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Legally Blonde Jr, The Musical



LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical

Oh my God you guys!

Legally Blonde Junior the musical has come to the pointy end of the rehearsal season, the thirty-nine members of the cast have been putting in some big days and intense nights to bring the show up to speed for opening night on the 20th of July.

From big production numbers like Whipped Into Shape and The Bend and Snap, to the beautifully touching Legally Blonde scene between Elle and Emmett, this show will captivate and surprise you.

The show is full of energy and sparkles from start to finish! It has been a delight for myself, co-Director Steph, Musical Director Ree and Choreographer Donna to work with this talented young group who have listened and learned and are about to wow Coffs Harbour audiences!

Come and see the exciting next generation of performers strut their stuff on the big stage. These new young CHATS members are straining at the bit to entertain you!

See you at the theatre!

David Tune - Director, CHATS Legally Blonde Jr



Performances:

Thursday 20th July	7.30pm
Friday 21st July	7.30pm
Saturday 22nd July	2pm and 7.30pm
Sunday 23rd July	2pm
Wednesday 26th July	7.30pm (all tickets \$20.00)
Friday 28th July	7.30pm (all tickets \$20.00)
Saturday 29th July	2pm and 7.30pm
Sunday 30th July	2pm

Tickets available from the Jetty Memorial Theatre
www.jettytheatre.com

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FRAZZLED AUDITIONS



Frazzled is a wonderful new children's play, a work that is a collaboration of three friends, Dorothy Plummer, Phil Zacharia and Coffs Harbour's very own local legend of theatre, **Shirley Barnett**. CHATS Productions will be bringing **Frazzled** to the Jetty Memorial Theatre stage in October this year.

A Play Reading afternoon was held on Sunday 16th July, with the adult's auditions held Wednesday 19th July.

Children's auditions are being held at the 'Lighthouse Theatre', Jetty High School Coffs Harbour on Sun 23rd July 10.30am - all ages and abilities are invited to come along and be involved in the fun!

Frazzled is a short two- Act play (about one hour in total) that was specially written for primary school students to perform and enjoy. It tells the story of a frazzled mum who has just had enough and escapes into a fantasy world full of talking animal characters and music (act 2).

Enquiries to; Marty Elliott, CHATS Play reading Co-ordinator 0409329185 marty.elliott@bigpond.com or, Director, Shirley Barnett, 66519098 shirlbarnett@me.com

NEW LIFE MEMBER - SHARON TOMLINSON



Please join us in congratulating the newest Life Member of CHATS Productions, Sharon Tomlinson.

Sharon is always willing to lend a hand, and has shared her creativity and skills with the theatre community in Coffs Harbour for many years. Most recently she was the Backstage Wizard Manager for Terry Pratchett's 'Wyrd Sisters'

Sharon first got involved in community theatre in Gippsland, VIC. Her husband David was a performer, and Sharon assisted with backstage crew, and making props and sets.

After moving to Coffs Harbour in the 1980s, Sharon was busy with children and work, so theatre took the backseat for a while. When her youngest daughter Bethany started doing youth theatre classes, Sharon began making props for her group pieces.

In the mid-late 90s, Bill Jacobs approached Sharon asking her to get involved in local theatre, first helping with sets and then with props and backstage. And the rest, as they say, is history!

Next year we would like to introduce membership benefits for new and renewing members. What kind of things would you like to receive as thanks for your support of CHATS?

Suggestions so far have included discounted tickets to CHATS productions, 2-for-1 tickets, members-only events, and free tacos!

Please let Allison (Secretary) know your ideas:

info@chats.org.au, or 0406 776 414

2018 PRODUCTION SUBMISSIONS

The CHATS Committee is seeking submissions of plays for consideration for our first and third 2018 productions. Members, Friends and potential Directors are invited to be involved in the process of selecting what shows we produce next year and beyond. Plays that have a "Director attached" will be especially welcomed.

Submissions can be sent to info@chats.org.au, or to our President Marty Elliott, at marty.elliott@bigpond.com

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings you lot!

Much has happened since the last edition and things are getting busy. Bump-in for *Legally Blonde- The Musical, Jr edition* is upon us and we are finalising our plans for the run up to opening night and indeed for the run of shows. Director, Dave Tune and his team have done an awesome job to date in getting this show to performance level and I know that he, his team and the cast fully deserve every success in making this a memorable CHATS production.

Toad of Toad Hall Play reading was held on the weekend to showcase our midyear show for 2018 and there was some good interest shown by members and friends. *Frazzled* play reading, which is going to be more like an orientation, is upon us now with auditions starting just a few days after the reading. *Frazzled* is a children's play, written in part by our own Shirley Barnett and it will form part of our 2017 October production.

Our October production is becoming interesting, with a probable 5 show run of *Frazzled*, a potential two- hander fundraiser and director workshops, all happening in that two weeks.

There are some promising signs for our 2018 productions and I look forward to being able to confirm more on that subject in the next newsletter.

Our newest Committee Member, John Miller, has made a very significant contribution to helping CHATS with the challenges of the Mix It Up integration, which is now a reality, on a 12 month trial basis, and I thank him for his efforts.

Thank you to all Committee Members for your support and co-operation and for all you do for CHATS and also to all of our members and 'helpers', without which, we would not be the viable Production Company that we are. Onwards and upwards!

Cheers,
Marty Elliott
President

Welcome to our newest
CHATS members!

Brielle McAlister
Woodward family
Allora Loprete
Mia Ricketts
Estelle Mallia
Luke Jourdant
Bethany Thomlinson
Donna Fairall

PLAY READING - ENGAGED

Our social play reading of this witty farce was held at Dark Arts Coffee Academy Wednesday 7pm on 7 June. There was a great turnout, and a lot of fun was had by all!



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ACCTS OPEN DAY FUNDRAISER

ACCTS Open Day was held at the Jetty Memorial Theatre on Sunday 25th June. It was another very successful day, with many people coming to the event to enjoy the festivities of the day, including sausage sizzle, cold drinks, stalls with plants, cakes, biscuits and slices, dresses, 'bling' bin, theatre tours, workshops, masterclasses and much more.

CHATS made a significant contribution to the day, in particular an open rehearsal for *Legally Blonde, Jr – The Musical* and the BBQ and drinks stall. Around \$4,000 was raised for the Trust Fund, which can only be spent on the enhancement of the facilities at the JMT, such as equipment upgrades and the like.

Many thanks to all who helped out on the day, it did more than just raised money, it raised awareness of the Community Theatre Groups like CHATS, who utilise this wonderful theatre and who see it as our spiritual home. It also brought a few of our Members and Friends 'out of the woodwork' and provided a good excuse and opportunity to catch up.



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TOAD OF TOAD HALL PLAY READING



The play reading for our 2018 production of 'Toad of Toad Hall' was held on July 9th, with around 20 people attending. A lovely afternoon was had by all, with director Rex providing Insight into next year's July show. A delicious afternoon tea was provided by Mauz

and Marty. Thank you to everyone who attended, we are all looking forward to auditions next year!

COMING SOON

CHMCC presents
Rodgers & Hammerstein's



NOVEMBER 3 - 27

GALA ARTS GATSBY BALL

Hosted by
Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company

AUGUST 5 7 PM

Park Beach Surf Club
Surf Club Road, Park Beach

\$50 pp, includes dinner & welcome drink

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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or from the Lifeline Shop, cnr Vernon/Gordon St