay, maybe that was the dream I had last night, but by golly I'm going to give it a darn good try! If you're wondering what I'm going on about, this year our Gala Event is to be a Swing Dance, featuring the Coffs Big Big Boogie Band. These guys are an awesome, brass heavy, true big band. If you've had the pleasure of hearing them perform, I'm sure you'll agree, and if you haven't, this is the perfect opportunity to mix pleasure with pleasure and dance away the winter blues!

As a company we're often asked about holding social events that don't revolve around productions, and we're happy to put the effort and money into them, all we ask is that you support them. This dance is open to everyone, so why not get a group together from work, or Pony Club or whatever extracurricular you're into, and help to make this a gala Gala.

In other, totally unrelated news, our semi-resident choreographer Kate Sevenoaks gave birth to baby Callum, and two of our gorgeous theatre couples have also gone forth and multiplied in the last couple of months: to Ainsley Corbett and Lauren Wright a beautiful baby girl, Piper, and just last week, to David Anderson and Jo Hay a beautiful boy, Patrick James. Ah, the magic of theatre. Congratulations to all, we wish you every happiness.



CHMCC President, Maureen Burgess

On the home front, we closed the curtain on another wonderful production, "Anything Goes". As always, the heartiest of thank you's to cast, crew and everyone involved. Despite some early difficulties, this was a hugely entertaining extravaganza that was extremely well received. It was a particular pleasure to welcome so many newbies into the company, and I very much hope we will see all of you back for more!

Both Nick Price and Joel Blythe already have the bug, and will be appearing (along with Brian Fitzsimmons, a great ensemble cast, and yours truly in a brief but brilliant cameo) in CHATS' production of the Arthur Miller classic, "Death of a Salesman", opening July 15.

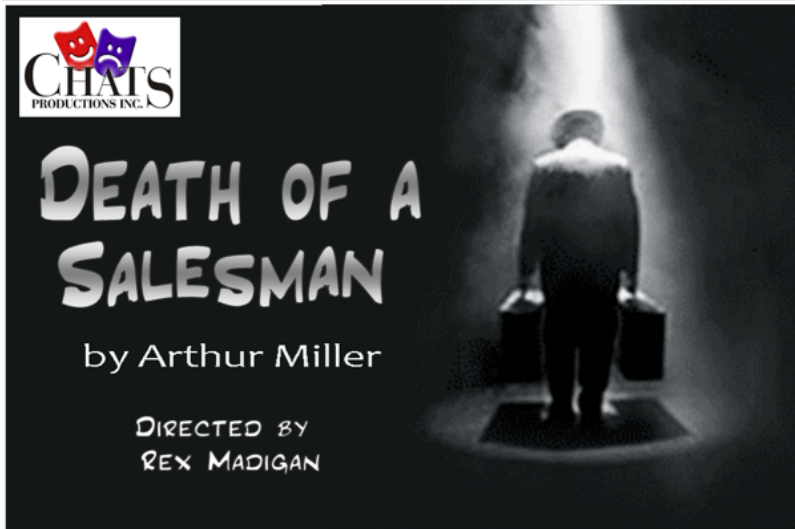
Well folks, I think that's it from me! Hope to see you at the Theatre and at the Gala Swing Dance!!

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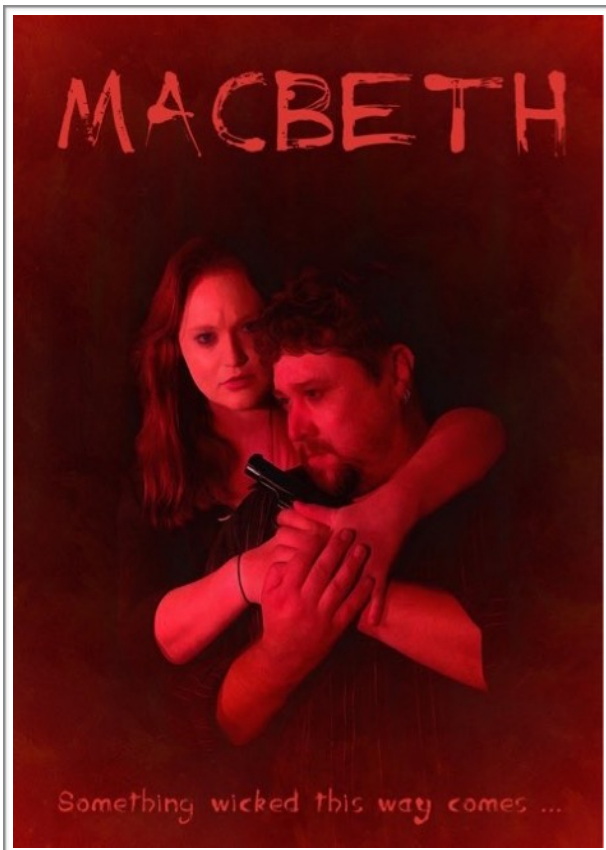


Diary Dates



Weds 15th July - Sun 26th July - Jetty Memorial Theatre

Get your tickets for the Swing Dance!
Saturday August 1st
Tickets at www.trybooking.com/HLNK



Macbeth - Coffs Harbour Arts Council
Fri 7th - Fri 14th August - Jetty Memorial Theatre



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ANYTHING GOES

We were really happy with how 'Anything Goes' turned out (almost to our surprise!)

This is a tribute to everyone who worked so hard, from the creative team, to the folks backstage, to the stalwart and hardworking cast. It was bright, it was colourful, the music was great (thanks Tim, Mauz and the band), it looked great; thanks Baz and Virginia for the costumes, and Kate for the choreography.

Most of all, thank you to the cast, who showed great patience and tenacity, and who ended up having a ball, and it showed!

This behind-the-scenes photo shows just how many people it takes to make the magic of theatre appear magical, and just how much goes on behind the scenes that the audience never sees!

(Thanks to Donna Fairall for this photo - all other photos by Shalla Thomas).





Elisha J. Whitney & Reno's Angels

Lauren McInerney,, Donna Fairall, Angela Robinsen, Lyneah Boom, Dee Tune, Brooke Oakley, Karlie Hackfath & Rebecca Sutherland with Colin Wilkes

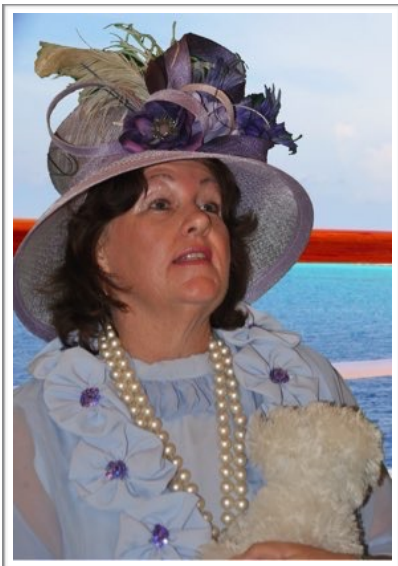
*Reno Sweeney
Billie-Jo Dukes*



Moonface & Bonnie- Michael Smith & Amber Aspinall



Moonface, Reno and Billy - Michael Smith, Billie-Jo Dukes & Peter Hodges



*Mrs Harcourt
Liz O'Sullivan*

*"Public Enemy"
Company*



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

We had barely swept the glitter from the stage before holding auditions for our next production, "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

As always, particularly when there are children involved, this was a lengthy and difficult process, and I would very much like to thank Shalla Thomas, Lewis Hackfath, Jenny Beatson and Tim Egan for all their very able assistance, and to the cast, more congratulations are in order. Let's hope they know what they're letting themselves in for. The word on the street is that the Director can be "difficult"!

Although we've yet to start rehearsals, we began shooting one of several planned projections- a doggie stampede using dogs handpicked from members of the cast along with a few ring ins.

I'm not sure exactly how many canines came, but there seemed to be around 20, not all of whom were interested in running through the very narrow passage towards stardom as required.

I've yet to see the result, but the process was pretty hilarious!

Mauz



Chitty Chitty Director, Maureen Burgess



Dog Days

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang - Cast List

Caractacus Potts	Lincoln Elliott
Truly Scrumptious	Emma Goddard
Jeremy Potts	Harley Hayes
Jemima Potts	Grace Jones
Grandpa Potts	John Miller
Baron Bomburst	Kerry Melittas
Baroness Bomburst	Di O'Ferrall
Child Catcher	Geoffrey Scottford
Boris	Ainsley Corbett
Goran	Cate Walsh
Lord Scrumptious	Colin Wilkes
Toy Maker	Joel Gleason

Adult Ensemble:

Lewis Hackfath
Vanessa Crossley
Hanna Jay
Pauline Stephens
Lisa McKeon
Ree Higoe
Brooke Oakley
Stephanie Bateman
Brian Carter
Jamie Waqa
Eli Pappas
Kaiyai Doenau

Children's Ensemble:

Hunter Metcalf
Grace McCormack
Courtney Martyn
Mia Lemair
Jye Pursch
Ellie Waters
Jasmine Shiels
Amy Hancock
Imogen Grebert
Jarad Beaven
Charlie Egan

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GALA ARTS SWING DANCE

The Gala Arts event for 2015 will be a 1940's style Swing Dance, featuring the biggest of big bands: The Big-Big Boogie Band!

Last year's Bush Dance at the Showgrounds was so much fun that we thought we'd do pretty much the same thing again, but this time we'll be dancing to the music of the 1940s big band era. This is an excuse to wear your best vintage finery, and we know that several of our members need no excuse to do the vintage thing!

Included in the ticket price is a sausage sizzle and tea & coffee - if you want anything else, feel free to bring it with you! You can also BYO alcohol to consume on the premises. The sausage sizzle will start at 6.30, with the band starting at 7.

There is ample parking at the Showgrounds, right in front of the Exhibition Hall.

Swing Dance Tickets : www.trybooking.com/HLNK

Tickets are just \$20 each, with family tickets available for \$50, which includes two adults and two children (under 16). Additional child tickets are available at \$5. Please note all children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Sadly, Gourmand Ingredients is no more, so we are no longer able to offer the facility to buy tickets in person. You will need to book online, it's quick and easy; you can pay by credit card and print your tickets at home. Just click on the link above to go straight to the secure booking site.

There is a small booking fee for this service of 30c per ticket. Tickets are on sale now - we would appreciate it if you could buy your tickets in advance so that we can plan catering accordingly. There will be tickets available on the door, but if you haven't booked, be prepared to either bring your own food, or wait until everyone else has been served.

Get your tickets now and get ready to be "In the Mood!"

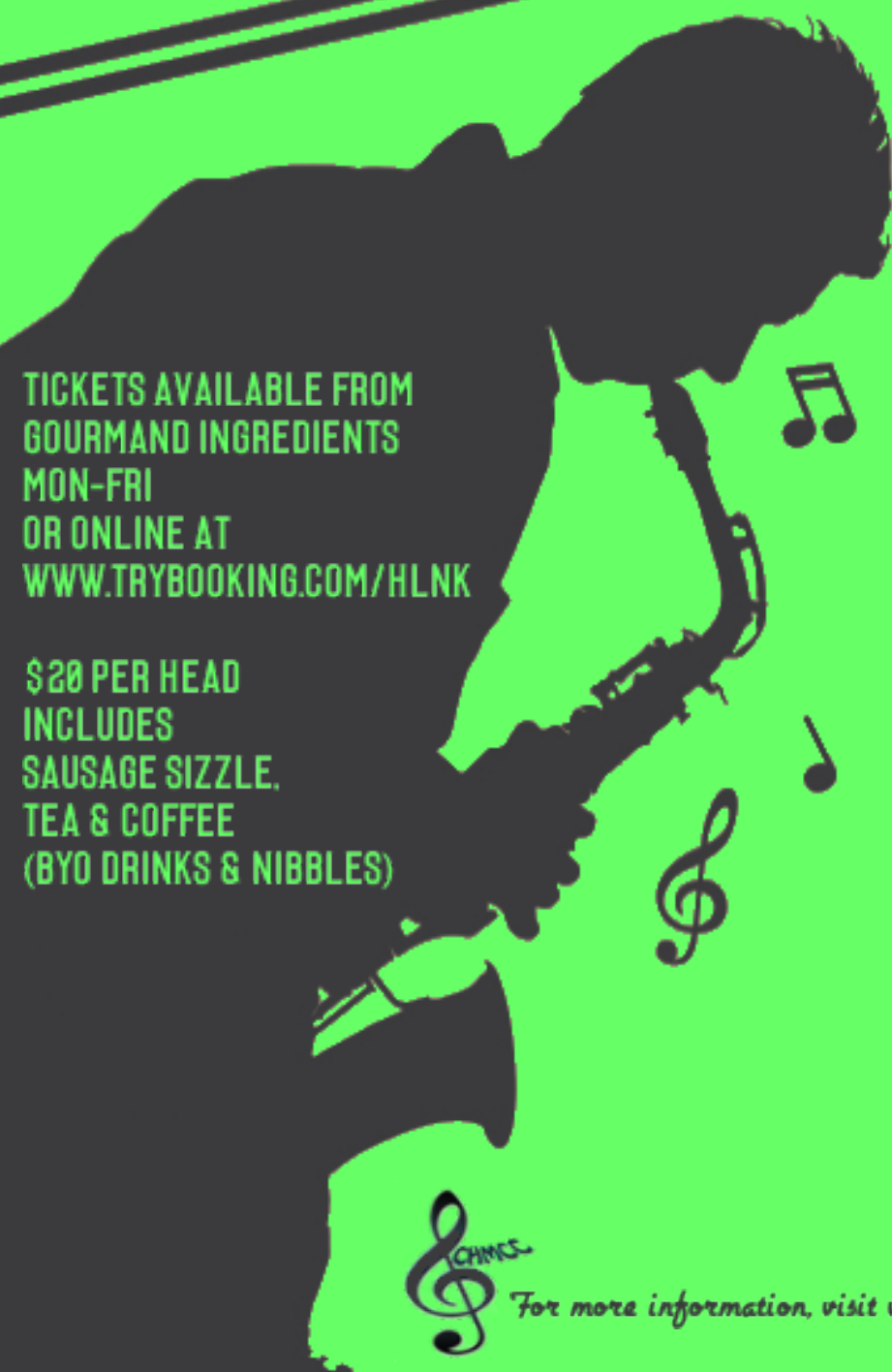


The Big-Big Boogie Band, at a recent gig at the Coffs Hotel. Notice 'Hairspray' & 'Anything Goes' MD, Tim Egan back row centre. The band also includes former members (Tom Madden, front centre), several 'Hairspray' & 'Anything Goes' band members, and the amazing vocals of Chrissy Simpson (top left). You really don't want to miss this event!

Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company
invites you to the

GALA ARTS

SWING DANCE



Featuring

**THE BIG-BIG
BOOGIE BAND**



**SAT AUGUST 1ST
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SHOWGROUNDS**

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