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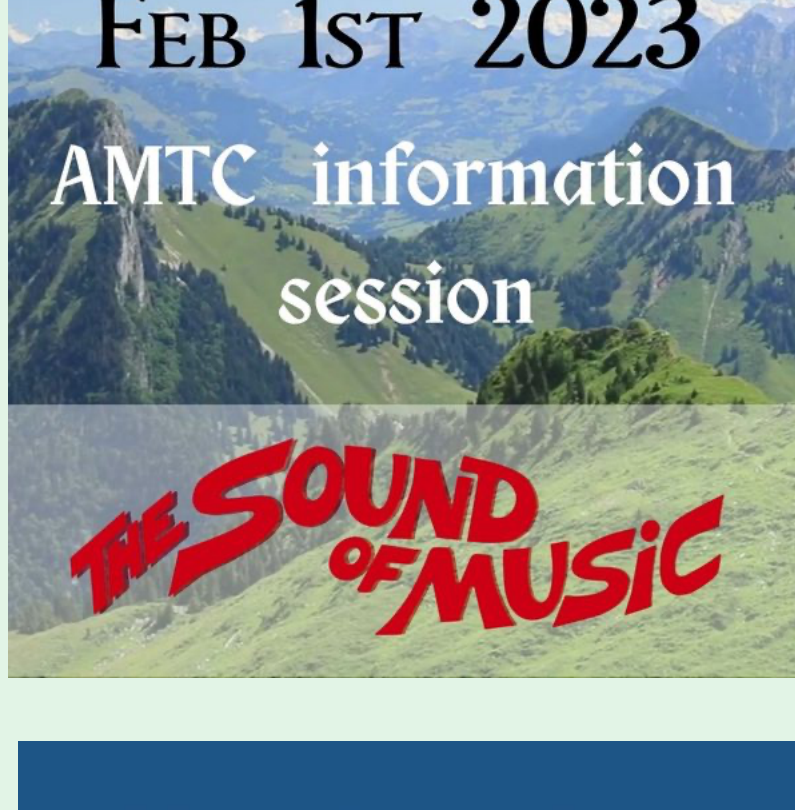
## JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

### Information Evenings Ready to Go

Our Production Teams have been busy over the past few weeks preparing to get our 2023 shows underway. Our initial priority is our Information Evening, where we present the critical information about each show: An overview of the Production, Critical Dates, Rehearsal Arrangements, Other Company Details and HOW TO GET INVOLVED – either by Audition or Registration. They're also a great social event where people get to meet members of the Production Team and past members get to catch up with each other.

Our first of these is for *SOUND OF MUSIC*, to be held on 1st February 2023 at the Youth Hall, Nowra Showground at 7pm. Our Director Olivia Corish is very excited to get underway, and looking forward to seeing new and returning performers at the forthcoming auditions.

Following soon after is the Information Evening for JAM 2023. This will be held on 15th February 2023 at Nowra School of Arts, Berry St Nowra at 5pm. Our JAM program is for children aged 10 to 15 years and will run on Thursday afternoons this year. After our preparatory workshops in Term 1, we will be preparing for our production of *FROZEN Jr* in September.



### Annual General Meeting

Albatross Musical Theatre Company will hold its AGM on Tuesday 21st February 2023. The venue is the youth hall, Nowra Showground; the time is 7pm.

Here's an opportunity to become involved in the workings of AMTC. The existing committee will stand down and elections will be held for a new committee for 2023. You can have your say in the process, or even nominate for a committee position. To nominate yourself or another person for a position on the committee, please use the nomination form. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may nominate another financial member to take your proxy vote. These forms can be found on our website, click the button below. You will need to be a financial member PRIOR to the meeting, so if you are not already financial from 2022, you will need to apply for membership by the end of January. The good news is that this entitles you to vote in the 2023 AGM as well! And the further good news is the benefits that will come with AMTC membership in 2023. Read on....

[proxy and nomination forms](#)

### 2023 Membership

This year we will offer certain benefits to accompany membership of AMTC. Apart from the opportunity to vote in the AGM, members will receive:

- Access to Early Bird Tickets – buy your favourite seats before they go on public sale
- An opportunity to win free passes & program – a draw will be held for 2 complimentary passes plus a program to each of our 3 Show Seasons
- AMTC merchandise

According to constitution adopted last year, new membership has to be approved by the committee and this cannot happen at the AGM. So you will need to make an application for membership by the end of this month. You can apply for membership via our website – for new membership click the button below.

2022 Financial members were recently sent a renewal email and link to join for 2023.

[Apply for new membership](#)

### CAT recognition for 2022

The Combined Area Theatre (CAT) Awards were still not in full operation in 2022. Instead of a full awards process, they presented "Cats Interrupted 2022 – Best In Show". These were Recognition of Excellence Certificates presented to those they adjudged worthy.

AMTC was pleased to receive four of these Certificates:

- Merrin Ross for Musical Direction of *MAMMA MIA*
- Julia Armstrong, Matt Mackenzie, Oliver Gait and Julie Fraser for Integrated Set, Costume and Lighting Design in *HONK Jr!*
- James Tebbutt for his role as "Ugly" in *HONK Jr!*
- Keira Sater for her role as "Ida" in *HONK Jr!*

Congratulations to these worthy winners!



### Success at Improv

Blackbox Theatre Productions extended an invitation to Albatross Musical Theatre Company to take part in Playmates XVII, an improv competition involving theatre companies mainly based near the Illawarra. There were five teams entered in 2022.

With very little experience or training in the unique theatre form of Improv, AMTC entered a team of three consisting of 2022 committee members Angelique Riou and Paul Fraser along with Ben (Theringin) from UOW. We were fortunate to be able to play to our strengths in two of the early rounds by competing in the "SONG" challenge and then the "SHOW STOPPING NUMBER" challenge. The former involved creating a spontaneous two minute song about a person and in a genre suggested by members of the audience. The latter involved playing out a scene in a boring workplace but break into a two-line song at any moment called by the compere. At the conclusion of the three introductory rounds, we were somewhat surprised to find ourselves in the final against the reigning champions, UOW.

Our final challenge was "PLAY IN THE STYLE OF", where the team has four minutes to act the story of a well known fairy tale/ nursery rhyme in a particular style suggested by the audience. We were presented with the story of "Jack and Jill" in the style of Science Fiction. The movie "Star Wars" heavily influenced the performance, and we were very happy to receive the judges' decision in our favour.

Now we're committed to compete in Playmates at the end of this year because we have to return the trophy!



### Farm to Fridge – now on film!

As part of Imogen Clarke's NSW Show President's Innovation Award in 2022 for the *FARM TO FRIDGE* mini-musical we had a professional film crew visit in November to make a recording of our show. This resource will be made available to schools to encourage them to incorporate performance art in their study of agriculture.

If you haven't seen our fifteen minute show, there will be a couple of opportunities during the 2023 Nowra Show as we revive it in the Youth Hall. Performance times in the Youth Hall / Exhibition Hall are Friday 10th February 4:30pm Saturday 11th February 11am and 1:15 as listed in the Nowra Show 2023 program guide.



### The Excitement builds for 2023.

AMTC's first show for 2023 will be *The Sound of Music*, the much loved classic, brought to you by a new look production team. Information night for anyone interested in being involved will be held on Wednesday February 1st 2023, 7pm at the Showground Youth Hall.

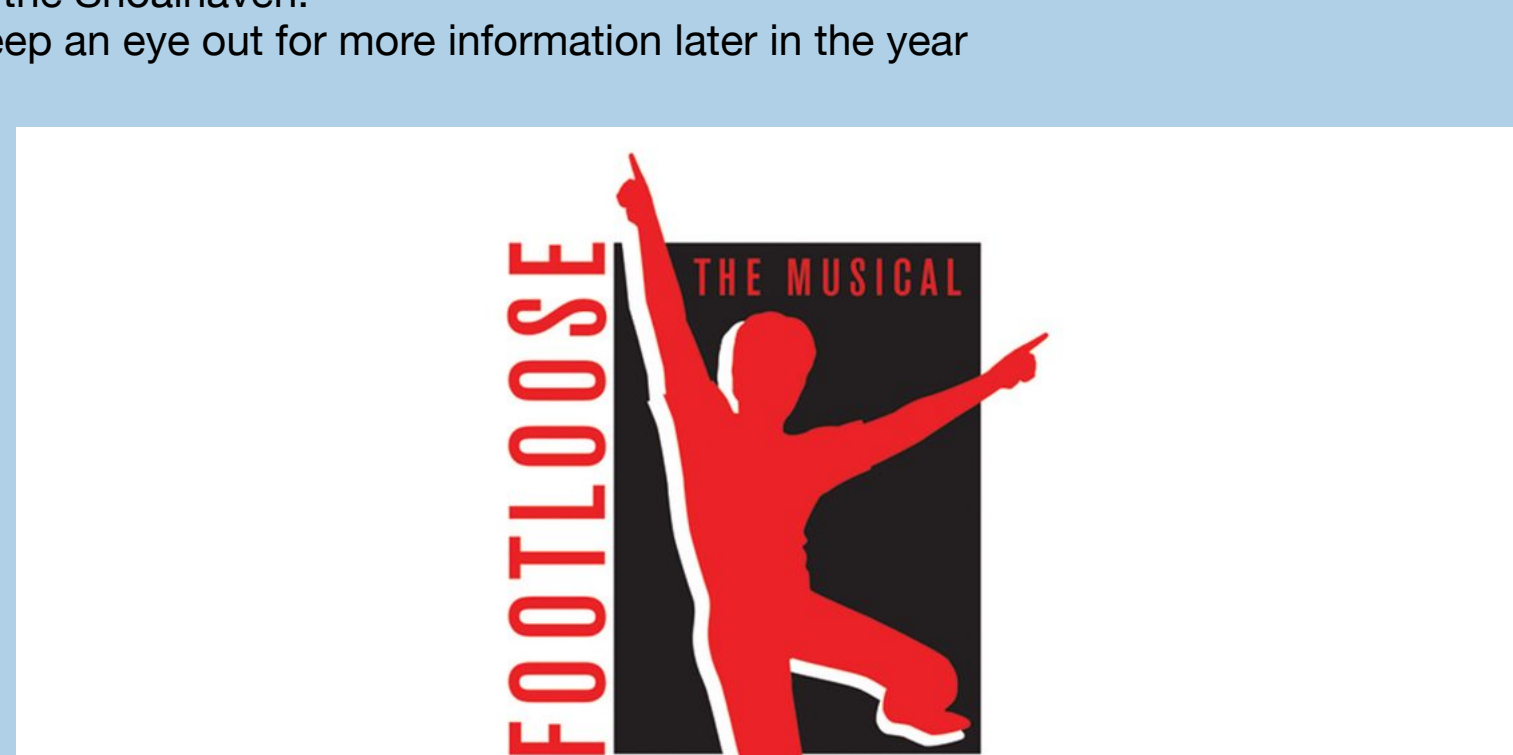


The JAM program for 10- to 15-year-olds will culminate in *Disney's Frozen Jr* in October. This is another very popular show which will have all the kids excited. Information about how to get involved in our workshop program will be provided on Wednesday afternoon, February 15 2023 at 5pm in Nowra School of Arts.

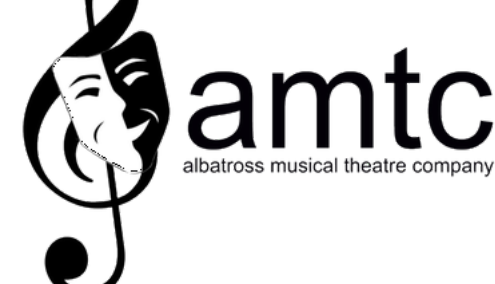
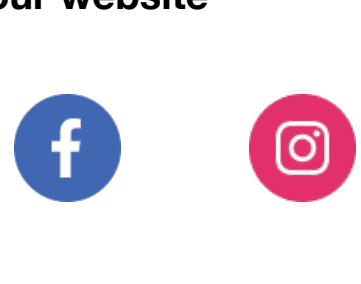


Our final show planned for 2023 is the spectacular *Footloose*. This show is filled with dance and movement and will really get you going. We are excited that yet another new production team is coming on board to bring this show to the Shoalhaven.

Keep an eye out for more information later in the year



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