



Under the Spotlight!

December 2013

Here is our last Newsletter for 2013! As you already know 2014 is a huge year for the Arcadians Theatre Group as we celebrate 50 years of bringing quality theatre to the Illawarra! There will be many ways that people can contribute to the year's activities so just ask someone on committee or someone on the production teams of the fabulous shows we have lined up and you are sure to be caught up in the excitement. And the shows are.....

Young Frankenstein—21 March to 5th April 2014

(Tickets are now available!)

Next to Normal—13 to 22 June 2014

Phantom of the Opera—15 to 24 August 2014

(Tickets are now available via IPAC—click on our link at Arcos website)

Thoroughly Modern Millie—21 November to 6 December 2014

ACT shows will be 2 to 4 May and 19 to 21 September 2014

Book at www.arcadians.org.au

We are giving Pauline Young a little break over the festive season and so, the Box Office and phone will be closed until Monday 6th January 2014. We are very grateful for all the work Pauline does in managing our busy phone and fielding the many enquiries. Thanks Pauline!

Nyla Collis (Costume Custodian) and her lovely ladies are also taking a well-earned break from their regular Monday working bees in the Costume Room and they will also be back on the job from Monday 6th January 2014. These ladies do a great job for the group in maintaining the costumes and attending to the hirings and returns. Thanks to you all! **They are closed until 6th January 2014.**

The Magnificent Monday Morning Maintenance Men will also be having a short break and we thank them too for all that they do around the theatre to look after our wonderful old building. Thanks guys! **They are closed until 13th January 2014.**

Also the happy band of Arcadians Auxiliary will be looking forward to a break and we thank them too for their faithful attention to the canteen during performance seasons and to maintaining the supplies in the kitchen for rehearsal periods. Thank you all! **They are closed until 2014.**

We are very fortunate to have such people who do so much for the group on a regular basis and enjoy each other's company along the way. Can you imagine the state of play if we didn't have these dedicated people? A huge thank you to you all. New people are always welcome and you can be assured of a rewarding experience.

Calling for expressions of interest from any members who are interested in a training opportunity in lighting at NIDA. You must be available in late January. For more information please contact Liza via email president@arcadians.org.au

Dates to remember:

March 21 to April 5 2014—*Young Frankenstein*

April 7 & 9 2014—Readings for *Phantom of the Opera*—7.30pm

www.arcadians.org.au or

phone Pauline on 4284 8348 (after 6th January 2014!!)



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Thanks go to Paul Greer who is our amazing Grant Seeker! He has been successful in obtaining a grant from the State Government of some \$12,985.00 which will be used in the upgrade plan which David Greer, our Lighting/Sound Custodian, has in place to make our lighting more footprint friendly. David is looking forward to spending some serious cash! Paul Greer and Pat Green attended the afternoon tea hosted by the Member for Keira, Ryan Park last week when they were presented with the certificate along with 21 other recipients in the Community Building Partnership Program 2013.

Follies Flipped has been run and won! A great weekend of showcasing the talents we have in the Arcadians Theatre Group. Thanks go to Jack Dawson, Adam Foster and Fiona Gallacher particularly for getting things all together and thanks to all those who participated. We raised \$2,200.00 and had lots of fun along the way and we plan to do some more of these concerts in 2014—a great way for our members to perform.

The Christmas drinks and 2014 update that followed was well attended and President Liza Allen outlined some of our challenges for the exciting year ahead. While *Phantom* is going to be a huge effort for us we also have 3 other shows at the Miner's Lamp and we need to be supportive of them too, so it will be all hands on deck for 2014! Do think about how you can contribute and get involved early—we need people to commit to our busy but sure-to-be rewarding year. *Phantom* will be a very costly production for us but the prestige of the premier theatre group bringing the premiere of *Phantom of the Opera* to the Illawarra is very exciting!! It is such a buzz to be part of one of these big major productions and there is so much to learn. Come and be part of one or all of our exciting shows for 2014!



Committee thanks all those who gave of their time and their talents to making 2013 such a successful year and we wish you all, and your families, a very restful and **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** followed by a most exciting 2014 as we celebrate **50 years of Arcadians!**