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KMI HALL STAGE UPGRADE

Village Hall Players is applying for a grant to upgrade the stage at the KMI Hall. We are working with Kyogle Council but we need your feedback, please. Our goal is to bring the KMI stage equipment into the 21st century to provide better quality productions for everyone who performs on the stage.

To do that, we need electric curtain operation for all three curtains on the stage – the black backdrop, the scrim and the front curtain. At the moment, these curtains require someone to pull on ropes to open and close them (very modern!). As our DIRT students are sometimes the ones who need to do this, this is important for them as well.

Next on our wish list is a lighting upgrade. A back lighting bar is needed. This is an important part of stage lighting as it helps separate the subject and the background. It can also give a more three-dimensional appearance to actors and set elements and is helpful when using the scrim. We also need new lighting cans on the two front lighting bars as the current ones are not compatible with contemporary fixtures, such as barn doors.

Then there are issues with the curtains – the new blue front curtain is too short, as is the scrim, and the black curtain needs to be moved further downstage to get the best use from it and to allow crew and cast to more easily move behind the scenes. The scrim can be used in multiple ways. One is as a projection screen for performances or movies or training, etc. For that, there needs to be a projector fit for purpose, so we're adding that to the wish list.

And finally, there needs to be sound insulation installed below the roof over the stage so that when it rains, audience members and performers alike can hear what's going on.

So, what can you do to help? Along with this newsletter, we've attached a short survey. Please complete the survey and return it by email to villagehallplayers@gmail.com no later than 17th July as the closing date for the grant is 21st July and we will need some time to collate your responses.

Thank you all so much for your continued support.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER



by Douglas J. Cohen

Based on the novel by William Goldman. This theatrically charged musical comedy thriller is about a publicity crazed actor turned killer and the endearing detective who pursues him. It is a devilish blend of humour, romance and murder.

All performances will be at the KMI Hall.

Performance Date	Curtain
Saturday 6 th September 2025	7pm
Sunday 7 th September 2025	2pm
Saturday 13 th September 2025	7pm
Sunday 14 th September 2025	2pm
Saturday 20 th September 2025	7pm
Sunday 21 st September 2025	2pm

This wonderful (but somehow neglected, small cast musical) is directed by Lynette Zito and stars Jason Wallace as Kit Gill, Ian McLean as Detective Morris Brummell, and Jill Runciman playing Flora Brummell as well as three victims of the killer, with Samantha Watkins as Sarah Stone and Vicki van Beers as Alexandra Gill.

Tickets will be available online through TryBooking from 28th July 2025, at Clay Corner (with thanks to Wendy for her support) and at the door before each performance.

VHP now has a terminal for purchasing tickets at the door by debit or credit card (Visa and Mastercard only). But please do remember to bring along some small change to pay for programs and to buy raffle tickets.

We look forward to seeing you at the show.



COMING IN OCTOBER

Bright. Young. Things.

by Georgia Christou

On a reality television show, six remarkable – and remarkably young – geniuses are competing for the coveted Golden Brain trophy and the title “Brainiest Child”. As the contestants battle it out round after round, the pressure mounts, the spotlight get harsher and each is faced with question they were never expecting. Who will win and who will lose – and what exactly does winning mean anyway?

Bright. Young. Things. is the DIRT students annual performance for 2025.

This play is a “clever piece about identity, parental pressure and the media... [it] has much humour and tremendous energy.” BritishTheatre.com



DIRT

DIRT (Drama In a Rural Town) is the youth theatre program of the Village Hall Players. Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons during school terms for two hours. The program provides an opportunity for young people to participate in a collaborative process while having fun and improving communication and team building skills.

There are four places available in the next DIRT term, which starts on 23rd July and runs for 10 weeks. If you are interested in learning more about the program or would like to enrol your child, please email dirt.vhp@gmail.com. We will send you an Information Letter and the necessary forms.

Jasmine Phillips, who is the DIRT instructor, will be happy to discuss any questions you may have about the program. If you are eligible, you may claim a \$50 Creative Kids voucher for DIRT.

Please know that everyone concerned with the program has a verified, current NSW Working with Children Check.

