



Lieder Theatre Company

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presents
our end of year farmyard comedy

FOOTROT FLATS

Book by Roger Hall, Music by Philip Norman, Lyrics by AK Grant
Based on original characters created by Murray Ball
By arrangement with Playmarket

Directed by Chrisjohn Hancock
Musical Director Mary McGregor
Choreography by Stan Henderson



I Love Wal!

Opening on Wednesday 21st November at 7.30pm

With a charity performance in support of
GOULBURN INTERACT GROUP*

*And continuing every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday until 8th December at 7.30pm
2pm matinees on Saturday 1st and 8th December*

Why not organise a group?

Tickets \$18 full price, \$13 Adult members & groups of 10 or more, \$10 for children and all concession card holders (students, pensioners, unemployed, seniors)

Advance bookings go online to www.liedertheatre.com or phone the Theatre on 48215066
Book in person at Michael Connolly Chemist, 312 Auburn Street, Goulburn.

DON'T MISS the coming to life of this most famous comic strip

The great Lieder **Footrot Flats** cast features
Josh Waters as Dog and Martin Sanders as Wal,
supported by

Melissa Chandler as Cheeky Muffy Hedges as Aunt Dolly
Dale Chalker as Major Cathy Crawford as Dolores
Ann Gaul as the Ewe

Polly Hazelton as Pongo,
David Rayner as Prince Charles,
Bethany James as Jess.

The show is being costumed by Pauline J Mullen, stage managed by Greg Seckold and lit by Judith Boyd.
* to book for the charity performance on Wednesday 21st November contact Carol James Real Estate on 4821 5033
Special thanks to Goulburn Mower and Chainsaw Centre and to Marulan Rural Supplies for in-kind support

Check out our new website

While you are on the web or even booking online at www.liedertheatre.com you should also spend some time looking around our new site. It's huge and growing all the time. There is still much to do but I think you'll be impressed.

It's being created by Dave Edworthy and we are most grateful to his wonderful efforts. Thanks very much Dave.

New Lighting Equipment

We are very grateful to the **Mulwaree Trust (Veolia Environmental Services)** for an equipment grant that has allowed us to upgrade our theatre lights. Hopefully you will notice a little difference when you watch **Footrot Flats**. The grant of \$7500.00 has contributed to a substantial purchase of new spotlights, Fresnel and floods to replace the broken and outdated lights that have been used at the theatre for over 35 years. Thank you.

Welcome to the new lieder committee

President – Judith Boyd

Vice President – Jennifer Lamb

Treasurer – Keith Brill

Secretary – Colin Simson

Membership officer - John Hartnett

Committee members - Lee Gray & David Rayner

Public Officer – Pauline J Mullen

Already there is renewed energy around the Company and the year is looking exciting.

Thank you

To the departing committee members Brian Hill who has served as president for the last two years, and Greg Seckold and Martin Sanders who remain active members of the Company both heavily involved in **Footrot Flats** and in their spare time have made repairs to our Lieder Theatre by replacing the barge boards at one end of the building.

Facebook

Anyone who would like to see some great pictures from our current shows and even some amazing photos from past shows should check out the "Lieder Group" on **FACEBOOK** – just to prove we are up with the times!!! Anyone can upload pictures onto the site if you have old photos of past shows that you would like to share. Now is the time to do it!

PARTY TIME!!!

Come along and join in the fun at the **Lieder Christmas party** on Saturday 15th December commencing at 7pm. BYO plate.

Ticket deals

Make sure you find the Lieder voucher in your letterbox offering you \$5 off all tickets booked on selected nights of **FOOTROT FLATS**. Booking is essential and seating is limited, so don't leave it to the last minute to take up this great offer.

Did you know?

Students who participate in the arts are: 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement; 4 times more likely to participate in a math and science fair; 3 times more often to be elected to class office within their schools; and 3 times more likely to win an award for school attendance (Champions of Change, 1999).

Congratulations to Kirby Medway

For being selected to perform a rehearsed reading at the Old Fitzroy Theatre, Woolloomooloo in a new play called **POINTS OF EXIT** by acclaimed novelist Loubna Haikal and directed by Dave Letch. Dave directed the feature film **Wishbone** starring several familiar faces to Goulburn audiences: Martin Sanders, Doreen Mullen Fiona Churchill and Greg Seckold.

David saw Kirby in **Cripple** and thought he was excellent and showed considerable potential, so he offered him this reading in October playing the pivotal role of **BEN** with a top shelf cast of professional actors, including All Saint's Virginia Gay with Sally Cahill, Raj Sidhu, Tony Sloman, Rebecca Riggs.

Kirby has also been selected to perform his HSC solo drama piece at the Seymour Centre next year. Good on you Kirby.

2008 Funding for the Company

We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded funding from

1. **The NSW Regional Arts Fund** to create a new youth theatre show and tour it to Sydney next year, entitled **Pocket Full of Knives**
2. **The ACT Regional Arts Fund through Southern Tablelands Arts Inc and Southeast Arts region** to tour **The Ballad of Mary Ann Brownlow** around the Goulburn and ACT region
3. **Goulburn Mulwaree Council** through their Tourism Events Grants to stage a youth theatre company fire show called **Firesong** next year

Elections in foyer

For three weeks between 5th and 24th November the Lieder foyer has been booked by the Australian Electoral Commission to provide pre poll voting to the general public.

This will not interfere with the running of the arts activities in the building. All performances and drama classes will continue as usual.

For further clarification contact Chrisjohn at the theatre on 4821 5066.

Presidents Report



Hello all members and welcome to this, possibly our last newsletter for 2007. Get a cup of coffee, sit down and enjoy.

The AGM was held on 16th September. There was a good turnout of members who were entertained very well by members of the Youth Theatre. Thank you Kirby, Kieran and Shane and thanks to those who attended.

A new dynamic board of management was voted in. These are the people to contact if you have any queries, complaints or if you just would like to give us your support.

President

Judith Boyd djboyd@bigpond.com (that's me)

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John Hartnett edenham@tgp.com.au

Board Members

David Rayner and Lee Gray.

Quite a few things are happening at the theatre. The barge boards have been fixed at last so the rain can't come in any more. I should like to thank Greg Seckold, Martin Sanders and Chrisjohn Hancock for doing this job.

We have had a delivery of new lights, paid for from a new funding grant.

Chrisjohn's back from a well earned rest and has thrown himself back into the fray with what looks like being a very colourful and funny production of the musical Footrot Flats, which has been Australianised!

In an effort to put more bums on seats we have decided to bombard the city of Goulburn with flyers and to this end we have printed 8500 of them, which will be delivered to every household. So if you don't get one, let us know please.

For some reason, which no one can fathom, we don't get as many patrons as we should considering the productions are always of a high standard and the programme for the year is always varied.

As members you can help by coming to see every production and telling your friends how good we are.

We look forward to your ongoing support and hope to see you all at the Christmas party on Saturday 15th December.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy, theatre filled New Year.

Judith Boyd

Play reading Sunday 25th November at 4pm

We are continuing to hold monthly play readings in the foyer of the theatre. Last months reading was of local writer David Cole's new play **Windfall**, which we hope to present next year some time.

This month's reading will be an historic Australian play, again with local connections called **The Time is Not Yet Ripe** by Louis Esson. The play was first performed in 1912 and its second performance is thought to have been in 1972. Beautifully written in an elegant style full of humour and wit the play highlights a period in Australian history that is long past but worthy of remembering. A most enjoyable light-hearted look at the politics of the day (What a way to relax after the 6 weeks plus of politicking that we all have experienced in our own media today)

ALL ARE WELCOME, and indeed encouraged, to attend and participate in the reading or just sit back and listen. FREE entry. Light refreshments will be served.

Workshops with Chrisjohn

Expressions of interest are called for anyone who would like to attend workshops inspired by Chrisjohn's attendance at the **Bovec Performing Arts Laboratory** in July this year.

Chrisjohn's attendance was funded by the Lieder and a grant received from Regional Arts NSW, which assisted with his registration fees and airfares.

Chrisjohn represented Australia at the weeklong workshop in Slovenia (attended by 12 participants from 12 different countries) under the artistic direction of Russian professional Sergey Ostrenko.

The program included intensive practical training, lectures and discussion club focusing on growing cohesion and creating live performances within a limited time using traditional and contemporary theatre techniques inspired by methods and exercises from many cultures.

Chrisjohn's sabbatical continued with his attendance at the 77th Hronov Theatre Festival in the Czech Republic (renewing his friendships with our friends from our 1998 visit), a week at the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland and three days at the Dubrovnik Summer Arts Festival in Croatia.

"I am extremely grateful to the Lieder Theatre and Regional Arts NSW for assisting my professional development experience. I'm most grateful for the support received to attend this inspiring and rejuvenating workshop and consequent European theatre festivals. I believe the experience has been a time of reflection and consolidation of thoughts about my work and reinforced my commitment to working regionally while at the same time keeping in contact globally with my arts friends and colleagues. Thank you for your continued support in my work and me."

Chrisjohn Hancock

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A full adult ticket costs \$18.00, a current member of the Lieder and a group of 10 or more adults will cost \$13.00,
while all children and concession card holders will pay \$10.00 (pensioner, student, senior and unemployed)

Warning; Gumboots and Driz-A-Bone are optional



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