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COMING TO A HALL NEAR YOU!

VHP is proud to announce that its next show will be a touring production of the very funny comedy, ***Exit Laughing*** by Paul Elliott. (See *Calendar (p.3)* for details.)

When the biggest highlight in your life for the past 20 or so years has been your weekly bridge night out with the “girls”, what do you do when one of your foursome inconveniently dies? If you’re Connie, Leona or Millie, you “borrow” the ashes from the funeral home for one last card game. The ensuing evening turns out to be their wildest, most exciting night, complete with a police raid!

Lynette Zito directs this production and has brought together an incredible cast. Jill Runciman takes on the role of Connie, Liesl Pederson plays Connie’s daughter, Rachel Ann, Susan Hughes is cast as Leona, Jenny Strever is Millie and Lucas McKey, in his non-singing debut with VHP, is Bobby. And, of course, perfectly cast is Butter Butt, the cat!

A winner of the AACTNewPlayFest, *Exit Laughing* broke all records for a nonmusical in Springfield Little Theatre's 50-year history at its premiere.

This is a truly laugh out loud play with hysterically funny scenes and some very poignant moments. Come along and you’ll definitely,,, exit laughing!

Bye Bye Birdie Wrap-Up

"Excellent work everyone. It was a fantastic show!" Rachael

"Sensation!!!" Robyn

"Thank you to all for a great entertaining musical."
Noelle

"Wonderful productions, so much talent! Great fun, loved both days – well done everyone – AWESOME!!" Di

"Great show, worth coming from Brisbane." Greg



These are just some of the comments from audience members after they saw a performance of our production of *Bye Bye Birdie* in March this year. Each performance was a sell-out and cast and crew alike had a fabulous time throughout. VHP is incredibly proud of all the amazing, talented people who joined us for our 10th Anniversary extravaganza! And our sincere thanks to everyone who bought a ticket and supported us. We really appreciate it!



I think the final word should go to another audience member:

"A wonderful show!! I'll be back for the next one,"



DIRT News

It's been a busy year for the DIRT students. In March they finally got to perform in *Bye Bye Birdie*! And audiences appreciated what a great job they all did.

"Brilliant!! There's nothing the matter with kids today." Vernita

"So enjoyable and delightful to see all the young 'uns on stage too." Noelle

The students then had three weeks to rehearse for their appearances at the Kyogle Writers' Festival on 18th May. They performed *Pyramus & Thisbe* by William Shakespeare and did a flash mob for very receptive audiences.



Above: *Pyramus & Thisbe* cast all lined up for their bows.

And finally, with only another three weeks to rehearse, they performed at Divarama and did a great job! Jenny and I are all so proud of them.

2022 VHP Calendar

Time & Date	Venue	Production
2pm 3 rd September	Collins Creek Hall	Exit Laughing
10 th /11 th September	Let us know if you're interested in hosting us!	Exit Laughing
2pm 18 th September	Ettrick Hall	Exit Laughing
7pm 24 th September	KMI Hall	Exit Laughing
2pm 25 th September	KMI Hall	Exit Laughing

N.B. VHP has applied for a grant for this production. If we are successful, there will be no charge for tickets for all performances of Exit Laughing. This will provide an excellent opportunity for Village Hall Committees to fund raise. For further details, email Lynette at villagehallplayers@gmail.com. Editor

Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers. We are a Centrelink Volunteer Approved organisation and can offer training in almost all areas, if needed. Training is conducted by professionals and experienced members. Currently we are looking for people interested in any of these opportunities:

- backstage crew (assistant stage manager and stagehands);
- lighting and sound technicians;
- assistant to the director;
- assistant producer;
- makeup artist;
- costume designers/makers;
- front of house crew; and, of course,
- actors, are always needed.

All volunteers must be 18 years or older and have a current NSW Working with Children Check.

Like all community, not for profit organisations, we can't do what we do without our amazing volunteers.

You can find job descriptions on our website (www.villagehallplayers.com) under the Volunteers tab for some of the roles listed.

If you are interested or would like to know more, please email Lynette at villagehallplayers@gmail.com.



DIVARAMA

What a fabulous night of music and comedy we had on Saturday 4th June. The show opened with the DIRT kids reviving a couple of their numbers from *Bye Bye Birdie* and Josh Macdonald was there to reprise *Lot of Livin' To Do* with the kids.

With technical difficulties, meaning no mics, the amazing vocal talents of Decibella (Jenny Strever, Jennifer Nichols and Vicki), Lucas McKey, Jenny Strever, Blossom Schneider and Liesl Pederson had the joint rockin' and the audience clapping! Blossom and Liesl showcased some of their own songs and the audience loved them. Gordon Hook and Lynette Zito (co-founders of VHP) took to the stage for the one act comedy *Dinner for One*. Emcee John Hughes kept everyone laughing with his anecdotes and off-the-cuff comedy. VHP is so appreciative of all the talent who gave their time voluntarily. They came from Evans Head, Casino and all around the Kyogle shire. What a great community!

"How fabulous to have such a talent crucible in our midst. Loved the Decibellas groove and the emcee jokes! Looking forward to hearing more about Josh, Blossom, Liesl ... [and] Lucas."

