



Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company

Newsletter

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2026-2027 COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

President - Dee Tune
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ORDINARY MEMBERS:

Ainsley Corbett
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INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST LIFE MEMBERS



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STILES**



**GREG
WILSON
JNR**



**DEE
TUNE**

From the President

🎭 Rehearsals Are in Full Swing for 9 to 5 The Musical 🎭

Rehearsals are tracking well for CHMCC's November production of Dolly Parton's 9 to 5 The Musical, and the excitement is really starting to build! With each rehearsal, the production continues to develop as the vocals, choreography and storytelling begin to come together. What started as individual songs, scenes and dance numbers is now taking shape as a complete show, with the cast bringing their characters to life and discovering the heart and humour woven throughout Dolly Parton's musical.

Our rehearsals are full of laughter as everyone is starting to inhabit their characters and the lines are becoming more familiar. As a result, the jokes are coming thick and fast in this wonderfully funny show!

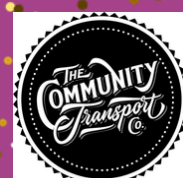
Behind the scenes, our Auslan interpreters are also busy rehearsing as they prepare for our **Auslan-interpreted performance on Saturday 14 November at 2pm**. We're thrilled to be able to make this production accessible to an even wider audience and look forward to welcoming everyone along.

With opening night now just over a month away, 9 to 5 The Musical is really starting to come together. There's still plenty of work to be done, but the cast and creative team are loving every minute of bringing Dolly's story to the stage.

So, if you haven't already, **make sure you get your tickets!** You never know... you might even get a glimpse of Dolly herself!



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CHMCC Annual General Meeting

The CHMCC Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 22 August 2026 at the Plantation Hotel, with members gathering from 1pm for an afternoon of discussion, reflection and planning for the year ahead. It was wonderful to see a good turnout of members, with some great conversations taking place around the future of our company.

One of the topics discussed was the use of understudies and swings, including the differences between the two roles and how they might be used within future productions. The meeting also provided an opportunity to raise concerns and ideas around our new website, particularly the lack of photographs from CHMCC productions of years gone by.

Preserving Our History

Our history is an important part of who we are as a theatre company. Over the years, CHMCC has accumulated an incredible collection of memories, performances and people, and our photographs are an important part of preserving that history. As technology continues to evolve, so too do the systems and requirements that support our digital presence.

Some of our legacy setups and accounts have historically been connected to individuals rather than the company itself. As technology and domains change, and as companies providing technical support come and go, we need to ensure that we stay ahead of those changes — while also making sure we don't inadvertently lose or overlook our own history in the process.

The current committee has taken this concern on board and is working towards finding ways to access photographs from past productions so that we can once again create a comprehensive photo gallery. We know that our archive is much bigger than what currently sits in our Dropbox.

Many of you will have your own photographs and memories from CHMCC productions, and we'd love to bring those together to help rebuild our gallery. Keep an eye out in this newsletter for a call-out to **current and past members who have photographs from previous CHMCC shows**. We'd love you to share them with us so we can continue building a photographic history of our company — not just from our own archives, but from the people who have been part of CHMCC along the way.

Welcoming New Committee Members

We are delighted to welcome **Harry Watts**, joining the committee for the first time, and **Nick Price**, who returns as a committee member, for the next 12 months. It's fantastic to see both new and returning members willing to give their valuable time to CHMCC and contribute their ideas, experience and energy to shaping the future of our company. A theatre company is only as strong as the people who are willing to get involved, and we are grateful for everyone who puts their hand up to help.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to outgoing committee members **Loz Dalton and Jacinta Bentley** for their time, commitment and hard work behind the scenes. Their contribution, particularly in the area of social events, has been invaluable in helping foster the sense of community that makes CHMCC so special.

Supporting Our Own

Many members will know that Jacinta had to step away from the committee earlier this year due to her ongoing health battle. More recently, many CHMCC members — past and present — came together to support Jacinta and her family through a benefit event held to raise funds during her cancer journey.

The performers for the evening were hand-picked by Jacinta herself, making the event particularly personal. It was a wonderful, emotional and moving night for everyone who attended, and a beautiful demonstration of the love and support that exists within our theatre community.

As always, **our theatre community continues to come together to support our own when they need it most.**

It is one of the things that makes CHMCC more than just a theatre company — it makes us a community.



Here's to another year of creativity, friendship, memories and plenty of theatre!

*President
Dee Tune*



2026 Spring Social

COFFSHARBOUR MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY'S SPRING SOCIAL

Halloween

FREE ALL AGES EVENT

KARAOKE & TRIVIA NIGHT

30TH OCTOBER 2026 - 7PM

TOORMINA COMMUNITY CENTRE

KARAOKE • TRIVIA • GAMES

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED & TRIVIA WINNERS

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED

BYO FOOD AND DRINKS

(ALCOHOL PERMITTED TO 18+)



Seeking Expressions of Interest

2 DAY NIDA DIRECTORS COURSE IN COFFS HARBOUR EARLY 2027



CHMCC is working with NIDA (the National Institute of Dramatic Art) to deliver a 2 day Directing Essentials course right here in Coffs Harbour for anyone who aspires to direct. We are seeking expressions of interest in this course from our members and the wider community.

Course Overview

This two-day course is for aspiring directors ready to bring their creative vision to life. Under the guidance of an experienced NIDA Open teaching artist, you'll learn to develop a cohesive concept, prepare for rehearsals, and unify story, design and performance elements. Discover how to enhance your leadership skills, learning to inspire and manage a creative team with effective communication, problem-solving and decision-making techniques. Develop your director's vision, from casting to creating a comprehensive plan outlining your approach to the production in a supportive and inspiring environment at Australia's national dramatic arts school.

CALLING ALL FUTURE DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS COURSE

Early 2027 • 2-day weekend intensive

Cost to be determined.

whether you're looking to step up, sharpen your skills,
or take the next step
in your directing journey- this is for you.

Simply visit www.chmcc.org.au to register your interest

Spots are limited - get in early



COFFS HARBOUR MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY INC.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST ONLINE



chmcc.org.au

Members' Voice



Monthly Committee Meetings

- Members are welcome to attend monthly committee meetings.
- Dates, times and venues of upcoming meetings are available on the CHMCC website (chmccc.org.au) and via our socials.
- As a general courtesy, attending members should notify the company secretary of the meeting they plan to attend and any general business they wish to raise, at least 1 week prior to the meeting via the following email address; secretary@chmcc.org.au.

Historical Material Callout

Concern was recently raised to your committee, that the continuing upgrade of the company's website has not yet included reinstatement of historical information and photographs. Retrieving the historical items from the obsolete website is continuing, but is a time consuming task. We're asking current and past members with historical documents and photographs to contact us via email at info@chmcc.org.au for information on how to contribute to our archive.

2026/27 Social Committee

ARE YOU A HOST WITH THE MOST, OR MAYBE AN ORGANISATIONAL MAESTRO?

There is still space in our 2026/27 social committee for interested and available members to contribute to the planning and organisation of our upcoming social events. This will particularly involve a reimagining of our major fundraiser, the Gala Ball, as an exciting, professional, and affordable event for members and the greater community. Register your interest or ideas by email at info@chmcc.org.au.



**Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company
Presents**

3 to 5
the MUSICAL

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

Music and Lyrics by
Dolly Parton

Book by
Patricia Resnick

Based on the 20th Century Fox Picture
Originally Produced on Broadway by Robert Greenblatt, April 2009
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australia)

Directed by **Dee Tune**



**Don't miss out!
Buy your tickets today!**



Stagecraft Corner



“The show must go on.” We’ve all heard it, but what does that look like for CHMCC productions? Directors are encouraged to consider the following options for covering cast absences that may occur during the run of a show. Usually decisions are made during casting, and are offered, and details communicated, to selected cast members by the director. There is no obligation for cast members to accept any additional roles.

Swing

Swing roles offer **no guarantee of showtime** in the covered role. Cast members who **accept** a ‘swing’ role are expected to learn the relevant material and are given opportunities to shadow the covered role during rehearsals, with the expectation that they perform the covered role if required.

Understudy

Understudy roles offer **guaranteed showtime** in the covered role of **less than 50%** of scheduled shows (number of guaranteed shows is at the discretion of the director). Cast members who accept an ‘understudy’ role are given shared direction and rehearsal time with the role holder.

Double Cast

Double or dual cast roles offer **role ownership** and **guaranteed showtime** for as close to **50%** of scheduled shows as possible. Every effort is made by the directorial team to ensure equality across all aspects to both role owners.

Emergency Cover

In the event of a cast member’s unexpected absence mid run, where the absence would cause show cancellations due to no understudy or swing being available to step in, the director may appoint a suitable temporary replacement from the cast, crew, or wider community.

For any further clarification regarding this, please reach out to the committee.

Our sister company,

CHATS, presents...



Presents the hilarious farce...

**It Runs In
The Family**
by Ray Cooney

16th—25th October



Directed by Anne McClenahan

Jetty Memorial Theatre
337 Harbour Drive,
Coffs Harbour

Book tickets

www.jettytheatre.com/it-runs-in-the-family/

Call 02 6648 4930



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NOW**

Summer Casting Opportunity

PromoWorks are currently searching for a wonderful local Santa to work with their team at Park Beach Plaza during November and December 2026.

Previous Santa experience is fantastic, but definitely not essential. They are looking for someone who is:

- Available from 15 November through to 24 December
- Warm, confident and engaging
- Brilliant with children and families
- Comfortable performing, improvising and staying in character
- Reliable and genuinely loves creating a bit of Christmas magic!

This is a paid, flexible and rostered role, with Santa costume, training and support provided.

If this sounds like you, contact Steph on 0416 850 205.

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 link](#)

Don't forget to become a 2026 financial member! Membership runs from January to December and ensures you get information about upcoming shows, opportunities and events directly to your inbox. Renew or sign up today!



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

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.

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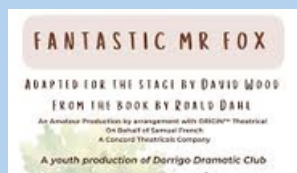
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RJK Optometry.

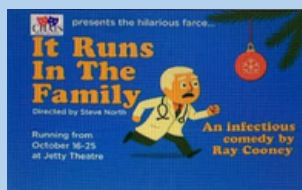
Upcoming shows



Dorrigo Dramatic Club's Young Drama
Fantastic Mr Fox

Dates: 12 - 20 September 2026

The Old Gazette Theatre, Dorrigo



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.