

The Warragul Siren



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WARRAGUL THEATRE
COMPANY



THE SHOW WILL GO ON



The realisation that my health was not as good as I believed came as a bit of a shock to say the least. Our lives have recently been a whirl of hospitals, specialists, mediation and planning for a course of treatment. I had a successful operation and this week I started a course of radiotherapy and chemotherapy at the Freemasons' Hospital in Melbourne. We will travel here from train each day so that we can be in our own familiar surroundings and continue with our own normal routines as far as possible.

Our lives have been turned upside down to say the least. However we are optimistic and positive about the treatment and we are implementing a lifestyle plan to ensure that the treatment regime is as effective as possible. The plan includes nutrition, hydration, rest, exercise and meditation and the objective is to assist the treatment regime to do its job as effectively as possible. We are overwhelmed by the depth of support and encouragement that we have received from so many people. The fact that so many of you are keeping us in your thoughts and prayers is of great comfort to us. We have a wonderfully supportive family and extended family as well and all these factors will hopefully contribute to a positive outcome over time.

Whilst I have been advised to avoid stressful situations the committee and I have devised a plan to ensure that the show goes on with minimal disruption. I am encouraged to remain involved in the things I am passionate about and the committee has agreed to do this. Under this proposal I will not have a direct role in rehearsals and will continue to undertake an advisory role. In that capacity I will work closely with Bob McPherson. David and Tracie will undertake more extensive roles in their capacity of assistant directors. I will continue to attend rehearsals but the actual task of blocking the show is the responsibility of David, Tracie, Jill and Adrian with my input as required. I have prepared blocking notes for Act 1 and am working on Act 2. These will form the basis of the design of the show but can be modified by the directing team as appropriate.

The costume, set, lighting and technical designs are almost complete and the major components of the design are already in construction phase. We are indeed fortunate that we have such talented and dedication of the directing and production teams. Following my chats with the directing/production team I am confident of a smooth transition to the new structure. I am confident that the existing team has the motivation, skills and capability to put a successful show on stage. Much of course depends on you—the cast and from what I have seen since returning to rehearsals we have a very exciting production in the making. Your major contribution to assist the changed situation to work effectively is to do your homework and practice between rehearsals and to focus all your energies when you are at rehearsal.

I intend being active in the rehearsals and I look forward to seeing you all more often. The level of my involvement will depend entirely on how well I manage the treatment program. As I said I am being as optimistic and positive as I am able.

DAVID

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hi Everyone

Welcome back I hope you all had a safe and relaxing holiday. Back to the grind stone now with no excuses not to give this show 100% of your dedication.

Don't forget it is a privilege to be a part of what promises to be the most exciting show in WTC history.

Production is coming along nicely however I want to take this opportunity to remind you, or perhaps let you know what amazing circumstances your committee has

been overcoming to keep things rolling. I am having a baby in a few weeks; Bob has had surgery during production. Janine is waiting on 2 possible surgeries and Jan is now caring for David and stepping aside as secretary. I tell you these things not to evoke empathy but to inspire you with the dedication and hard work of a team that despite great adversity will continue to put its head down to meet all challenges and make this show the kick ass success it deserves to be. You are sounding and looking great and giving me a lot to boast about in the community. . I am firing up local people and businesses to become involved see the show and support the Company. Costumes are also amazing and if you haven't already seen some of the costumes go in and give the costume team some love for their amazing work.

As we saw last year the advertising campaign will also be a blitz and I have already recorded a radio interview to be aired in March about the production. We will also be seeking more radio coverage and if we are lucky another cinema ad as well as our usual posters, flyers and newspaper articles and advertising. So keep up the hard work knowing we are doing everything we can as well. It is up to you however to sell sell sell and talk up this amazing production as well and get all your people to come and see the show.



A BIG THANKYOU to Jan Pickburn for her time on the committee. Jan has been an absolute power house for this Company keeping everything running smoothly. We all greatly appreciate her time, efforts and dedication with the Company and all send

her much love during this time of new challenges.

Stay inspired
Bec Wilson

SPONSORSHIP

By now you have all been given a sponsorship brochure. Currently our budget for Cats is over what we initially expected so we hope to make up the short fall with sponsorship. Now your committee has been working hard on this but we are only a couple of arms in the octopus that is the WTC. If you don't have any business contacts don't be afraid to just walk in and ask someone, you never know they may have had great experiences with the company or be looking for

someway to be involved in the community. The Sponsorship packages are very generous so, be sure to emphasis they fantastic amount of advertising their business will get in return. If you are unable to get financial backing then consider asking a business for a donation of a good or service we may be able to use for fundraising.

We know the great stress other fundraising like chocolate sales can put on

a already busy cast and are trying to avoid this like the plague but our alternative is Sponsorship.

We have already done the hard work for you; it really is as simple as handing out the brochure given to you at rehearsals. The worst is someone can say no but be gracious as you are representing the company and you may have just at the least made a new contact who would love to come and see the show.

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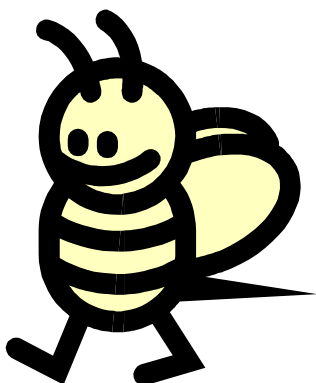
We would like to acknowledge and thank our current sponsors:

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- Clark First National Real Estate
- Branstrans
- KDH Advertising
- Warragul Chemmart Pharmacy
- DECA Training
- Freestyle Curtains
- John Moore Photography



WORKING BEES

The First Sundays in March, April and May. We expect to see each one of you attending at least one of these, and more if you can. Many hands make light work. Listen out for announcements on other working bees that may be announced also.



TICKETS ON SALE

We have already sold a couple of hundred tickets but our goal is 5000 so we have a way to go. Typically people leave it to the last minute but these will be the people who miss out. SPECIAL PRICE TICKETS are available now until the end of March. To get this special price you can buy over the phone with a credit card from the Arts Centre box office on 5624 2456 or go in and purchase over the counter. You can also buy tickets online through the Arts Centre Web site wgac.org.au but you cannot get the early bird price this way. Our own WTC web site www.warragultheatrecompany.org.au also has a link to purchase tickets online.



Remember for the special price ending at the end of March but on the phone or over the counter.

PRICES	FULL PRICE	EARLY BIRD
ADULT	\$37	\$33
WGAC MEMBER	\$32	\$32
CONCESSION	\$35	\$32
YOUTH	\$22	\$20
FAMILY	\$95	\$90

(1 adult 3 children, or 2 adults 2 children)

CONGRATULATIONS TO TAMMY DAWES ON THE ARRIVAL OF HER NEW SON JAMES...8 POUNDS 1 OZ.



Cat Fact

*A cat has more bones than a human being;
humans have 206 and the cat 230*

HAVE YOU ANY INPUT!

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