

AWTCo Showbuzz

November 2009

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held this month where all committee positions were declared open and nominations were received, checked and counted for the new committee.

With an enormous amount of gratitude, thanks and respect, we said goodbye to our outgoing committee members: Vice-President, Catherine Jardine; Public Officer, Jan Smith; and General Committee Member, Narda Reid.

We say hello and welcome to our new committee members: Public Officer, Steve Armati; General Committee Member, Andrea Sill; and General Committee Member, Karen Hempel.

Congratulations and thanks go to our new Vice-President, Katherine Carey, as well as to all other previous committee members who were all nominated and have been re-elected. So, until the next AGM, your committee is:

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| President | Joseph Thomsen (0414 376 949) |
| Vice President | Katherine Carey |
| Secretary | Kate Chamberlain |
| Treasurer | Tania Cassidy |
| Public Officer | Steve Armati |
| General Committee | Karen Hempel Claire Moodie Bradley Peach Andrea Sill |

Committee meetings are held on the 1st Friday of every month. All members are welcome to attend.

For confirmation of meeting locations and times, or for any queries, please contact any of the committee members or send an email to:

alburywodongatheatrecompany@gmail.com

AWTCo Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, 21st November at La Maison Café (Lincoln Causeway) starting at 6:30pm.

Dinner will be \$30/head for a 2 course meal with dessert an optional extra. BYO instruments.

Bookings are essential and numbers must be finalised by Wednesday, 18th.

For bookings, either email us or ring any of the following: Joseph (0414 376 949); Kat (0419 771 544); or Claire (0424 496 486).

AWTCo Website

AWTCo is now online with our very own website. While it's still somewhat a work in progress, we've already had several people contact us via the website.

Go to www.awtco.org.au and check it out. Please use the contact form to provide us with any feedback and/or suggestions.

Thanks go to Dave Atkinson for getting this up and running.

Pirates Of Penzance Auditions

Pirates Of Penzance is due to be staged in May 2010 at the Albury Entertainment Centre.

Auditions were to be held on 5th & 6th December, however due to unforeseen circumstances they have had to be postponed. It is now likely that auditions will be held in January – date yet to be confirmed.

If you are interested in auditioning, please let us know by emailing us, or going to our website and using the contact form. Please also contact us if you are interested in working behind the scenes.

As soon as the new audition dates have been finalised we will let you know and audition kits will be available.

This was a great opportunity for all those involved and a wonderful production for the local community to enjoy.

A very big thank you to those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, as well as everyone involved onstage.

Congratulations to all involved!



Short Play Festival

We are looking at holding a short play festival in the first half of next year. This will provide a great opportunity for lots of people to get involved.

Some of you may want to try your hand at writing a 10 minute short play or directing one.

If you're interested in the idea of being part of a short play festival, whether it be writing a short play, directing one, acting or helping out behind the scenes, please email us or go to our website and use our contact form.



Beauty and the Beast

After many months of planning, rehearsing and organising, our most recent musical production hit the stage of the Albury Entertainment Centre in September.

Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* ran for four evening performances and one matinee. With spectacular sets, costumes, and a wonderful cast and crew, it's no wonder we had a total audience of approximately 3,000!



Uiver Anniversary

October saw the 75th anniversary of the Uiver plane landing at the Albury race track during the 1934 London to Melbourne air race.

As part of the anniversary celebrations, AlburyCity asked us to restage the Flight Of The Uiver radio play which was first performed two years ago at the Albury Entertainment Centre and broadcast live through Victoria and Southern NSW.

A big thank you to all those involved.

Carols by Candlelight

A number of our members will be singing at the Albury Carols by Candlelight and the Wodonga Carols by Candlelight this year.

Congratulations to all those who got in to Albury Carols and Wodonga Carols.

Details of both events are below. Please go along to show your support for our members

Albury Carols are being held on Wednesday, 16th December at QEll Square. Commences at 6:00pm.

Wodonga Carols are being held on Sunday, 20th December at Willow Park. Main event commences at 7:30pm.

NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards

Recently, both Joseph Thomsen and Claire Moodie were nominated for the NSW Volunteer of the Year award in recognition of the volunteer work they do for Albury Wodonga Theatre Company.

We are very pleased to announce that Joseph has been awarded the NSW Volunteer of the Year award for the Murray Region. Joseph now goes on to become a nominee for the NSW State Volunteer of the Year award.

Congratulations go to Joseph for winning this award for the Murray Region. This award is great recognition for everything that Joseph puts in to, and does for AWTCO. This also gives some recognition for AWTCO and what we provide the community.

Well done to Claire for being nominated and thank you to Catherine Jardine for nominating both Joseph and Claire.

AWTCO is made up 100% of volunteers and we would like to thank all of our members for what they put in to the company.

How you can get involved

Would you like to be more involved in your theatre company? Would you like to try your hand at something new, or brush up on past skills?

It's true. Auditions are when most people think about getting involved in the theatre company and the focus is usually on the cast of a show. But if you're interested in offstage roles don't let that stop you.

To get involved in any facet of the theatre company, whether it be directing, producing, props, hair and makeup, set construction, playing in the band or even organising social events, please approach any of the committee members. Alternatively, you can email us or visit our website and use the contacts form.