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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CALLED

Are you an experienced or an aspirant director?

Do you have a particular play that you are keen to direct?

FAMDA is looking for a director for a play to be staged October 2015.

Contact FAMDA President, Peter Clyne (5682 2711 or

peter@johnsonclyne.com) to volunteer your services and discuss your proposal.



This community choir rehearses at 7.30pm on Tuesday evenings at the Anglican Church Hall, Foster.

The Singers are currently rehearsing carols for performance at the Farmers' Market 10:00, Saturday 20 December and at Community Carols 7:30, Sunday 21st at the FWMAC.

After the holiday break the Prom Coast Singers will be back to work on Larry Hills' cantata which will be sung in Wonthaggi, Leongatha and Foster by combined choirs from each area over the Anzac Centenary weekend.

To learn more about joining the choir check the PCS website:

www.promcoastsingers.org or phone 5683 2683 or 5682 2953.



Waratah
 a new 1960s musical by Chris Dickens



See Page 2 overleaf and www.famda.org.au for more details on this exciting show.

Inquiries to: Chris Dickens, the director, 5682 2151 or tribes@chrisdickins.com

It's 1965 in Sandy Point. It's summer and love is in the air. There are iconic Australian rock and pop songs, lots of laughs and a great new script.

Waratah the Musical is coming to Foster April ~ May and YOU can be part of it!

Most roles have been cast but FAMDA still has great roles for 2 x lads (aged late teens or early 20s) who can sing and dance

DONATE AN OLD BEACH TOWEL

We need colourful 1965ish beach towels to brighten the Foster hall. Donate your old beach towel and earn a chance to see your towel on the set and win a family pass to see the show.

Attach your name & phone number to the towel and leave it at a collection centre as listed on Page 2.

**Filming on Sandy Point Beach
 2pm Sunday 4 January 2015**

BECOME A MOVIE EXTRA

People of all ages are invited to don their beach gear and join FAMDA on the beach as we make a film to be included in **Waratah the Musical**. Assemble on the south side of the beach and look out for Waratah signs.

The Catafalque Party

This one-act play has been written by Edwin Coad specially for the Anzac Centenary.

It will be performed in Foster over the Anzac weekend and hopefully reprised for the One Act Play Festival in August.

CAST REQUIRED

2 x teenage boys

1 x teenage girl

4 x young men who play soldiers

1 x older woman who sings

extras ~ a crowd who block the view during the dawn service

For further details

Contact Edwin Coad 5689 1305

Rehearsals start mid February

SEACHANGE FESTIVAL 2015 + ANZAC CENTENARY = Busy time for FAMDA

2015 Seachange Festival dates are Friday 17 - Sunday 19 & Friday 24 - Sunday 26 April.

FAMDA's musical, **Waratah**, is part of the Seachange Festival. It will also be staged in the week following the Festival on Thursday 30 April and the first weekend in May.

The local RSL briefed Edwin Coad to write a play with young people and related to the ANZAC commemoration. The result: **The Catafalque Party** staged ANZAC weekend.

FAMDA's Prom Coast Singers will be joining forces with the South Gippsland Singers and the Bass Coast Chorale to sing Larry Hills cantata, **They Went with Songs**, in Wonthaggi on 24 April, Leongatha on 25 April and Foster on Sunday afternoon, 26 April.

SOME COMING THEATRICAL EVENTS

PLOS Musical Productions - THE ADDAMS FAMILY ~ the musical!

31 December 2014 - Sunday 6 January 2015 Frankston Arts Centre 9784 1060

8pm 13 & 14, 2pm Sunday 15 February Wonthaggi Theatrical Group - BEND IT LIKE BROADWAY 3

CPAC - LEGALLY BLONDE 21 Feb - 5 March Cardinia Cultural Centre, Pakenham 0407 090 354

8 - 23 May Nova Music Theatre - EVITA (with Amy Larsen in the title role)

15 - 23 May Warragul TC - HELLO DOLLY

May Latrobe Theatre - LEGALLY BLONDE

16 - 23 May Bairnsdale Production Line - MY FAIR LADY

23 May - 7 June Wonthaggi TG - PIPPIN

3 - 18 July Leongatha Lyric - GYPSY

8 & 9 August Foster One Act Play Festival 25 Sept - 3 Oct Leongatha Lyric - DON PARTIES ON

An exciting new musical set in the mid 1960's at Sandy Point

Waratah is a musical comedy about love. It doesn't matter whether the characters are young or old, the trials of the heart are the same and the feelings are as potent in each person. Some of the love is unrequited, some is fraying at the edges and some is just downright embarrassing.

The story features vibrant and engaging characters from two families who holiday together over the summer break.

The action is played out over one summer, which will alter several lives forever. It is however primarily a comedy.

Nick and Les are two ex-army mates, one is exuberant and the other is a shy man. Their children are of various ages that get into all sorts of scrapes. Add volatile relatives, surfers, mods, sharpies and a repulsive family who run the local store and the summer soon becomes a scorcher.



The show features 21 songs from a golden age of Australian rock and pop including songs made famous by The Loved Ones, The Twilights, The Groop, Normie Rowe, Lynne Randell, The Masters Apprentices and many more. Baby Boomers in the audience will be filled with nostalgia and an itch to dance. Younger audiences will be able to see a fading version of Australia and hear some great songs for the first time.

The author, Chris Dickins, has written several 'jukebox' musicals, which have been highly successful. He is an award winning writer and director specialising in large cast plays with roles for people of various ages.

The *Waratah* cast features many award winning performers including Nicole Cooper, Terry Lay, Bruce Grainger, Joanne Street and Noel Stringer.

Sarah Maclean is performing two roles as well as serving as production manager and has three of her children involved in the show. Leuca Maclean and Harley Macdonald, who were so memorable in FAMDA's *Foreigners from Home*, return along with newcomers Evy Nye as Caralyn, a girl who turns many young heads and Sean Webb as the odious shop owner, Ken Vile.

A young ensemble includes Taj and Siobhan Cooper, Emma and Ben Fletcher, Hannah and Daniel Watson, Amy and Brielle Tudor, Cas and Bon Maclean.

Waratah is a part of the Prom Coast Seachange Festival and will run over three weekends between April 19 and May 2, 2015. It promises to be a fun-filled production suitable for all the family.

There are other ways people can get involved in *Waratah*

Complete the cast:

Wanted for important roles: 2 x males (aged late teens or early 20s) who can sing and dance.

Donate an old beach towel:

We need colourful, 60s-looking beach towels to decorate the venue.

Attach your name and contact phone number to your old towel and drop it in the *Waratah* box at: Offshore Surf School at Sandy Point, Revelations in Foster, Green Heart Organics in Inverloch, the Venus Bay Community Centre or The RACV Shop in Wonthaggi.

FAMDA'S favourite towel will be included in the set for *Waratah* and will earn the donors a free family ticket for the show.

Be Part of a Movie:

People of all ages are invited to join FAMDA Theatre on the beach at Sandy Point at 2:00 on Sunday afternoon, 4th January to be extras for a film to be included as part of *Waratah*, the musical.

We will assemble on the southern side of Sandy Point beach.

Look for the FAMDA people with *Waratah* signs.

Band Sneak Previews:

Keep an ear out for the *Waratah* show band who will perform several free short concerts in March.

Make a diary entry now to celebrate Creativity, Culture, Lifestyle and Landscape
Join the communities of the Prom Coast over TWO big weekends
17 - 19 and 24 - 26 April 2015 at the fifth Prom Coast Seachange Festival.

The festival is a wonderful way to draw people together by providing something for everyone. From food and wine to sustainability and the environment, musicals and art to tours, sport and workshops.

FAMDA activities include: Waratah the Musical 17 April — 2 May
They Went With Songs — Wonthaggi 24, Leongatha 25 & Foster 25 April
The Catafalque Party — Sunday 26 April



Huge congratulations to Wonthaggi Theatre Group, winner of the 2014 Music Theatre Guild of Victoria Production of the Year.

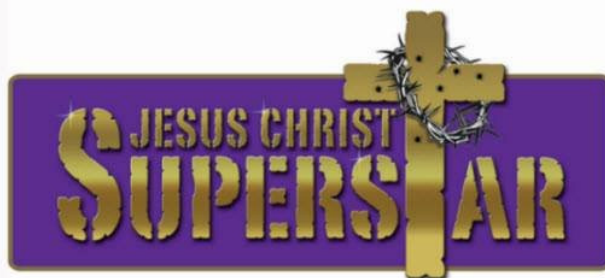
Other Guild trophies won by Wonthaggi's *Jesus Christ Superstar* are:

- ♦ Director ~ Wayne Moloney
- ♦ Male Performer in a Leading Role ~ Tom Green, Jesus
- ♦ First Performance in a Featured Role ~ Tom Green, Jesus
- ♦ Settings ~ Tad Hendry, *Jesus Christ Superstar*
- ♦ Design Award ~ Tad Hendry / John Cuttriss, Crucifixion scene
- ♦ Ensemble Performance ~ The ensemble, *Jesus Christ Superstar*

In addition

- ♦ Concert/Revue Performance ~ *Bend It Like Broadway*, Wonthaggi Theatrical Group

And Sarah Kate Hanley (past performer with WTG) won Female Performer in a Supporting Role as Louise in *Gypsy* with Williamstown Musical Theatre. Company.



FEBRUARY THEATRICAL EVENTS

~ five teenagers, barricaded in a room . . . waiting, not knowing what is about to happen

Stratford Courthouse – 6 February www.stratfordcourthouse.com.au

ARC Yinnar ~ 13 February

Warragul Regional College Drama Room ~

Impact Theatre – **AND NOW WE WAIT**

6 – 26 February playing in four locations

5145 6790

20 – 22 February Abbotsford Convent Oratory ~ 26 February

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group – **BEND IT LIKE BROADWAY 3** ~ Third annual quirky send up of Broadway musicals. New version of the 2014 MTGV Best Concert award winner 13 – 15 February Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre Bookings: www.wtg.org.au

Cardinia Performing Arts Company (CPAC) – **LEGALLY BLONDE** ~ OMG! Musical based on the movie

21 February – 7 March

Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Blvd, Pakenham

Bookings: 0407 090 354 or 9587 1750



22 November 2014

The winning crew
from Table 2



Yianni Banikos, Scott Bindloss, Anda Banikos, Ken Irwin, Gayle Bourke, Chloe Bindloss, Megan Williams, Di Farmer, Wally Birkenbiel, Geoff Davey & Judy Barnard won wine donated by Cellarbrations at Foster, chocolates from Fabulous Foster Food-Works and quarterly subscriptions to the Prom Coast Film Society.

Andrew Jamieson was the lucky winner of the major raffle, a beautiful South Gippsland scene painted by Bianca Biesuz-Stefani.

**Note: FAMDA's next Arty-Farty Trivia Party
SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2015**

Join the Prom Coast Film Society

Screenings: 8pm on the first Friday each month at Fish Creek Hall

**Prom Coast
Film Society**

Season 2015

**1st Friday
8pm
Fish Creek Hall**

6 February - Grand Budapest Hotel

6 March - Calvary
- The Guard

27 March - Wadjda

1 May - The Lunchbox
5 June - Ernest & Celestine
- The Triplets of Belleville

3 July - Charlie's Country

7 August - The Rocket

4 September - Disconnect

2 October - Boyhood

6 November - The Babadook

- The Little Girl Who Lives down the Lane

4 December - Dallas Buyers Club

Subscription only, no single tickets

Enquiries: 0407 543 371

www.famda.org.au

The Society operates under the rules of the Victorian Film Society and attendees at films must be subscribers.

Become a member of the Prom Coast Film Society for a full year ~ **\$60**
or take a quarterly subscription for 3 (consecutive) months ~ **\$25**

For more information about the Prom Coast Film Society, email famda@dcsi.net.au or phone Catherine McGlead on 0407 543 371.

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You are invited
Leongatha Lyric Theatre
Cocktail Party Celebration
'Curtain Up' The first 50 years

Exhibition opening of Lyric Costumes, Photography
by Michael Mason and a Musical Showcase.

Leongatha Memorial Hall

Fri 6th Feb 2015 7.00 pm \$25.00

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'Curtain Up' Programme Of Events 2015

● **'Curtain Up' The Exhibition Memorial Hall**

Sat 7th Feb 2015 and Sun 8th Feb 2015 \$5.00

Open Studios at Watson Rd Studios: Tickets at Memorial Hall,

Featuring Scenic Workshop Tour' Set Construction,
Wardrobe, Rehearsal of 'Gypsy' 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

● **'Curtain Up' The Concert.**

Sat 7th Feb 2015 7.30 pm and Sun 8th of Feb 2015 6.00pm

Musical Director Carmel Slater Director Colin Mitchell.

Leongatha Memorial Hall. Adult \$30 Under 16 \$10

● **'They Went With Song' Cantata composed by Larry Hills**

Anzac Day April 25th 2015 7.30 pm

Combined choirs of Sth Gippsland

Leongatha Memorial Hall \$25.00

● **Golden Anniversary Costume Ball**

Sat 30th May 2015 8.00pm Featuring band

'Company Exposed' with special guest Russell Hemming.

Come dressed in a costume from your favourite

Lyric show. Mesley Hall Nerrena Rd

Leongatha \$35.00 BYO

● **Major Musical 'Gypsy' Directed by Colin Mitchell**

July 3rd - July 18th 2015

Mesley Hall Nerrena Rd Leongatha

● **Play 'Don's Party Revisited' Directed by David Baggallay**

Sept 25th - Oct 3rd 2015

Mesley Hall Nerrena Rd Leongatha

www.lyrictheatre.net.au