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# BYE BYE BIRDIE

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## NEW DATES

Due to cast and crew attrition, it has been necessary to extend our rehearsal period. Performance dates are now 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Please see our calendar on page 2 for times.

Tickets go on sale on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.

Full details coming soon!

## Upcoming Working Bee

With 20 DIRT students and about the same number of adults in our production of *Bye Bye Birdie*, we need a lot of costumes and props.

As the play is set in 1958, the majority of costumes for the girls will be circular skirts and day dresses. If you are handy with a sewing machine – mostly straight sewing – and can come along with your machine, we'd love to see you.

If sewing isn't your thing, perhaps you could help us with props. We need to make 20 telephone handsets (1950s style) for one of the musical numbers in the show. The handsets will be cut out of foam or cardboard and painted. A template will be provided for the job, and everything will be provided, including painting smocks.

If you are willing to assist, please email Lynette at [villagehallplayers@gmail.com](mailto:villagehallplayers@gmail.com).

The Working Bee will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 10am. As a bonus for your help, you'll get to see our first full cast rehearsal while you beaver away!

## Help Needed

Stage Manager Ian McLean has put the call out for additional crew members. If you are willing to assist with any of the following roles, please email Ian at [villagehallplayers@gmail.com](mailto:villagehallplayers@gmail.com).

**Front of House** – ushers, ticket sellers, etc.

**Stage crew** – moving sets, props, etc. under the Stage Manager's directions

**Assistant to the Music Director** – this is an exciting opportunity for anyone who has training or an interest in sound. Rex Forwood, a professional, will train the right person on state of the art equipment. This could be the start of a new career!

**Sound Technician** – not a difficult role as music and embedded sound effects are taken care of by the Music Director.

**Spotlight Operators** – we need two and will train.

All volunteers must be 18 years or older.

## DIRT News



The Kyogle class is fully subscribed this term and all the students from both classes are working hard to perfect their roles in *Bye Bye Birdie*.

The talent among the students is outstanding and three of the show's principal roles are being played by students: Blossom Schneider as Kim, Brooke Chivers as Ursula and Tyler McPherson as Randolph.

Josh Macdonald, a DIRT alumnus, has taken on the role of Conrad Birdie.

Another DIRT alumni, Brooke Walsh, has returned to classes and is working closely with the director and stage manager on costuming for *Bye Bye Birdie*. Brooke will be leading our sewing working bee in July.

## 2021 VHP Calendar

Time & Date	Venue	Production
7pm Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	KMI Hall Kyogle	Bye Bye Birdie
2 pm Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	KMI Hall Kyogle	Bye Bye Birdie
7pm Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	KMI Hall Kyogle	Bye Bye Birdie
2 pm Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	KMI Hall Kyogle	Bye Bye Birdie
7 pm Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	KMI Hall Kyogle	Divarama