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President's Message

Welcome everyone in the HAC family to an exciting 2016 year. It may be February 2016 now but already there has been so much going on. What an amazing start to the year.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate our new committee who will represent the HAC for the 2016 year.

Welcome to Stacey, Ken and Luke on joining the committee this year. They have already shown that they will be active committee members who will make a difference for the HAC. I would like to pass on our gratitude and best wishes to retiring committee members Belinda Elliott, Libby Brennan and Nick Wilson. All three have made a lasting impression on the HAC and will continue to be active HAC members in the future.



January and February 2016 have been extremely busy with the successful season of "HAC's 50th Anniversary Spectacular". We had five sold out shows in the new Horsham Town Hall Theatre – that's 2,500 people. The show was amazing and the feedback has been simply astonishing. I cannot think of a better way to open the new venue and we look forward to many great times and productions ahead. Congratulations to everyone involved. It truly was an amazing experience for all of us.

The committee has some big plans for the 2016 year. We are calling on anyone interested in producing or directing a show to provide the committee with a proposal. Any committee member would be more than willing to assist you with the proposal process. We have some huge momentum going forward which will lead to some amazing theatrical experiences in the future.

I would encourage all of you to renew their membership and become a financial member of the HAC for the 2016 year. As Colin Kreymborg reported at the 2015 annual general meeting, it costs the HAC approximately \$10,000 each year just to open its doors (ie. insurance, rates, electricity, etc). Your support goes a long way to help us with the financial commitments of the organisation.

We recently celebrated the 50 year milestone of this great organisation.

Let's start the journey of creating history for the next 50 years.

- Simon Dandy

Directors Report for 50th Spectacular 2016.

WOW!!! Is the best way I can think of to describe how well this show was received by the public, five sold out performances and five standing ovations, my heart was so proud I thought it would burst.

The 50th Anniversary Spectacular was a culmination of the last 50 years at Horsham Arts Council seen through the eyes of the Musical. It was a mammoth production which required 2 assistant directors, 3 choreographers, 3 vocal coaches 1 amazing Executive Producer, 2 production assistants and the orchestra consisting of 1. Then we added in stage manager, hair and make- up coordinator, props coordinator, costume coordinator, set construction team and sound and lighting teams. All these people are very experienced and reliable. There were many cast members who also offered their expertise in many areas of the production.

Seeing everyone's hard work come to fruition was an extremely exciting time. A huge thanks needs to go out to my very able production team who put a lot of effort into getting this show off the drawing board and onto the stage. Although we were going into a new venue, which was beautiful, it posed problems of its own. Teething issues were ironed out by Keith, Ken and crew, Ronnie with his sound, who was supported by Gen and Luke. Vicki and Bec had an amazing introduction to the new technology that the theatre had to offer. We also had to coordinate front of house staff, who all had to be trained so they would know exactly what to do in the new venue. These people were sourced and coordinated by Jan. This was not an easy task as most of her regular front of house people were on stage for this production. A huge team effort and a big thanks to all involved.

I hope everyone is extremely proud of the end result, I know I am. It was amazing to see such a large contingency of performers of all ages on stage and I would like to thank each of you for the time and effort you all put in to make this show what it was. It was also wonderful to see new members audition and perform.

Sorry for prattling on but didn't think 3 words would have been enough for a director's report. It may have been a bit short if I had only written

WOW !!! and THANKS - Debbie Boucher



A few words from the Secretary



When the production team for HACs 50th anniversary Spectacular, signed up to assist getting the celebration of HACs golden anniversary on to stage, we knew it would take some serious work and commitment from everyone involved. Even knowing this, the sheer scope and work load was incredible.

The depth of talent in the many people involved in the Spectacular was amazing. I believe that the HAC family expanded and grew so much stronger throughout the rehearsal and performance process, pointing to a future for the HAC that is vibrant and exciting.

What stands out the most to me at the end of this journey that the cast and crew of the show took together, was that without everyone involved, the show would not have been what it was. All of us learnt new skills, or refined and expanded skills already present. This sometimes took us out of our comfort zones, but we met each challenge.

50 years, 34 individual musicals, over 70 songs, a cast and crew of over 100, an uncounted number of costumes, months of rehearsals, sound editing, hours of meetings, blood, sweat and tears, culminated in 5 sold out shows, and a supremely talented cast and crew that made the HAC 50th Anniversary truly 'Spectacular'.

- Faye Johns

Horsham Town Hall Official Opening Ceremony

The official opening ceremony of the Horsham Town Hall was held on Friday 12 February 2016.

The theatre was almost full of dignitaries, HRCC councilors and staff, benefactors, local business people and community members. The ceremony was conducted by Cr Heather Phillips, Mayor of Horsham, with speakers including Cr Mark Radford (former Mayor of Horsham), Cr Pamela Clarke, Hon. Jaala Pulford (State Labor Member for Western Victoria) and Mr Andrew Broad (Federal Nationals Member for Mallee).

The HAC was extremely honored to be asked by the HRCC to perform at this historical event. Stacey Brennan performed a stirring rendition of "Bring Him Home" from "Les Miserables" whilst Brian Harrison gave an incredibly strong perform of "Anthem" from "Chess". They also performed the duet "Love Is An Open Door" from the popular movie "Frozen" which was upbeat, clever and entertaining.

Both Stacey and Brian are long-serving members of the HAC and represented the HAC with distinction. They both have amazing talent which was showcased in our recent production "HAC's 50th Anniversary Spectacular". In the foyer during afternoon tea, the guests were blown away by the standard and quality of the performances.

Everyone involved in the HAC sincerely thanks Stacey and Brian for representing the HAC so magnificently at the opening of this amazing new venue. It is a moment in time for the city of Horsham that will be remembered for a long time to come.

Notice Board:

MELBOURNE FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING - CARLTON GARDENS

Saturday 19th March

MATILDA THE MUSICAL

Story by Roald Dahl and Music by Tim Minchin
Princess Theatre
Saturday 16th April, 2016 - 2.00pm Matinee

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HAC 50th Anniversary Reunion

On Sunday 14 February 2016 (Valentine's Day), we held the 50th anniversary reunion of the HAC at HAC House. It was a fabulous day following the final performance of our successful season of the "HAC 50th Anniversary Spectacular".

The reunion attracted people from all across the state. We had a great turnout and everyone had a great time catching up with old friends. They also had the opportunity to see just how far we have come with HAC House which looked amazing.

On display were 13 new photo boards for prior productions as well as memorabilia including programs, posters and posters.

The event was a chance for everyone to celebrate all the achievements of this great organisation over the 50 years. We have come a long way and so many people from all walks of life have come through the HAC doors. The pride was clearly evident on faces both old and new.

The committee made the decision not to send out personalised invitations as we did not have current contact details for all ex-members. Not only is it a cost issue, it would be inevitable that we would miss someone out from the list. Instead, we relied on media including Facebook, Wimmera Mail Times, The Weekly Advertiser and radio to get the word out that and encouraged distribution by word-of-mouth. Obviously, we would have liked to see all past members there but it was just not possible.

I would like to thank everyone who assisted with preparations for the reunion including (but not limited to) Don Mitchell, Jack Janetzki, Jan Morris, Yolande Grosser, Ken Warrick, Belinda Elliott, Luke Mitton and many more. So many hours went in to the building and preparations for the event (on top of pulling together a major production at the same time).

What a huge milestone.

Here's to another 50 great years of the HAC.

- *Simon Dandy*



The Backbones of the HAC



Congratulations to all those responsible for the 50th Spectacular, & the following cast & crew, & visitors party, & the Sunday 50th reunion. The bench mark has been raised to an amazing height, a position that means that we have now got the challenge to maintain a new level of quality entertainment.

I know we have the talent, I believe

we can do it, so each one of us is responsible. I am reminded of the motto of the manufacturers of the old "Furphy" tanks, "make your good better and your better best".

My thanks also, to those who helped with the essentials of prep & clean-ups for the events at the HAC house, help which invaluable to me personally, & which made our "better, best".

Front of House for Our 50th Anniversary Spectacular



The staffing of front of house by our own people, went very well since it was a learning time for ourselves & the staff of the performing arts centre in the Horsham Town Hall.

Rosters & training were well attended. Many thanks to the members of Horsham East Rotary Club, Horsham Lions, & friends of the Horsham Arts Council, for enabling us to fill the rosters for bar & ushering; sometimes with only very short notice.

Program & merchandise selling was another task capably filled, although we felt that program sellers should be placed on stands so they could be seen over the heads of the crowd. It seemed that people attending where so overwhelmed that they missed seeing the program sellers.

We had a plus, here is no doubt that the performances were so well received that the attendees were "blown away" with the spectacle, & certainly told us so!

Jan Morris, head of Front of House

- *Jan Morris*

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Regarding HAC House, it is even more important now that we maintain a level of care with our "housekeeping".

1. Keep the rubbish in the proper bins. If they are full, there are plastic bags under the sink in the kitchen in a red plastic tub. Green bin day is Wednesday, Re-cycle also, but only fortnightly.

2. Any tools you use, please at least put them back where you got them, I aim to eventually get tools & tek screws in an order which is easy to find. Put them back still applies.

3. The front 'lawn' is gradually coming good, if you are there for any length of time, the hose is near the roller door left side (looking out).

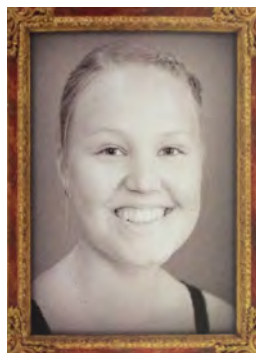
4. Always practice a routine of switch off, when you leave, lights, & now air conditioners, gas heaters, & stove master switch; even hot water at the switch board. If you are unsure ring me on 0411 044 861, or Jack J, on 0418 555 706.

5. If you notice anything which may need attention in respect of the building, any faults or damage, please, use either of the above phone numbers.

6. Wildlife, rats, mice must be dealt with quickly, notify me or a committee member immediately.

That's all folks, (for the moment)

- *Don Mitchell*



"This was my first music production with HAC. To be honest it was my first appearance in a real music production ever. Still I did not feel for a minute that someone who has been in the show business for years was more important than me. There was always someone ready to help me with singing and dancing. I got encouraging feedback and I know now

many tips how to become a better performer. It was an honor to work with incredibly talented people and to be part of such a friendly group of people with the same passion - singing, dancing and having fun!"

- *Heta Holm*

We were fortunate to have Heta (Rotary exchange student from Finland) as a part of the spectacular.

HAC 50th Anniversary Book!



What better way to celebrate HAC's 50th Anniversary than by having a memorable book full of timeless memories.

The HAC Committee have already put a great deal of work into this creation, and it is almost complete! All we need is some more contributions from members past and present... Anything that will highlight the development of HAC, past performances, stars of shows, photos and even those stories that not many others would know.

Please contact one of your friendly committee members to find out how you can contribute.

Once complete this will be a wonderful keepsake, treasured gift and essential addition to any personal library.

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The Horsham Arts Council is active in producing an exceptionally high standard of musical theatre on an annual basis as well as small scale comedy or drama productions. Consisting entirely of volunteers, the Horsham Arts Council has a proud tradition of theatre for over 50 years.

To become a member of the HAC please contact our secretary Faye via email to receive a membership form, you can also visit our website to download a form, or simply complete the form attached to the monthly newsletter.

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Ron Shepherd* (1976)	Avis Denholm (1999)	Laurie Deale* (2005)	Gary (Jack) Janetzki (2010)
Colin Mills (1987)	Jan Morris (2001)	Stuart Johns (2007)	Lynne McKenzie (2010)
Barbara Mills (1987)	Richard Morris* (2001)	Sandy Wills (2007)	Don Mitchell (2012)
Ona Whiteside* (1993)	Gerry Nicholls (2001)	Debbie Boutcher (2010)	Jenny Rafter (2012)

HAC Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of every month

All members welcome.

Next meeting 9th March, 2016

Newsletter Team

Please forward any information for future newsletters to the team via **ladlow@internode.on.net**

or message **Cherie Ladlow** on **0458 747 236**

Cherie, Louise Netherway and Beau Ladlow, would like to thank Jess Wilson very much for past HAC newsletters, and let it be noted that it has taken three people, plus volunteers to produce current edition!

Thanks again Jess



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