



Welcome to AMTC's world 2021

Whether you are a past or future cast or production team member, or you simply love coming to our shows, we hope you'll find something of interest in the following news. We'd love you to continue supporting the Company and our activities, and spread the word about AMTC to the wider community.

We're extremely proud of what we have on offer this year, and what we have already achieved.

THE LAST FIVE YEARS – The year started with a bang with this fantastic small ensemble production staged at the Nowra School of Arts, our old home ground. The cabaret style audience worked well under COVID restrictions. The strong character cast of two – Jane McIntosh and Nathan Lomas, was accompanied by an equally strong chamber orchestra. We were thrilled to introduce our regular audience members to something slightly different for AMTC, and they loved it!

AMTC LOSES 'THE SHED' - We had the devastating news that we had to vacate our established premises at The Shed in Bomaderry. We'd come to rely on the size and space it afforded us, and life without it looked pretty bleak. We were particularly concerned about the viability of our JAM show *Alice in Wonderland* which suddenly had no construction space for sets. We lobbied councillors and politicians and the media, and we had a terrific amount of support. Bomaderry RSL club offered a large rehearsal space free of charge if we were successful in finding somewhere to construct sets, but no commercial rental properties were within our budget.

AMTC's NEW 'HOME' - Shoalhaven City Council were sympathetic to our approaches. The Council voted in favour of a motion by Cr Digiglio to support AMTC, and Council staff were extremely helpful in suggesting and providing a venue which covers all our needs – the **Community Youth Hall within the Nowra Showground**. We currently have short-term hiring of this to see us past *Alice in Wonderland*, and we are hopeful that a long-term lease may be possible. It is an expansive space for rehearsal and workshop activities.

We're feeling positive about our potential future home!

GRANTS and WORKSHOPS for members –

1. A Shoalhaven Performing Arts grant has been applied for to enable AMTC to run some **workshops in musical theatre skills (vocal and dance), and audition confidence tactics and skills**, to be run for our members by current industry professionals. If we are successful with the grant we aim to run these workshops

before the end of the financial year. We have enlisted some exciting known performers who will expand and develop your own skills in a fun series of classes. We will also be excited to target people living with a disability who enjoy musical theatre performance. Watch for further news on this exciting opportunity! Notification of the grant and the workshops will be made on Facebook.

2. We are grateful to have been successful in gaining a grant from the Shoalhaven Arts Board. This is **funding for Professional Development courses at NIDA**. More details and possible EOI are forthcoming. Watch for details on Facebook.

JAM - continues to be an AMTC success story. This year's production is the quirky ***Alice In Wonderland***, with a cast of 72 enthusiastic young performers. Some of them have appeared in our previous JAM productions and are becoming seasoned and respected performers. Once again, these young performers are proving a delight to work with for the Production Team led by Julia Armstrong. They are developing characters you will love to watch in this show in early July. **Don't miss it!**

There are some **working bees planned to assist with sets and props**. The first of these is SATURDAY 24TH APRIL. If you're handy with tools come along and visit the new AMTC site at the Nowra Showground. Look out for further working bees on SATURDAY 8TH and 15TH MAY, and 5TH JUNE. Details are most easily found on our Facebook page.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR - Yes, you may have heard - the ever-popular rock musical is coming back to the stage in Nowra. Albatross Musical Theatre Company is reprising the show, originally performed at the Nowra School of Arts in 2001. The show was a sell-out success. It was popular with audiences and the cast alike. It made use of live and pre-recorded video, and highlighted the rock-style score of **Andrew Lloyd Webber**.

AMTC is sure the show will be bigger and better in 2021, having moved to the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre where better sound and stage facilities are available.

The show will play in November for six performances.

If you love the music of *Phantom of the Opera*, you'll love *JC Superstar*!

Anyone interested in being a part of this production is invited to attend an

Information Night at Nowra School of Arts Annex

Wednesday 21st April at 7.00pm

Areas of participation include both on-stage and off-stage areas of production. Come along and find out how/when you can audition for a role in this marvellous show (lead or ensemble) or how to get involved in the many areas of production (band/orchestra, stage crew, costuming, makeup, sound, lighting, set construction etc).

Anyone requiring any further information can ring the Producer, Ron Hawthorne, on 0413044621 or make enquiries through our web page or Facebook.

***Alice In Wonderland* and *Jesus Christ Superstar* will be AMTC's first productions in 2021 at the newly renovated SEC.**

Help us make a successful return to the SEC stage and orchestra pit.

We are looking forward to playing to our big audiences.

We've missed you all!