



September/October 2020

President's Report

This is truly the message we did not want to be sending to you all. It is with a heavy heart that we announce the cancellation of the HAC Broadway Showcase.

The production team have been monitoring the current COVID situation closely over the past months and have come to the conclusion that there is no way we can bring the Showcase to the stage as planned in May 2021 the way we want it to be. The team have a very strong vision and passion for the production, bought to life by you, our fabulous cast. It is our hope that we will be able to bring the Showcase back to the HAC Committee for consideration when we are able to perform it in all of its glory, but we know that this will not be for some time.



We do not know when live theatre performances will be allowed again at the Horsham Town Hall Theatre, let alone when restrictions will allow a cast and crew of around 80 to return to rehearsing at our own HAC venue. We believe that bringing the Showcase to the stage under current circumstances would mean altering the show dramatically, and we are not willing to do that. We also want to acknowledge the fact that many of our cast may have grown, become unavailable or even moved away over this time. We know priorities change and we can't ask people to hold any longer.

On behalf of Deb and the production team, we wish to acknowledge the countless hours of work that have already gone into this show before we were shut down. Please know that we will be forever grateful for the hard work that was put in and for the way this show was embraced by all involved. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We are looking forward to when we are able to start creating again. The Committee is hard at work brainstorming possibilities that could work under the current restrictions and we look forward to letting you all know what is next for us.

Until we meet again,

Jess xx

Secretary's scribbles

-Faye Johns

As I write to you for this newsletter, those involved in the Performing Arts in any way are continuing to work towards adapting and creating art within the restrictions that currently exist, and trying to future plan for the next 12 months while being unsure of what performing might look like during this period of time.



Online performances have become the go-to so far this year, with online concerts, play readings, even some musicals being streamed on various social media platforms throughout our state, country and the world. In some ways this has made the Arts more accessible, with big names and shows releasing tickets or access to pay-per-view at a much-reduced cost when compared to show tickets, especially for professional performances. We hope this has helped to feed those who are missing their live performances terribly, while also allowing a new audience to sample the wonderful talent and shows that are out there.

The fact remains though, that the Arts/Performing Arts continues to be one of the hardest hit sectors, with the least security of knowing if and when they may be able to work again and be paid for that work. The Arts are generous in volunteering their time to support others, have offered their craft, often for free, to help those in lockdown and suffering. It is a multi-billion dollar industry in Australia alone, whose work supports not only the people you see performing, but techs, tourism, accommodation, restaurants and many more industries. This is as true of regional areas like ours as it is for our metropolitan cities. Locally, in a first, Horsham Carols by Candlelight has been moved online. It may look different to how we normally celebrate carols as a community, but we will be able to celebrate! I encourage you to login and experience Horsham carols when it is streamed and support your local artists and community in the hard work they are putting in to bring this event to you.

We are incredibly happy that some live music is being allowed to start up again regionally and hope that other Arts options will be able to have a timeline to work toward sooner rather than later. In the meantime, if you have the chance, support those who can return to work by going to see them if you can.

Whatever performance looks like for HAC in the next 12 months, be it totally online, in person, or a mixture of both, I encourage you to support our members' hard work, whether by auditioning for what may be ahead, or by purchasing a ticket. It will most likely look a little different, but we can't wait to get up and running again.

I also urge you to consider nominating for Committee next year. Nominations are now open. We are a passionate and enthusiastic group of people who work hard for our membership and the wider community. It's hard work and a lot of fun, and I encourage you to think about putting your hand up for a role. Our AGM this year will also look different, but it is vitally important to attend, whether virtually (most likely) or in person. **Please contact me or any other Committee member for more information on how to nominate for next year's Committee, or for information about how the AGM will run.** So please keep the second Wednesday in December (the 9th) free, and join us to find out where we are headed.

Carols Goes Viral in 2020

Simon Dandy

COVID-19 has impacted events in 2020, with many being unfortunately cancelled. The Committee of Horsham's Carols By Candlelight was determined to ensure the event took place this year. Now more than ever, we need to "ignite the Christmas spirit within the community".



Everyone will not be sitting on rugs at the Soundshell this year. Instead, they will enjoy the event online from the comfort of their living room (or anywhere they like for that matter). The event will be livestreamed on Sunday 6 December 2020 from 7pm.

A fantastic line-up has been assembled, including Sean Hallam, Grace O'Donnell-Clancy, Jamie Thomas, Venetia Elbourne-Hobbs, Maddi Ostapiw, Lisa Thomas, Alice Skye and Sofia Laursen Habel. There is even a rocking performance by the much-loved local band Johnny Thunder & the Lightning. Our esteemed HAC president, Jess Wilson, will also co-ordinate primary school children to sing a carol or two. The HAC will also be represented in an item focussed on entertaining the children under the choreography of Loucas Vettos and Emily Friedrichsen. All these talented performers either live in the Wimmera or have ties to the Wimmera which is amazing. You can also see how many have links – past and present - to the HAC.



In addition, we are blessed to have Tim McCallum sing for us. Originally from Geelong and now residing in Queensland, Tim is a supremely talented tenor vocalist who recently sang the National Anthem at the AFL Grand Final. He has an amazing life story that is full of inspiration, courage, and determination. This will certainly be a highlight of the evening.

Our partners, the Ace radio network, will simulcast the event on radio. It will also be repeated on Christmas Day.

We encourage everyone to watch the event and spread the word. Please ensure you assist in some way those people who are not "tech savvy" to allow them to enjoy the night. Reach out to them to see if they have everything in place.

The year 2020 has been a tough one for us all. Carols by Candlelight is a way we can forget our troubles for one night and enjoy a great night of entertainment, and officially kick off the festive season. Sure, it will be different. However, if our plans come to fruition, it will be a night that all the Wimmera will be truly proud of.

WE WANT YOU!



Nominations are now open for the Committee of 2021. We have a great, hardworking Committee, who are passionate, dedicated and have a lot of fun doing what they do.

Committee meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month. You'll also see us involved in most productions both on and off stage.

If you are also passionate about the Arts and feel that you could make a difference by nominating for Committee, please consider doing so. Nominations are more than welcome.

Nomination forms are available in this newsletter, and from the Secretary Faye Johns - info@horshamartscouncil.com

Nominations close on November 25th.

Upcoming HAC Annual General Meeting Simon Dandy

A reminder that the annual general meeting (AGM) of the HAC will be held on Wednesday 9 December 2020 at 7pm.

As a result of the impact and restrictions of COVID-19, the AGM will be a virtual event this year rather than the traditional meeting at HAC House. Official details of the meeting and how you can join will be issued in due course and advertised on our Facebook page, Instagram and in the newspapers.

All positions are declared vacant at the AGM and an election is held where any financial HAC member can vote (in person or by a valid proxy). There are 12 positions on the Committee including the following:

- President.
- Vice President.
- Secretary.
- Treasurer.
- General committee (8).



We would encourage anyone out there who has an interest in the HAC and contributing at Committee level to nominate for a position on the executive or as a Committee member. All you need is passion, drive, ideas and a willingness to work within a team that strives to make the HAC a better place tomorrow than what it is today. You must also be a current paid member of the HAC to nominate for the Committee.

Nomination forms for Committee positions are available in this newsletter, and will be available from our secretary, Faye Johns (info@horshamartscouncil.com or 0429 361 082. **Current Committee members must nominate and second your form, but because of Covid-19 restrictions, a verbal nomination and second are acceptable this year. You must have their agreement to simply print their names in the appropriate places on the nomination form.** To be valid, your signed form must be submitted by midnight on Wednesday 25 November 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact an existing HAC Committee member if you have any questions at all about the Committee, what is involved, and the nomination process.



IT'S BEEN NOW OVER 12 MONTHS SINCE HAC HAS STEPPED ON THE STAGE. THE LAST TIME WAS FOR THE SOLD-OUT SEASON OF MAMMA MIA. A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED, AS WELL TO OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS AND TO OUR AUDIENCES, WITHOUT WHOM WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO WHAT WE DO.

the cast

DONNA SHERIDAN	Lisa Thomas
SOPHIE SHERIDAN	Bella Patterson
TANYA CRESHAM-LEIGH	Jessica Wilson
ROSIE MULLIGAN	Stacey Brennan
SAM CARMICHAEL	Simon Dandy
HARRY BRIGHT	Grant Johnson
BILL AUSTIN	Timothy O'Donnell
SKY	Loucas Vettos
ALI	Eleni Vettos
LISA	Paige Schmidt
EDDIE	Shannon Jeffery
PEPPER	Liam Robertson

ENSEMBLE

Ella Ballinger, Brittany Bates, Tessa Borchard, Natasha Eilola, Yolande Grosser, Chelsie King, Sophie Koschmann, Racheal Krahe, Emily McDiarmid, Tarn McDonald, Noah Mibus, Carrie Moore, Richard Nagorcka, Emma Naylor, Patrick Quaine, Scott Robinson, Lara Schmidt, Alayna Toporzisek, Sophie Trudel, Kerry Wilson

KIDS ENSEMBLE

Leah Eilola, Ebony Hart, Annabelle Heal, Hugo Hopper, Scarlett Munday-Terry, Marni Saunders, Sienna Walsgott, Rebekah Wundke

PIT SINGERS

Paul Dickerson, Emily Friedrichsen
Jodie Holwell, Faye Johns, Noel Whiteside



Faye's lockdown life

In some ways, life in lockdown has looked the same. In other ways it has been very different.

Being farmers, our work life did not change very much: crops still had to go in, livestock cared for and paperwork completed. Home-schooling for two children changed the dynamic a bit and this was sometimes a challenge - they are very happy to be back at school!

What changed the most was our extra-curricular activities. As a family we are involved in a wide range of sports, committees, dance, singing classes and church. And, of course, HAC. This pretty much all stopped.



And so, we took up playing card and board games - Sequence, Presidents and Mongrels and Unstable Unicorns just to name a few. Cooking has taken up a large portion of our free time. Not only am I cooking for nine, with four Danish guest spending the year with us, but we started to take the time to cook some of the more time consuming dishes. Just quietly - I discovered I make a really good butter chicken! We had formal dinners, fancy dress dinners and lounge room picnics. The garden was very well loved indeed, and the dogs were definitely walked regularly.



We've done a lot of hiking as a family,

something we do, but not usually as often. I have been much more intentional about my photography as a hobby. Friends have seen my Instagram posts increasing steadily this year!

I have started to listen to new (to me) musical soundtracks which has been a lot of fun. And other than that - I have been writing. It's something I have always done, sometimes more often, the last couple of years, a lot less with the busyness of life. And it's been great to write more often.

I miss so much of what we are used to doing, but I'm glad that I invested this time into my family and lesser-used talents.





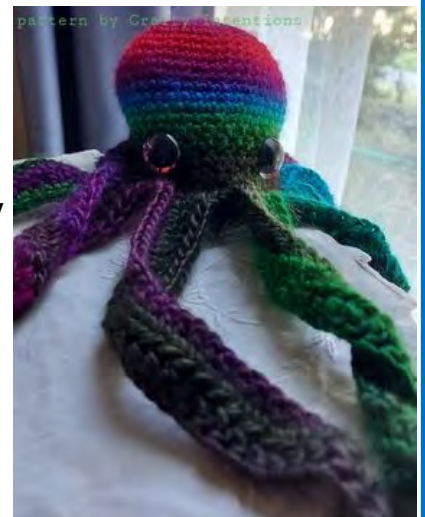
Lynley's Lockdown Life (I love a bit of alliteration!)

As it did for many during lockdown, the work situation had me holding my breath. In-person tutoring dried up, but I was able to continue to meet students online. I was also fortunate enough to be asked to supervise students who had to attend school on-site, so even though there were some weeks, especially early in the first lockdown, where I had almost no work, I have been kept busy during Terms 3 and 4, for which I am very grateful (but I can't believe it's actually Term 4!)



One benefit of not being tied to timetables or schedules was being able to indulge in a crafty passion of mine – crochet. I love making amigurumi (crocheted stuff toys – although some are more 'yarn art' than toys with which you can play). Some of the patterns are challenging, and I've enjoyed expanding my skills. I was thrilled to be able to teach the basics to some of the students I supervised during remote learning; I was very impressed by their perseverance and patience in learning.

I have missed attending rehearsals and seeing a show come together, and I have missed gathering with friends for games. I hope that we soon have an idea of how we can run shows in the new, Covid-safe way, so that we can get back on the boards.



Grease

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PATTY SIMCOX
 BLANCHE
 NEWTON JOHN
 T BIRDS
 SANDY
 KENICKIE
 JOHN TRAVOLTA
 SUMMER LOVING
 OLIVIA
 RIZZO
 MARTY
 JEFF CONAWAY
 CHA CHA
 TEEN ANGEL
 EVE ARDEN
 FRENCHIE
 PINK LADIES
 JAN
 DANNY

Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/2145/>

Horsham Christian Ministers Association in partnership with
Ace Radio & the HRCC

PROUDLY PRESENTS

Carols

by Candlelight

ONLINE

SPECIAL GUEST

Tim McCallum

who recently sang the
National Anthem at the AFL
Grand Final.



Online event held at 7pm on Sunday
6 December 2020 to be broadcast
on Facebook and YouTube (further
details to be advised).

MC's will be
everyone's favourite
Ps Simon Risson &
Jessica Wilson.

Other performances will
include acts who all have
roots to the Wimmera
including;

Grace O'Donnell Clancy,
Sofia Laursen Habel,
Alice Skye,
Sean Hallam,
Lisa Thomas,
Venetia Elbourne-Hobbs &
Maddi Ostapiw,
Jamie Thomas,
Johnny Thunder & the
Lightning.



Committee Meetings during COVID Restrictions



a theatre kid's grocery list be like

- bread
- eggs
- the cow as white as milk
- the cape as red as blood
- the hair as yellow as corn
- the slipper as pure as gold
- juice



The newsletter team would love your feedback. If you've loved something you've read, or would like to suggest an item / article / interview etc for inclusion in a future edition, please let us know.

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FOR COTUME HIRE PLEASE CALL:

Jan Janetzki 0457 820 162

The HAC costume room will be
open on **Thursdays**
from 4.30pm - 6.30pm
for people wishing to hire
costumes.



HAC Life Members

Ritchie Hobbs* (1972)	Shirley Mewett (1993)	Ken Bradshaw (2002)	Debbie Boutcher (2010)	Ronnie Thomas (2016)
Ron Shepherd* (1976)	Avis Denholm (1999)	Dawn Deale (2005)	Gary (Jack) Janetzki (2010)	Libby Brennan (2016)
Colin Mills (1987)	Jan Morris (2001)	Laurie Deale* (2005)	Lynne McKenzie (2010)	Jessica Wilson (2019)
Barbara Mills (1987)	Richard Morris* (2001)	Stuart Johns (2007)	Don Mitchell (2012)	Simon Dandy (2019)
Ona Whiteside* (1993)	Gerry Nicholls (2001)	Sandy Wills (2007)	Jenny Rafter (2012)	

HAC Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

They are currently being held online. All members are welcome to attend.

Next meeting is 7:30pm, 09.12.2020

Please forward any information for future newsletters to

info@horshamartscouncil.com

Fare thee well

From your friendly neighbourhood newsletter team.

Lynley Macdonald, Natasha Kuchel & Simon Dandy



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership year of Horsham Arts Council Inc. extends from
1st January to 31st December.

Join now and support performing arts in the Wimmera. Keep in touch with what is happening throughout the year through our newsletter.

Membership fees:

Family - \$120

Family membership consists of two adults and any children under 18

Adults - \$60

Student under 18 years of age - \$40

Associate Membership - \$10 per show season

Name:		
Home Address:		
Postal Address:		
Phone:		
Email:		
Paid Via:	Direct Deposit	Cash
<i>It is a requirement of all HAC members over the age of 18 to have a current working with children check. Members must nominate HAC as a volunteer organisation on their registration via the WWCC website.</i>		Working With Children or VIT Number:

Please complete and return with payment to:
HAC Membership PO Box 370 Horsham, VIC 3402

Or

Email completed form to info@horshamartscouncil.com

Direct Deposit Details: Horsham Arts Council

BSB: 013665 Account Number: 334103608

Please put "last name membership" as the reference *Example: "smith membership"*



Horsham Arts Council Inc.

NOMINATION FORM FOR 2021 COMMITTEE

Nomination of _____
for (Insert name of person being nominated)
the position of _____

(Insert position for which above person is being nominated)
Nominated by _____

(Print name of person nominating candidate)

Signature _____

Date ___/___/___ (To be signed and dated by the person nominating candidate)
Seconded by _____

(Print name of person seconding candidate)

Signature _____

Date ___/___/___ (To be signed and dated by person seconding candidate)

Accepted by _____

(Print name
of candidate accepting nomination)

Signature _____

Date ___/___/___ (To be signed and dated by candidate accepting nomination)

Please return this completed form to Faye Johns : info@horshamartscouncil.com

No later than November 24th 2020

Horsham Arts Council AGM to be held at a date to be confirmed in December 9th, at 7.00pm At HAC House, with committee meeting to follow. Membership for 2021 is due as of the first committee meeting after the AGMe