



Burnside Players News



Oh! What A Lovely War

This musical comedy tells the story of World War One, using the songs and documents of the period. A cast of colourful characters swap hats, helmets and sides to give a vibrant and touching account of the four years that shaped the twentieth century. So pack up your troubles and take your seats for an exhilarating exposé of an unforgettable moment in history.

If you enjoyed our *Tom Jones* or *A Midsummer Nights Dream* or just love good theatre, you can't miss this show!

Oh! What a Lovely War was created by Joan Littlewood's Theatre Workshop as a cutting edge piece in the 1960s. It has continued to amuse and move audiences ever since. It was made into a film by Sir Richard Attenborough with an all star cast.

BPI's production is directed by Thorin Cupit who di-

rected our wildly popular *A Midsummer Nights Dream* in 2003, with Musical Director Kate Pope and Choreographer Tracey Nunn.

We have a large and very talented cast including Burnside favourites such as Brendan Clare, Bonnie Madigan and Rhodri Henry-Edwards and a host of singers, actors and dancers new to Burnside.

Director Thorin Cupit says: "World War One, the musical? Can they be serious?"

As a director I still find myself laughing, crying, and singing along years after I saw my first production of this. I am amazed at the events that shaped the first half of last century.

Now looking back it is easy for us to see the mistakes and ridiculous decisions that cost over 65 million lives."

Follow a small band of men and women as they sing, dance and waltz through the changing of public opinion and the unbelievable experiences."

Performances April 7 to 9 and 13 to 16 at 8pm. Sunset performance Sunday 10 at 6pm. Matinee Saturday April 16 at 2pm

Presented Cabaret style in the **Burnside Ballroom corner Greenhill and Portrush Rds Burnside**. Buy a drink at our bar or BYO.

Tickets are \$18 Adults, \$14 Concession and Groups of 10 or more.

Bookings BASS on 131 246 (service fee applied) or 0500 520 105 (local call charges apply).

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Memberships

Memberships are \$40 for full members and \$30 for concession. Our single show cast membership is \$20.

Members receive a free ticket to each show for members, and a \$5 guest ticket which represents excellent value and a saving of up to \$45 over our regular prices.

Send a cheque and your details (including email address if you have one) to
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New Committee

At the Annual General Meeting on 20th March the 2005 Committee was elected. The new committee is: President Kate Pope, Secretary Natalie Driver, Treasurer Brad Martin, Vice President Jamie Wright and Members Jen Pope, Megan Dansie, Miriam Lyon, Avylon Madigan, Brendan White, Karen Mather and Tim Allan. Our constitution allows for a committee of 12, and we are looking to recruit some new members to our management committee and subcommittees. In particular we are looking for people with an interest in marketing or PR and technical production. However, if all you have is some time and a passion for theatre, whether as an audience member, or on/back stage, we welcome your involvement. We encourage members of BPI to consider helping out so we can continue to present high quality theatre.

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2005 Season

Our 2005 season continues with Shakespeare with a twist, and the return of our very popular end of year Pratchett play.

The Taming of the Shrew

4-9, 11-16 July Burnside Ballroom
Gerard Ryan always brings a fresh take on the plays he directs, and this year brings us a fresh new version of Shakespeare's comedy, set in 1980s England.

Gerard has assembled a young talented cast and is already hard at work rehearsing!

Terry Pratchett's Lords and Ladies

**3-6, 9-12 November
Mayfair Theatre**

Yes, the witches are back! By popular demand we are following up our Pratchett trilogy with a very different midsummer dream. Directed by AJ Bartley who directed our critically acclaimed *Killing of Sister George*.

Auditions

Auditions for *Lords and Ladies* will be held later this year. Look for details during *Oh! What a Lovely War*, and in the Adelaide Theatre Guide and The Advertiser.

We need a large, varied cast and crew members.

Further Information: Kate on 0500 520 105 (local call cost)
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