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Calendar Girls

After a great deal of hard work (and a fair bit of fun as well), Calendar Girls is on stage this month! Directed by Pat Slattery, this play is funny and heartwarming in equal measure. It follows the story of the Knapely Women's Institute's efforts to raise funds for their local hospital—by producing a semi-nude calendar.

Join us to laugh and cry, possibly at the same time! Tickets are available now from the Jetty Memorial Theatre website jettytheatre.com.au, or by calling the booking office on 02 6648 4930.



Times:

Friday 30 March	8pm
Saturday 31 March	2pm
Saturday 31 March	8pm
Sunday 1 April	2pm
Wednesday 4 April	8pm
Thursday 5 April	8pm
Friday 6 April	8pm
Saturday 7 April	2pm
Saturday 7 April	8pm
Sunday 8 April	2pm

Ticket Prices:

Adult	\$25
Concession & under 21	\$20
Groups 10+	\$20

Wednesday 4 April: All tix \$20
 All tickets plus \$2 booking fee

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2018 EISTEDDFOD

CHATS is delighted and excited to announce that we will be the Diamond sponsor for this years Coffs Harbour Drama Eisteddfod. The Drama section of the 46th Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod commences on 30th of May (private drama entries) and 4th of June (school drama). All entries must be submitted by 31st of March. For more information, syllabus and rules go to www.coffseisteddfod.org.au



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TOAD OF TOAD HALL

CAST LIST

Marigold	Samara Satyanand
Nurse/Bargewoman	Wendy Hardes
Ratty	Marty Elliott
Mole	Chantelle Thorn
Badger	Dave Tune
Toad	Harlan Cooper
Alfred	Peter Hodges
Washer Woman	Donna Fairall
Phoebe	Emily Brockett-Branster
Judge	Marcus Nevin
Policeman	Mitchell Hodges
Usher	Ellis Harper
Jailer	Elija Mackie
Chief Weasel	JJ Waters
Weasel 1	Zara Williams
Weasel 2	Fay Castle
Chief Ferret	Emile Mulders Burton
Ferret 1	Kai Hewitt
Ferret 2	John Greene
Chief Stoat	Wendy Jeffery
Stoat 1	Jess Young
Stoat 2	Josh Starr
Mama Rabbit	Mia Follett
Harold Rabbit	Flynn Metcalf
Lucy Rabbit	Charlotte Armytage
Baby Rabbit 1	Alice McKeon
Baby Rabbit 2	Eivina Toth
Field Mouse 1	Anna Matthews
Field Mouse 2	Lani Robinsen
Duck	Aqua Waters

Our July production this year will be 'Toad of Toad Hall', written by A.A. Milne, based on the character of the same name from Kenneth Grahame's 'Wind in the Willows'.

Auditions for Toad Hall were held on 24th and 25th February. We were very lucky to have a large number of talented new and established actors try out, and the show has now been fully cast. Rehearsals are already underway for what promises to be a fantastic, fun-filled family show.

Toad of Toad Hall is being directed by Rex Madigan, and will run from Thursday 19th to Sunday 29th July. Tickets are already available from the Jetty Memorial Theatre box office, so get in early!



Welcome to our newest
CHATS members!

Jess Young

Alana Pearce

John Greene

Angela Robinsen

2018 AGM UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who came to the AGM, it was an excellent roll up!

Huge thank you to Marty for all of his work in the past year as President, and all of his work as play reading co-ordinator over the previous years. Marty has been incredibly effective as President due to his dedication, diligence and integrity, CHATS has been very lucky to have him in charge over the last (very successful) year.

Massive thanks also to Allison for being such an excellent Secretary, balancing competing demands from home, study and work with producing the CHATS newsletter, taking minutes and dealing with a mass of communication, as well as directing a show. A huge contribution to the success of the society over the year as well.

We now have a committee of ten enthusiastic people ready to work on the future of the society. The previous committee has set up this year brilliantly, with three exciting productions underway (in various stages of production and pre-production), all being driven by experienced and hard working directors. CHATS is in a great position to continue to present top notch entertainment and provide opportunities for local talent to shine on stage and off.

Your engagement and support are essential to CHATS success, and I encourage everybody to be a part of what we do, either by auditioning, volunteering for backstage or front of house, or contributing your ideas for shows or marketing or any other aspect of theatre. As incoming President, I would encourage you all to be an active part of our theatre family, and feel free to talk to me or anyone on the committee about anything to do with CHATS and theatre in Coffs Harbour.

Cheers, David Tune - President



2018 Committee

President: David Tune

Vice President: John Miller

Treasurer: Rex Madigan

Secretary: Dee Tune

General Members: Rory Banwell, Al Green, Wendy Jeffery, Alana Pearce, Angela Robinsen, and Beckley Vincent.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year is well underway for CHATS, and what a big year it will be!

The committee is working on a number of new and exciting projects to be announced during the year, and the level of enthusiasm amongst the team is high.

With two out of our three productions in rehearsal and the third show gearing up to go we are extremely busy, and there is a definite sense of anticipation for all of them.

Calendar Girls opens on 30 March, and will be a fantastic show! Such talented ladies (and the odd lucky bloke as well) have been hard at work rehearsing for this funny and poignant piece about ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Directed by the ever effervescent Pat Slattery, this is another top class show, get your tickets NOW or miss out!

Toad of Toad hall has now been cast, and rehearsals are underway, with Rex Madigan at the helm. This is a rollicking adventure, A.A. Milne's loving adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's fabulous fantasy "The Wind in the Willows", that will entertain everyone from children to those who may have read the novel many years ago.

Our third show for the year is "Lords and Ladies", the stage

adaptation of Sir Terry Pratchett's book of the same name. Carrying on the story presented in "Wyrld Sisters" last year, director Beckley Vincent will bring his experience and enthusiasm to this quirky comedy.

As well as this we are continuing on with our successful Mix It Up program for young people, and are planning to see some of them on stage both in our main shows and in other events during the year.

Our new play reading coordinator Rory Banwell will soon be announcing the first play reading of the year, and we look forward to seeing many of our members there to share the fun.

Many other more exciting developments to come! Keep an eye on our FaceBook page (CHATS Productions Inc) and follow us on Instagram (chatsproductionsinc) to keep up to date!

As always, please feel free to contact me via phone, text or email, or talk to me in person about anything to do with theatre in Coffs.

See you at the theatre soon!

Cheers,
David Tune
President

GET WELL SOON!

Our best wishes go to Shirley Barnett, who is currently at the Coffs Harbour Masonic Village, and Penny Dennis, who has broken her arm! We all hope you are better soon.

MEET OUR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Angela has spent most of her life performing. In recent years, she has undertaken a variety of different roles in theatre productions around Coffs Harbour. Angela is excited to be a part of the chats committee for 2018 and hopes that her enthusiasm & passion for theatre can be shared with the younger generation of thespians.



My name's Alana Pearce, I started with CHATS last year and I am loving being a part of this theatre community. I've been involved in a few musicals both onstage and off including Legally Blonde Jr and My Fair Lady. Right now I am stage managing Heathers the Musical in Armidale, and participating in the 2018 CHATS committee will hopefully bring me more wonderful opportunities very soon!

CONGRATULATIONS...

to Penny Dennis and The Coast Comedy Players on their inaugural performance season of 'Companion Planting'. It was a funny and enjoyable show (featuring 3 of our current committee members!), and we look forward to seeing what you all produce next.



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UPCOMING SHOWS

Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company
May 4 to 27, 2018

