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### WARATAH CAST

Nick Fisher ~ Terry Lay  
Ana Fisher ~ Nicole Cooper  
Tyler Fisher ~ Mungo Trumble  
Les Player ~ Bruce Grainger  
Lucy Player ~ Joanne Street  
Gerry Player ~ Connor Epifano  
Tim Player ~ Leuca Maclean  
Barney Player ~ Taj Cooper  
Phyllis Whetstone & Audrey Vile ~ Sarah Maclean  
Alex Whetstone ~ Noel Stringer  
Susan Whetstone ~ Taliya Barker  
Caralyn ~ Evy Nye  
Ken Vile ~ Sean Webb  
Phoebe Vile ~  
Harley McDonald-Eckersall  
Miranda ~ Siobhan Cooper  
Cathy ~ Emma Fletcher  
Margie ~ Cas Maclean  
Sally ~ Amy Tudor  
Ensemble ~ Ben Fletcher, Bon Maclean, Brielle Tudor, Daniel Watson & Hannah Watson

### PERFORMANCES

17 April – 2 May  
Foster Arts Centre

Week 1: Gala 8pm Friday 17,  
2pm & 8pm Saturday 18 April  
Week 2: 8pm Saturday 25 April  
(ANZAC weekend / Seachange  
Festival - only one show)  
Week 3: 8pm Thursday 30 April,  
8pm Friday 1 May  
2pm & 8pm Saturday 2 May

### TICKETS

Adult: \$28  
Concession & Group (10+): \$22  
Children under 16: \$15  
(Family discounts available)  
Gala opening Friday 17 April  
All tickets: \$35  
Cheap Thursday Special 30 April  
All tickets: \$15

### BOOK NOW

Main Street Revelations, Foster  
0435 535 867

APRIL 2015



# Waratah

the new 1960s musical by Chris Dickins

FAMDA's exciting brand new musical is set in 1965 Sandy Point. **Waratah** tells a story about two families who have come to the shores of Waratah Bay for a summer holiday. Love is in the air and it comes in various forms ~ secret love, puppy love, summer love and love that is brotherly, unrequited, romantic, fading, illicit, infatuation or just downright embarrassing.

Designed as family entertainment, the show includes lots of laughs and more than twenty iconic Australian rock songs from the 1960s, including tunes made famous by The Easybeats, The Twilights, Normie Rowe, The Masters Apprentices and more. Song titles such as 'Needle in a Haystack', 'She's So Fine', 'Woman You're Breaking Me', 'She's a Mod' and 'Chao Baby' are cleverly integrated into the story line of the script.

Baby Boomers in the audience will be filled with nostalgia and an urge to dance. Younger audiences will be able to see a fading version of Australia and hear some instantly appealing songs for the first time.

Local writer, Chris Dickins, has designed **Waratah** to have appeal across age groups making it a 'must see' component of the Prom Coast Seachange Festival.



Kneeling with his back to the camera, author and director Chris Dickins explains to some of the cast exactly what he wants in this scene from Waratah (L-R) Taj Cooper piggy-backing on Leuca Maclean, Bon Maclean, Sean Webb, Harley McDonald-Eckersall, Sarah Maclean, Emma Fletcher, Cas Maclean and Amy Tudor.

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**Foster Arts Music & Drama Association Inc.**  
proudly presents



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**17 April – 2 May 2015**

**17, 18, 25, 30 April, 1 & 2 May – 8pm**

**Saturday matinees 18 April & 2 May – 2pm**



**Foster War Memorial Arts Centre**

**Tickets: Main Street Revelations Foster    0435 535 867    [www.famda.org.au](http://www.famda.org.au)**

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## ANZAC Centenary Commemoration Concert



### *The Catafalque Party*

Presented by FAMDA in association with Foster RSL  
a one-act play by Edwin Coad  
passing the ANZAC story to younger generations  
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To commemorate the centenary of Australia's first involvement in the Gallipoli Campaign FAMDA is presenting a one-act play called *The Catafalque Party*. The title refers to the four soldiers who stand in respectful guard of a war memorial honouring the dead on occasions such as ANZAC Day.

Foster playwright, Edwin Coad, has written the play in response to a request by the Foster RSL for a play relevant to ANZAC Day, informative of the wartime experience and which would provide an opportunity for young people to be involved.

The play deals with passing on the ANZAC story to the next generations and certainly multiple generations are involved in staging it with seven students from South Gippsland Secondary College among the cast and much older people from the Foster Men's Shed constructing the set, a war memorial built to Geoff Davey's design.

*The Catafalque Party* will be staged twice as part of the Anzac Centenary Commemoration as a prelude to Larry Hills' cantata, *They Went With Songs*.

Performances are at 7.30pm at Mesley Hall in Leongatha on ANZAC Day, Saturday April 25 and at 3:30pm in Foster the following day at the War Memorial hall.

The Foster performance is also part of the Prom Coast Seachange Festival.



*They Went With Songs* is a cantata specially written by Larry Hills as a major part of the ANZAC Centenary commemoration in South Gippsland.

This emotionally charged choral work features the combined voices of the Bass Coast Chorale, Prom Coast Singers, South Gippsland Singers and a 'Soldiers' chorus with a South Gippsland orchestral ensemble.

The world premier of *They Went With Songs* is at

**7:30pm Friday 24 April Wonthaggi Town Hall**

Every soldier was someone's child

Larry Hills

### *They Went With Songs*

Combined Regional Choirs  
with Orchestra and 'Soldiers' chorus

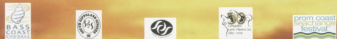
Wonthaggi Town Hall April 24 7.30pm

Leongatha Mesley Hall April 25 7.30pm

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre April 26 3.30pm

Tickets \$25 available from:

RACV Wonthaggi 0402 727364  
Great Southern Outdoors, Leongatha 0490 525482  
Main Street Revelations, Foster 0408 675467



**7:30pm Saturday 25 April Mesley Hall, Leongatha**  
**3:30pm Sunday 26 April Foster War Memorial Arts Centre**

Tickets for *They Went With Songs* are on sale now for **\$25.00**. (Different sales venues for each performance)

Wonthaggi performance 7:30 Friday 24 April @ RACV Shop, Wonthaggi 0402 727 364

\* Leongatha performance 7:30 Saturday 25 April \* @ Great Southern Outdoors, Leongatha 0490 525 482

\* Foster performance 3:30 Sunday 26 April \* @ Main Street Revelations, Foster 0408 675 467  
or online [www.promcoastseachangefestival.org](http://www.promcoastseachangefestival.org)

\* Only Leongatha and Foster performances include *The Catafalque Party*

There will be a limited number of **groundling tickets** to enable young people, RSL vets & pensioners to see  
the Foster performance of *The Catafalque Party* free of charge

These tickets do **NOT** entitle the holders to stay for the ANZAC cantata, *They Went With Songs*.



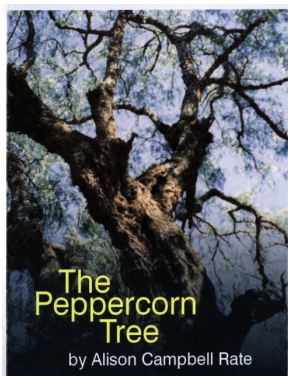
The Prom Coast Singers is one of the three  
choirs involved in *They Went With Songs*.

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

To learn more about joining the choir check the PCS website:  
[www.promcoastsingers.org](http://www.promcoastsingers.org) or phone 5683 2683 or 5682 2953.

#### GIPPSLAND THEATRE - COMING EVENTS

7- 23 May Latrobe Theatre - LEGALLY BLONDE  
8 - 24 May Bairnsdale Production Line - MY FAIR LADY  
15 - 23 May Warragul Theatre Company - HELLO DOLLY  
23 May - 7 June Wonthaggi Theatrical Group - PIPPIN  
3 - 18 July Leongatha Lyric Theatre - GYPSY  
8 & 9 August FAMDA - FOSTER ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL  
25 Sept - 3 Oct Leongatha Lyric - DON PARTIES ON



A recent Australian play that is both humorous and deeply moving, *The Peppercorn Tree* tells a story of mateship, love, regret and reconciliation.

To be staged by FAMDA  
23 - 31 October 2015  
directed by Bernadette Grainger

The play is set in 1993 Melbourne

In World War II Tobruk during an early morning raid, Jonah Clarke made a split second decision. The fallout took root and grew to overshadow his life and future relationships, especially with his wife and only son. Burying his guilt under a veneer of jibes and humour, Jonah succeeded in avoiding his past for decades. Fifty years later Jonah reluctantly agrees to record his memoirs with a biographer and, in the process, is forced to confront his demons.

### CAST REQUIRED

**Jonah Cloake** - aged about 75\*

**Grace Cloake** - his second wife, aged about 65\*

**Zoe Pilgrim** - aged about 45\*

**Michael Cloake** - aged about 50\*

**Evie Walker Cloake** - Jonah's first wife, in her 20s\*

\* Ages are a guideline (with English accent)

**Auditions: Early July** - Watch out for details

**Enquiries to: Bernadette Grainger - 5664 9385**

### Join the Prom Coast Film Society

Screenings: 8pm on the first Friday each month at 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](mailto:famda@dcsi.net.au) or phone Catherine McGlead on 0407 543 371.



You are invited to join the communities of the Prom Coast in celebrating Creativity, Culture, Lifestyle and Landscape over TWO big weekends ~ 17 - 19 and 24 - 26 April 2015.

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 is directly involved in the **Prom Coast Seachange Festival** via *Waratah the Musical*, *The Catafalque Party* and *They Went With Songs*.

Other highlights include: [A Concert of Classical Music from Italy](#) Event Date: 26 April 2015 07:30 PM

Venue: The Celia Rosser Gallery An evening of classical music performed by Cath Shugg (violin) and Serena Carmel (piano)

#### Bam Bam Circus

Event Date: 26 April 2015 11:00 AM Venue: Entrance to Pearl Park a colourful explosion of creativity and circus.

#### Breakfast with the Birds

Event Date: 26 April 2015 08:00 AM Venue: Waratah Hills Vineyard Enjoy a sumptuous breakfast with 'birdos'

#### Instant Singing Margret RoadKnight

Event Date: 19 April 2015 02:30 PM Venue: Waratah Hills Vineyard Iconic Australian musician relaxed, engaging workshop

#### Low Rez at Fish Creek Hall

Event Date: 25 April 2015 07:30 PM Venue: Fish Creek Hall Melbourne's premier male pop choir

#### Margret RoadKnight at Waratah Hills

Event Date: 18 April 2015 08:00 PM Venue: Waratah Hills Vineyard Experience a virtuoso performance

#### Smallpox Theatre

Event Date: 26 April 11:30 AM Venue: Pearl Park vaudevillian puppetry, mime, sideshow and clowning

You can book online for these events. For details of these shows plus lots more check out [www.promcoastseachangefestival.org](http://www.promcoastseachangefestival.org)

#### Did you know?

At its AGM in March members voted unanimously to change FAMDA's name so that the acronym now stands for:

## Foster Arts Music & Drama Association