



September Newsletter

A Wonderful British Comedy – ‘Allo ‘Allo

Most of us could do with a good laugh on a Friday evening after a rough week at work, or perhaps on a Saturday evening after spending the day cleaning up around the house. Of course, there's nothing better than to take the opportunity to share a good laugh with your parents or grandparents on a Sunday afternoon. In October, Dural Musical Society have just the right show to give you that good laugh...

If you enjoyed the TV series of *'Allo 'Allo!*, then you'll be delighted with the "made for stage" production of this comedy favourite that brings back all your favourite characters. David Croft and Jeremy Lloyd created the TV series which ran for eighty five episodes between 1982 and 1992, and they used their talents to develop a delightful stage show. Set during World War II, *'Allo 'Allo!* tells the story of René Artois, a French café owner in the village of Nouvion. The Germans have occupied the village and stolen all of its valuable artefacts, including the painting of *The Fallen Madonna with the Big Boobies* by Van Kloop.

Directed by Ian Hardstaff, the ensemble cast includes some of the Dural favourites along with a few newcomers to the society. Eddie Bruce and Linda Corbin portray René and Edith Artois the owners of the Café where most of the action takes place. Waitresses Mimi and Yvette are played by Briony Mann and Jenny Evans – Jenny is a newcomer to the society and this is Briony's first show since Dick Whittington a few years ago. Cecelia Kiefel, who joined DMS for the successful season of "Annie Get Your Gun" earlier this year, returns in the key role of the Michelle, the leader of the local French Resistance. Michelle is responsible for organising the crazy escapes of the British Airman, a job that is supported by Officer Crabtree (Nicholas Gilbert) who is a British Agent with a very poor understanding of the French language. Regulars John Nawotka, Ben Wilson-Hill, Andrew McLean play the German officers Colonel Von Strohm, Lieutenant Gruber and Major General Schmelling. They are more than ably supported by favourite Lisa Clarke who teams up with newcomer Darren McDowell for the roles of Private Helga Geerhart and Herr Otto Flick (of the Gestapo). Add to the mix a randy Italian Captain (Daniel Clarke) and a piano player who believes he is a master of disguises (Brendon Dart) and you have the recipe for a highly enjoyable show.

Performance Details

DMS perform at the Dural Soldiers Memorial Hall, 604 Old Northern Rd, Dural (opposite Redfield College)

Evening Performance Dates: 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 October at 8.00 p.m.

Matinee Performance Dates: 12, 19 October at 2.00 p.m.

Adults: \$25 Children/Concessions: \$15

Bookings through MCA Ticketing on 1300 306 776 - (booking fee charged)

Rejuvenate the soul with a good laugh by arranging for some friends to come along with you to this delightful show. Take the trip to Dural Memorial Hall for what promises to be great entertainment.

Please note that this show is typical of this style of British comedy – in that it is similar to "Are You Being Served", "Benny Hill", and the "Carry On" series of movies in relation to being full of innuendo. It may not be suitable for young children.

By the way, if you missed our May production of "Annie Get Your Gun", you really did miss a treat. Congratulations to Brendon Dart and the whole gang who did a marvellous job.

**Eddie Bruce
President, Dural Musical Society**