



Friends of the Theatre



Summer Wonderland

Well, the cast has finally been assembled! It took a while to fill a couple of roles. It seemed as if there was a revolving door for potential actors to fill them. But alas, now with the full complement, we forge on into the depths of rehearsals and, it must be said, there are some impressive characters emerging. This play will have people rolling in the aisles. The actors are really starting to sink their teeth into the underlying neuroses of their respective parts, and are bringing energy and pathos into what could otherwise be played as slapstick or farce.

Sets are looking wonderful thanks to a highly skilled and motivated production team. The sleepy suburban cul-de-sac that provides the backdrop for the various misadventures of our feckless characters is coming to life in a realist-meets-comic-strip kind of style that pleasantly surpasses my original vision for the set.

We still have much work to do. There is a list of props as long as my arm that we need to acquire as we head into the final stages of rehearsals. There are technical issues to be ironed out. Lighting, sound and special effects are now coming into play which, while making the production rather fun and interesting, also add a whole new level of complexity. If anyone has time, experience and/or wherewithal to assist with, specifically, xmas themed prop construction or acquisition please contact either myself or Dina, our production coordinator.

A big thanks to all who have participated up to this point, and appreciation in advance for all those yet to come on board. I look forward to seeing how the production develops over the next couple of months leading up to opening.

When the time comes (opening is Friday November 25th) I strongly encourage every theatre-goer and yet-to-be-theatre-goer to get out and enjoy this fabulous Australian comedy at the Old Gazette Theatre. Experience the real "nativity".

With thanks,

Andrew de Waard

(Director)



Rehearsals are in full swing for the new production, Summer Wonderland. Without the hard work and dedication of the actors, the many set builders and backstage workers, we would not have the brilliant plays we do. Please help out if you think you can. Contact Dina, production manager, on 02-6657 2243
Cheers, Clare (editor/photographer)

