

CHMCC

NEWSLETTER

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President's Report

CHMCC NEWS – JULY EDITION

With the curtain now lowered on our wonderful May production of *Oliver*, the CHMCC stage is already alive again as rehearsals ramp up for our next musical adventure: Dolly Parton's *9 to 5 The Musical*! The rehearsal room is buzzing with a cracking cast—familiar favourites alongside a whole troupe of newcomers, many bravely returning to the boards for the first time since their school days. And despite only being a few weeks into rehearsals, they're already nailing their chorey and vocals like seasoned pros. This show is shaping up to be an absolute hoot. You can catch *9 to 5* at the Jetty Memorial Theatre from 6–29 November 2026. Tickets will be on sale soon, so keep your eyes peeled—this one's going to be a crowd-pleasing, toe-tapping delight.

✨ **The CHMCC Gala Ball Returns – Bridgerton Style!** ✨

Winter on the Coffs Coast means it's time once again for the CHMCC Gala Ball. After reviving the tradition in 2025, we're thrilled to continue building this annual fundraising event—an important step toward securing a permanent home for our community theatre company. As many of you know, a significant portion of our show budgets goes toward hiring rehearsal venues, and at last year's AGM we committed to making real progress toward finding a space of our own. The Gala Ball is open to the entire Coffs Coast community, and last year's Masquerade Ball welcomed not just performers but regular theatregoers who simply wanted a magical night out. This year, we're turning up the elegance with a *Bridgerton* themed Ball, held at the Coffs CEX. Costumes are warmly encouraged—Regency gowns, tailcoats, tiaras, gloves, the whole romantic fantasy—but you're just as welcome to come dressed in your finest glad rags.

Expect dance cards, noble titles announced on entry to the event, and a whole lot of Regency style revelry. I'm quite sure Lady Whistledown would be excessively diverted by the event and have much to write about, should she find herself in attendance. We warmly invite you to join us, let your hair down (in the most proper Regency fashion), and enjoy a night of glamour, laughter, and community spirit.

 CHMCC AGM – SAVE THE DATE

The next CHMCC Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 22 August 2026, at the Plantation Hotel from 1pm. All financial members are warmly invited to attend and continue to have their say in shaping the future of our company. Nominations for committee positions are now open. If you wish to nominate, please reach out to info@chmcc.org.au to request a nomination form. I hope to see many of you there. Stay safe, warm and well.

President
Dee Bray





Bridgerton

CHMCC 2026

Gala Ball



Saturday, 15th August 2026, from 6pm

Venue: C.ex Coffs Harbour

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5 JULY TO CLAIM YOUR
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delightful scandal at our
Bridgerton Gala Ball.



Notice of



2026 CHMCC AGM

Who: Any interested persons (all 2026 financial members of CHMCC are eligible to vote)

When: Saturday, 22nd August, 1pm

Where: The Plantation Hotel,
Back Room

What: Annual General Meeting,
including determination of
2026/27 CHMCC
Management Committee.

*Nominations are open until 15/08/2026 via the
Management Committee Nomination Form*



Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company Management Committee Nomination Form

Under the Associations Constitution (2024), the Management Committee consists of ten (10) members: four (4) executive positions - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer; and six (6) Ordinary Members.

Nominations to the Committee are presented for election at the Annual General Meeting.

Nominees, Nominators, and Seconders must be current financial members of the Association.

A member may be nominated for more than one position.

Name of Nominee.....
(A current financial member)

Nominated for the position of:

- ☐ President
- ☐ Vice-President
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Ordinary Member

1. Nominated by.....
(A current financial member)

Signature..... Date:

2. Seconded by.....
(A current financial member)

Signature..... Date:

I, the nominated person, accept the nomination as outlined above.

Signature..... Date.....

Address.....

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Phone:.....

Nominations must be submitted to the Secretary via email (secretary@chmcc.org.au) no later than seven (7) days before the scheduled date of the Annual General Meeting.

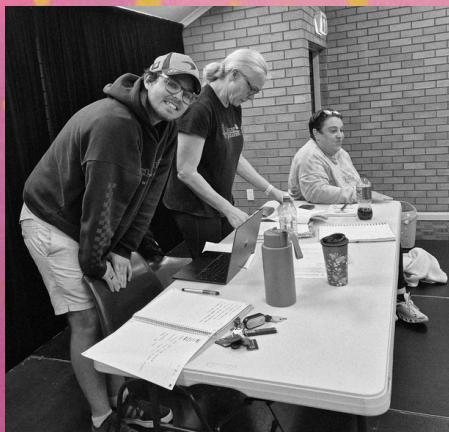
**In
Production**



**6th - 29th of
November**
Jetty Memorial
Theatre
Coffs Harbour

CHMCC has burst into July with a whole lot of sparkle as rehearsals for Dolly Parton's 9 to 5 The Musical kick off. The cast dove straight in, -vocals ringing, chorey flying, and plenty of laughter as everyone gets to know each other. The energy is already buzzing like a Monday morning coffee run.

A huge shout-out to everyone who auditioned. Truly, you made casting the show exceptionally difficult with many challenging decisions resulting in the final blend of new and experienced performers. The sheer talent in our region is something special, and this cast is a testament to that.



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Behind the scenes, the production machine is humming. Meetings with Loz and Robyn are lined up to chat about props and costumes, programme design is underway, and set and lighting ideas are slowly crystallising into something fabulous. Rehearsals are on track—though let's be honest, no schedule survives first contact with a cast. Life happens, tweaks are made, and the show rolls on.

We've started with a bang, and the momentum hasn't slowed. The excitement is real, the commitment is strong, and November is already glimmering on the horizon.

Here's to watching this cast "shine like the sun" as we all "get up and work" our way toward one dazzling production.



**Directed by:
Dee Bray**



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2026 Conference of Community Theatre

Any interested person may email info@chmcc.org.au requesting the Stage Craft 2026 information package that details cost and inclusions.

The Association of Community Theatre is pleased to announce details of the thirteenth Conference of Community Theatre to be held in Sydney on the 19th and 20th of September 2026.

This exciting program is for Performers, Directors, Producers and Back Stage workers.

The venue is Australia's premier theatre school, the National Institute of Dramatic Art, NIDA, 215 Anzac Parade Kensington.

The keynote speakers are actor and singer Jay Laga'aia, actor and psychologist Simon Ward, and legendary theatre maker Bob Peet.

Guest speakers during the weekend will be a combination of NIDA staff, theatre professionals and community theatre leaders.

ACT recommends payment and registration via TryBooking at trybooking.com/DMFNR or complete the application form at communitytheatre.com.au and mail with cheque or direct debit (BSB: 062 193, account number: 10145308) confirmation to:

The Association of Community Theatre Inc.
PO Box 125, Gosford NSW 2250.

The conference fee includes 2 lunches, morning and afternoon teas and one dinner. The dinner on Saturday night will be a 2 course buffet dinner. During dinner there will be entertainment from Sydney community theatre companies and the presentation of the Community Theatre 'Hall of Fame' awards.

The 'Hall of Fame' awards honour those tireless workers behind the scenes in every community theatre company who have at least twenty years involvement and have completed exceptional acts of service.



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Keynote Speaker



Jay Laga'aia

Jay's notable film credits include *Nim's Island* and *Star Wars*. On television, he has appeared in *Home and Away*, *Doctor Doctor*, *Bed of Roses*, *Legend of the Seeker*, *Xena: Warrior Princess*, *Fighting Season*, and *Jay's Jungle*. In theatre, Jay has portrayed iconic roles such as Mufasa in *The Lion King* and the Wizard in *Wicked: The Musical*. Most recently, Jay delighted audiences as Vince Fontaine in the national tour of *Grease* and as the Pirate King and other roles in *The Pirates of Penzance*. Outside of his professional achievements, Jay is a proud father of eight, many of whom are also stars of the stage and screen.

Featured Speaker



Bob Peet OAM

Bob is a retired theatre professional with a career that has included stints as a puppeteer, theatre director, venue manager and set builder. He was instrumental in the establishment and management of six performing arts centres in regional cities across Australia, and subsequently the 2000 seat Lyric Theatre at Sydney's Star City Casino. Bob has designed and/or directed over 60 productions for community theatre companies across Australia. In 2026, Bob was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for Services to the Performing Arts.

Featured Seminar



Chloë Dallimore AM

Chloë Dallimore AM is an internationally trained and accredited Intimacy Coordinator and Director working across stage and screen. She is best known for her performance as Ulla in Mel Brooks musical *The Producers* (2004/05) which won her the Helpmann Award for Best Female Actor in a Musical. Chloë's film credits include *APEX*, *Send Help*, *Bump Christmas* and *I Know What You Did Last Summer*. She was Federal President of the MEAA Equity for six years.

Sponsorship Prospectus

CHMCC are reaching out to share an exciting opportunity for any business to partner with the Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company (CHMCC), one of the longest-running arts associations in the Coffs Coast Region.

As a Not-for-Profit charitable organisation run entirely by dedicated volunteers, CHMCC is committed to enriching our community through the arts. All funds raised are reinvested into the company, ensuring that we continue to provide engaging and entertaining productions for our audiences. As of 2024, we are proud to announce that we have become a registered charity, allowing us to further our mission and increase our impact.

We invite your business to consider becoming a sponsor or advertiser with CHMCC. Your support will not only aid in the sustainability of our community theatre but also provide your business with valuable exposure. All donations and sponsorships are tax-deductible, and we will happily provide a tax receipt for your records.

We have developed a comprehensive prospectus that outlines the various sponsorship and advertising options available, as well as the benefits we can offer in return, including:

- Brand visibility through our promotional materials and event programs.
- Recognition on our website and social media platforms.
- Opportunities for direct engagement with our audiences during performances.

In addition, we are also looking for a sponsor for our production T-shirts. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your business leading up to and during our productions, while demonstrating your commitment to supporting the arts in our community.

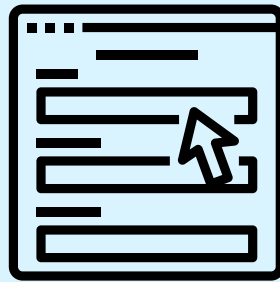
We would love to discuss how we can work together and appreciate any support you can offer. This is an opportunity to promote your business while contributing to a vital community cultural institution.

Please feel free to contact us to learn more about our sponsorship options.

Membership

[Membership form link](#)

Don't forget to become a 2025 financial member! Your membership helps support our productions, performers, and community events throughout the year. Stay connected, get involved, and enjoy exclusive member perks — renew or sign up today!



**Interested in directing a show for CHMCC
in 2027 or 2028?**

We'd love to hear from you! For more information or to express your interest, please get in touch with us at

✧ [.info@chmcc.org.au](mailto:info@chmcc.org.au) ✧

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Upcoming shows



CHATS Production Inc

The Tempest

Dates: 24 - 2 July/Aug 2026

Coffs Harbour Jetty Memorial Theatre



Ballina Players

The Wedding Singer: A New Musical

Dates: 21 - 6 August/September 2026

Ballina Players Theatre - Ballina



The Velvet Curtain Company

Secrets, Lies and Alibis

Dates: 22 - 23 August 2026

Coffs Harbour Regional Conservatorium



A Tribute in Pink and Purple -

Charity Gala Concert

Date: 19 September 2026

Coffs Harbour Regional Conservatorium



CHATS Production Inc

It Runs In The Family

Dates: 16 - 25 October 2026

Coffs Harbour Jetty Memorial Theatre

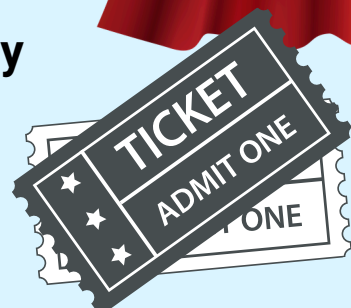


Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company

9 to 5: The Musical

Dates: 6 - 29 November 2026

Coffs Harbour Jetty Memorial Theatre



Expressions of Interest

Industry Professional Development & Opportunities



[EOI form link](#)

CHMCC is seeking feedback from our community and members to help shape future professional learning and development opportunities.

We're not just talking about onstage skills! We want to hear from those interested in all aspects of theatre—whether it's stagecraft, backstage roles, the bio box, costuming, sheds, front of house, or anything in between.

Let us know what areas you're keen to learn more about or develop skills in by filling out our short Expression of Interest form.

Your input will help us design workshops and opportunities that reflect the interests and needs of our incredible community.