

PATRON: LIZ DEEP-JONES

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OUR PATRON – LIZ DEEP-JONES

Liz is an established journalist, television presenter, media commentator, producer, author of the Lucy Zeezou books for young adults and public speaker and has been our Patron since Australia Day 2013. VHP is proud to announce Liz is continuing in that role for 2021. Her acceptance letter, which we received in January, reads in part:

“Of course, I’d love to continue being your patron. It’s a great honour. Please send me pics of performances so I can proudly post on my socials.

Please send everyone my best. My visit there was one of my most memorable.

This is a time where entertainment is crucial to lift spirits and give the community and surrounding areas something to smile about.

Thank you again for asking me to be your patron.

Keep up your great work and passion for the arts. It’s also one of my greatest passions... where I met my husband of 25+yrs.

One of my fave writers, Oscar Wilde said, ‘I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being.’

Village Hall Players is incredibly grateful to Liz for her continued patronage and we look forward to working with her for many years to come.



Elizabeth Coleman's



Director, Kate Dawson, tells us that she has a wonderful cast and crew who are hard at work rehearsing for this very funny and sometimes poignant black comedy.

There will be three performances of *It's My Party...* in April. The opening performance will be a matinee on Sunday 18th April at 2pm. Tickets for seniors for this performance only are priced at \$5. All other tickets are \$10.

Thursday 22nd April will be the first evening performance and is titled *Party Night!* So, grab your besties, your work mates, your family and come along. BYO your drinks and snacks and make it a party. Seating will be at tables of 6. All tickets are \$10.

The final performance will be a dinner theatre commencing at 6pm on Saturday 24th April. The two-course dinner will be buffet style and again you can BYO and make up tables of 6. Smaller parties will be catered for at mixed tables. All tickets are \$35 which include the dinner.

Reservations are required for the two evening performances and tickets will be available on the VHP website from 5th March. Also see the website for the dinner menu.

Please note this play contains strong language and is rated MA15+

www.villagehallplayers.com

DIRT News

DIRT classes started back at the beginning of February and the students have already started the first of the many songs they need to know for their performances in *Bye Bye Birdie* in July.

And VHP is excited to announce we have three new DIRT class assistants – Sharon and Mandy, who will be working with the Casino class, and Priyali, who will be working with the Kyogle class.

Welcome to you all!



Celebrating 9 years in Kyogle (2020)



Celebrating 5 years in Casino (2020)



BYE BYE BIRDIE

AUDITION CALL

The Village Hall Players (VHP) is calling **open auditions** for its upcoming Broadway musical, *Bye Bye Birdie* which will be performed in Kyogle in July.

VHP is looking for actors, singers and dancers – any age from 10 to 65+

Lead and supporting roles, adult and teen chorus roles available.

Everyone welcome! Experience optional!

Auditions will be held from 9:30am till 11:30am on 13th March at the KMI Hall, Stratheden Street, Kyogle.

Come along and be part of this fun, high energy musical with a great rock 'n' roll soundtrack.

For more information, go to the website (www.villagehallplayers.com), email villagehallplayers@gmail.com or call Lynette on 0429 922 169.



Meet ...

Rex Forwood



Rex has taken on the role of Music Director for *Bye Bye Birdie*. While he is now retired, Rex still dabbles in music and video production and is glad to be volunteering his time and skills with Village Players and DIRT. The Kyogle DIRT students are enjoying have Rex as one of their instructors

He has spent many years working in the music and multimedia industries and as a producer and teacher.

Most recently Rex has been writing, directing, filming and editing a short movie with some DIRT students (*Paws for Thought*). Not so long ago, Rex worked on a feature film with local writer Wayne Moore. Rex wore many hats in this production too - director of photography, editor, sound design, special effects and soundtrack music.

Rex is enjoying working on the VHP production of *Bye Bye Birdie* He said, *"The only problem is the songs are constantly stuck in my head."*



2021 VHP Calendar

Time & Date	Venue	Production
2 pm Sunday 18 th April	KMI Hall Kyogle	It's My Party and I'll Die If I Want To
7 pm Thursday 22 nd April	KMI Hall Kyogle	It's My Party and I'll Die If I Want To
6 pm Saturday 24 th April	KMI Hall Kyogle	It's My Party and I'll Die If I Want To
7pm Saturday 3 rd July	KMI Hall Kyogle	Bye Bye Birdie
2 pm Sunday 4 th July	KMI Hall Kyogle	Bye Bye Birdie
7pm Saturday 10 th July	KMI Hall Kyogle	Bye Bye Birdie
2 pm Sunday 11 th July	KMI Hall Kyogle	Bye Bye Birdie
7 pm Saturday 28 th August	KMI Hall Kyogle	Divarama



Kyogle Labyrinth

Did you know that Kyogle has a Labyrinth? It's located in Alcorn Park near the caravan park/ tennis courts and was constructed by Kyogle Council and the community.



The labyrinth came about from Harmony Walsh's idea which was voted the People's Choice at the Bright Ideas night in 2016.

The surface comprises a turfed path, suitable for wheelchairs and people with restricted mobility, lined with pavers. The pavers sit flush with the surface and are laser etched with designs, wording and names created by community members.

VHP proudly purchased two pavers (*see photos below*) which now form a part of this wonderful project.



So next time you visit the Labyrinth, see if you can find us on your journey to your own centre and back again out into the world through the large wooden portal entrance way.

