

UPSTAGED

COFFS HARBOUR MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY

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WELCOME!

We couldn't be happier at the response to our latest production, 'Annie'. It was a terrific show, and whilst we have produced many really good shows, it can sometimes be a lot of work to convince an audience that they really should come and see it!

For some reason, perhaps the family theme, or the fact that the show was reasonably well known, this time we even had to turn people away! It was a tremendous boost for the cast to perform to full houses every week. Congratulations to Donna and the entire cast and crew. I have been asked a couple of times what makes our shows so good, and I tell people 'preparation, and a lot of people who are prepared to work extremely hard!' Thank you to all our volunteers who gave up their time backstage, ushering, sewing, etc - you can see the results of everyone's efforts in the photos on page 5. Thanks to Shalla Thomas for the photography!

Just one week after Annie finished, we all hoed down at the Gala Arts Bush Dance and enjoyed an energetic evening of galloping, promenading and dosy-doeing our partners! Thanks to Pete Hodges & Russell Lane for cooking the snags, and to Gourmand Ingredients, Latitude 30 Bar & Restaurant, and Pam & Russell Lane for donating prizes. We had so much fun, we might even do it again next year! Check out the photos on page 6.

Just in case you thought we might have a weekend off - no indeed, we're holding the auditions for our next production, 'Hairspray' on Saturday June 14th. We're really hoping to attract a multicultural cast - so if you are of Aboriginal or African descent, we would love to see you. If you know of anyone who might be interested, do tell them about the auditions; there's plenty of information on our website at www.coffsharbourmusicalcomedycompany.com/auditions. There are roles for young and old, male and female, so we hope to see many of you there!

On to other things: the date for the AGM has not yet been set, but will be some time in August, so keep an eye on your emails towards the end of July.

In the mean time, it's that time of year when we call for submissions for next year's season. If you have a suggestion for a show you'd like us to produce, or you would like to direct a show yourself, we would love to hear from you. This time last year, we came up with a wish-list, which included (after 'Annie' and 'Hairspray') 'The Wizard of Oz', 'Les Miserables', 'Pirates of Penzance', 'Eurobeat', 'Sweeney Todd', 'Fiddler on the Roof', 'Hot Mikado', 'Jekyll & Hyde', 'Evita', 'The Scarlet Pimpernel' and 'Cinderella' (Pantomime). To that I might add 'Peter Pan', 'Into the Woods', 'West Side Story', 'Mary Poppins' and maybe even a junior musical.

After the auditions, we might finally have a little break - personally I'm going to England for a month! And so I say keep an eye on our Facebook page and website to stay up to date with all things theatrical, and I will be back with another newsletter in August.

Di O'Ferrall - Secretary



Committee Volunteers

This year's AGM will be held some time in August (to be confirmed), 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 will be sent out in July/August as soon as the date for the AGM is set. 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

Howdy Y'all,

At the time of writing this we have yet to have our Gala Bush Dance, but at the time of your reading this, we have in fact dosey do'ed and stripped the willow like lunatics, and I imagine had a great time to boot! I hope everyone who attended had as much fun as I'm sure I would have had. And please accept my apologies for all the murdering of innocent dances I most certainly would have been guilty of.

Many thanks to all the Committee and to Colin Wilkes for going to all the effort to organize it on top of everything else they do.

As one finishes, another begins....and so it is with "Annie", ending in triumph on June 1st. Huge congratulations to everyone involved in this popular and greatly successful production, you must all be tired but extremely happy!

Well, my lovely sabbatical is almost at an end, and although I've really enjoyed having some time off, especially the precious moments spent with my First Born in Sydney, I have really missed all my theatre "peeps", and am looking forward to the whole new adventure that is "Hairspray".

As you would all be aware, auditions are just around the corner, and we would all love to see a massive turnout!

If you're unfamiliar with the show, the movie version with John Travolta, Michelle Pfeiffer and Christopher Walken is readily available to hire (yes, it IS slightly different to the stage version, but will give you a solid feel for the show), and is hugely entertaining, or check out any number of Youtube clips online. The music is FANTASTIC, and I can guarantee it will be the best fun show to be involved in. Don't forget to bring your groove!

I couldn't sign off without wishing our indefatigably assiduous Secretary, Di O'Ferrall, an absolutely amazing and well earned holiday. We are told that she is off to Britain for her sister's wedding, but I suspect that whilst there she may also accidentally wander into a theatre or six. For research purposes... Have fun Di, we'll miss you!

**CHMCC President
Maureen Burgess**



On a sadder note, one of CHMCC's stalwarts, Sandy Pilcher, lost her battle with cancer recently, and I would like to send out all our love and thoughts to her beloved husband Ken, daughter Helen and to her entire family. She will be missed by many.

In the mean time, I am very much looking forward to seeing you all at Auditions!

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Diary Dates

Upcoming events include:



RUMORS



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.

Jetty Memorial Theatre October 8 - 19

AUDITIONS FOR HAIRSPRAY

DATE: Saturday June 14th

VENUE: Narranga Public School, Robin Street, Coffs Harbour

9 - 10 am: Registration

9 - 10 am: Dance Solo auditions (for Dance Ensemble only)

10:15 am: Singing auditions (Ensemble and Principals)

& brief readings

CALL BACKS: Sunday June 15th, 10am, also at Narranga

Join the audition event on Facebook (search for CHMCC's Hairspray 2014)

Full info at www.coffsharbourmusicalcomedycompany.com/auditions



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From the Director

AND THAT'S A WRAP!!

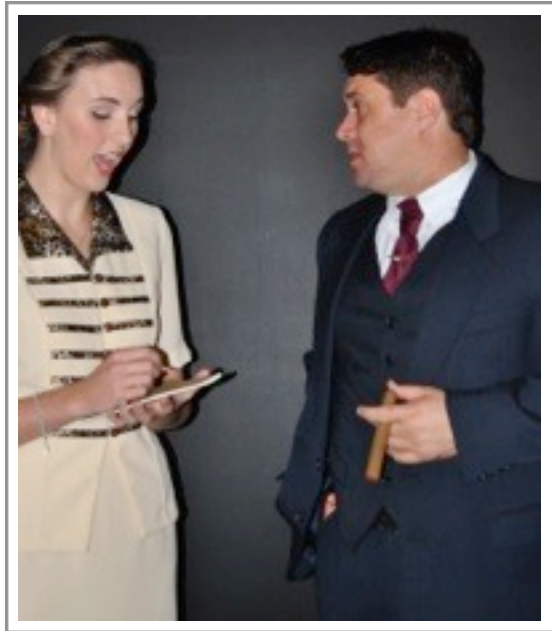
- 3960 bums on seats
- 1000 programmes printed
- 380 batteries used
- 125 hours of rehearsals
- 60 chocolates given away during the 'Soundcheck Show'
- 35 flats used in the set
- 30 incredibly talented people in the cast
- 20 shows at the Jetty Memorial Theatre
- 18 welcoming front of house ushers
- 16 super sound effects
- 14 wacky wigs
- 12 brilliant backstage ninjas
- 10 amazingly magic musicians
- 9 full house performances
- 8 orphans who are now lifelong friends
- 5 super set builders
- 4 bags of doggie treats
- 2 onstage zipper incidents
- 1 very, VERY happy Director!



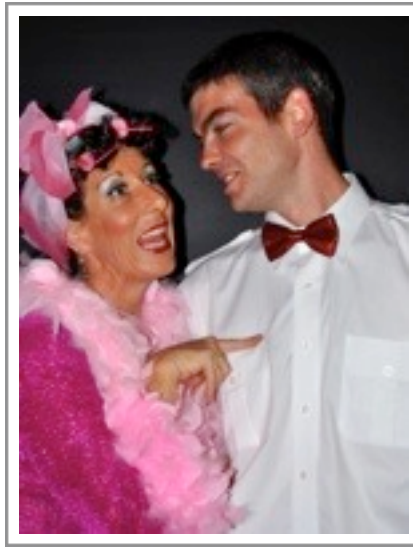
Donna Fairall
Director, 'Annie'



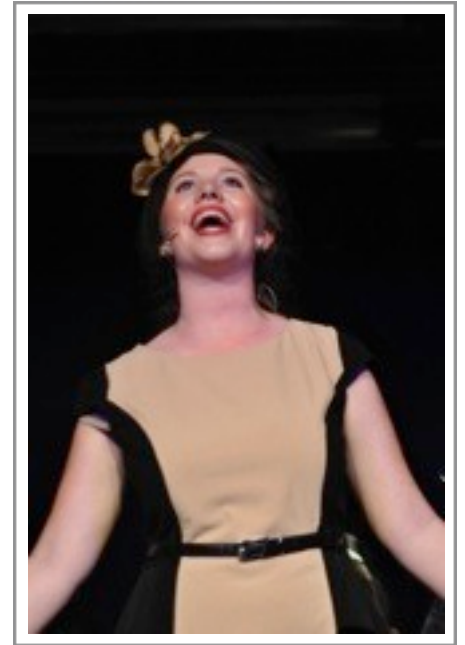
Annie, directed by Donna Fairall



Emma Goddard as Grace Farrell
Beckley Vincent as Daddy Warbucks



Jennie Touzel as Miss Hannigan
Josh Lamberth as 'Bundles'



Ashleigh McCabe as 'Star to be'



'It's the Hard Knock Life'
Isla Telford, with Amy Hancock as Annie



The staff at Warbucks Mansion - costumes by Colin Wilkes
Fay Castle, Liz O'Sullivan, Dee Tune, Ashleigh McCabe, Brad Dillon

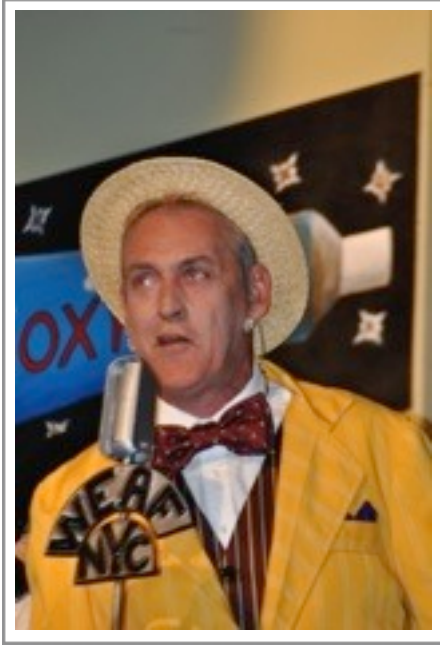


Rooster and Lily come up with a shady plan
Fiona Stiles as Lily St Regis, Peter Hodges as Rooster



Lily & Rooster fool Miss Hannigan with their disguises!
Fiona Stiles, Peter Hodges & Jennie Touzel

Annie, directed by Donna Fairall



Annie appears on the Bert Healey radio show
Brad Dillon as Bert Healey



Enlisting the help of the President of the United States
David Tune, Tom Strickland & Amy Hancock as Annie



Two Annies
Beckley Vincent as Daddy Warbucks with Amy Hancock as Annie



Beckley Vincent as Daddy Warbucks
with Ginger Freudenstein as Annie



'Hooverville'
The Ensemble

Back: Peter Hodges, Kerryn Freudenstein, Brad Dillon, Robyn Coulton, Ree Higoe, Ashleigh McCabe, Leah Tidey, Brian Carter
Middle: Lizzy Tune, Colin Wilkes, Natalya Burt, Fay Castle, David Tune
Front: Fiona Stiles, Dee Tune, Josh Lamberth, Liz O'Sullivan, Eli Pappas

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Gala Arts Bush Dance

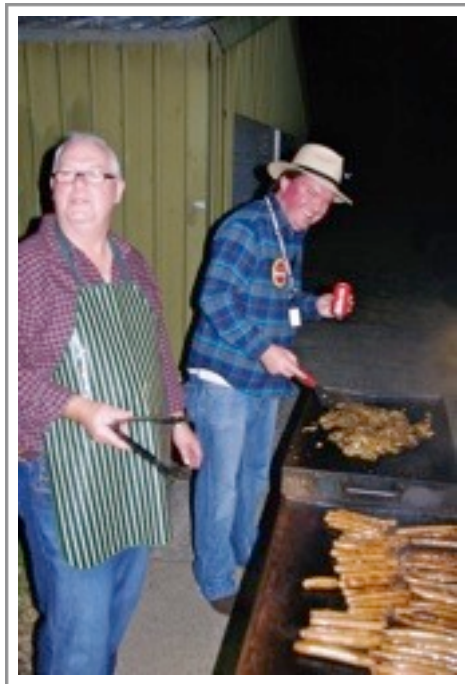
The annual Gala Arts Event, this year a traditional Aussie Bush Dance



Tallowood Bush Band



Maureen Burgess & Di O'Ferrall meeting & greeting



L: the chefs, Russell Lane & Pete Hodges
M: The very dapper Nick Townsend
R: Colin Wilkes & Yvonne Richards demonstrate how it's done



A great time was had by all!



Our thanks to Tallowood Bush Band, and to donors of prizes: Gourmand Ingredients, Latitude 30 Restaurant & Bar, and Pam & Russell Lane.

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AUDITIONS

Hi all,

Hairspray audition fever is going around! We are delighted with the interest in auditions and have sent out many, many audition packs. If you still haven't got one, now is your last chance!

A lot of people are asking us what we are looking for at auditions. As Hairspray is a very energetic and upbeat show, we are looking for great voices, awesome dance moves and above all, positive attitudes!

All body sizes, skin colours and age ranges welcome!

For us what matters is that you have a fun and pro-active personality and you are a team-player.

Also, keep in mind that our audition venue is not that close to the shops, so unless you've got access to wheels on the day, plan to bring some lunch and plenty to drink, as we are expecting a lot of people to turn up.

If you have any more questions, please email hairspray2014chmcc@gmail.com.

We are happy to help and we are definitely looking forward to seeing you at auditions!

Lisa & Laura

Audition Schedule:

14 June, Narranga Public School (Robin Street)

9-10am Registration

9-10am Dance Solo Auditions

(For dancers only. If you are auditioning for a dance role, but you can also sing, you will get the chance to present a song of your choice after dance auditions)

10:15am Singing auditions (Ensemble/Principals) & brief readings

Audition Panel: Lisa Jonas (Director), Laura Smith (Assistant Director), Maureen Burgess (President of CHMCC & Musical Director), Di O'Ferrall (Secretary of CHMCC), Jenny Beatson (Production Manager).

After auditions the panel will retreat for initial discussions & determine which performers are needed for Call backs. No casting decisions are made on the day. Not receiving a Call back doesn't mean that you are not cast and vice versa.

15 June, Narranga Public School (Robin Street)

10am - Call Backs *(by invitation only)*

⇒ **Scene Readings & Choreography (with Kate Sevenoaks)**

**'Hairspray' Director & Assistant Director,
Lisa Jonas & Laura Smith**



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