

Directed by Julie Scargill Assisted by Eddie Bruce

GUNSMOKE



AUDITIONS

Dural Musical Society presents its final show for 2025; a retelling of **Gunsmoke**, the classic 1950's award winning radio serial.

For 20 years, Gunsmoke was a firm favourite on radio, and later on television, featuring the adventures of the hard-bitten Marshal Matt Dillon, his sidekick Chester, and a cast of Old Wild West characters.

The DMS performance delivers three Gunsmoke episodes in a radio studio format, with voice actors supported by Foley Techs - a sound crew providing background and atmosphere - complete with the advertising and promotional material of the period.

There are roles for adult male and female actors who, script in hand, deliver their lines to the live radio audience, blending seamlessly with the musical themes and sound effects.

Performances: 7th – 15th November 2025

6 performances in all; 4 evening & 2 matinees

Rehearsals: First rehearsal is Tuesday 5th August 2025 at Dural Memorial Hall at 7pm. Some of our rehearsals will be conducted on Zoom as well as rehearsals at the hall - these dates are to be confirmed.

If you are interested, why not come along to auditions at the Dural Memorial Hall 604 Old Northern Rd Dural

See you there...

Gunsmoke - Cast Information

Announcer (all episodes): Traditional commanding and authoritative voice behind the start and finish of each broadcast.

Matt Dillon (all episodes): The hero of the series – he's tough and a strong speaker that people listen to and respect. He is very much "to the point" and "takes no prisoners".

Chester (all episodes): Matt's sidekick – his deputy – a mild-mannered lawman who is devoted to his boss and the job. Very likeable, he is a sounding board for Matt.

Doc (all episodes): Doc is a decision maker - a wise, observant and very capable man who is also strong physically – strong enough to carry a corpse over his shoulder.

Kitty (2&3): Although not stated, Miss Kitty is the romantic interest for Matt. She has a mind of her own and is well respected by everyone in town.

Hightower (1): The usual newspaper owner/editor who is always looking for an angle to use to push his paper's profits.

Ziegler (1): This Dutchman is ex-Army, now a farmer.

He is on the back-foot because nobody appears to believe he isn't guilty of murder.

Boy (1): A 12-year-old runaway who very clearly knows his own mind and what he wants out of life.

Adam (1): Brother of the murdered man – who is out for revenge due to encouragement from the townsfolk.

Francine (1): Attractive wife of the dead man, now concerned about rumours that are spreading since the murder.

Mrs Bonney (1): Mother of the Boy. Motherly, but unable to cope with the behaviour of her son. She knows full well how much of a problem he can be.

Brand (2): An outlaw who has just lost a number of his men to Matt's sharpshooting.

Stanger (2): Brand's 'friend'. A gunslinger, he thinks he is a tough guy, and calls out Matt.

Jonas (3): A typical pleasant General Store owner, who knows everybody's business.

Edna (3): Jonas' Shop Assistant who has recently left her Housekeeper role. She is relatively young – keen, very sweet, and helpful. She wants more out of life.

Charlie (3): The Station Master/Mail Distributor for the town. Also knows everybody.

Hans Gruber (3): Older person – a landowner whose wife died some time ago. Relied heavily on Edna until she left his farm **Crowd**: Played by all the actors not delivering dialogue in the scene.



Audition Preparation

Auditions will take place on Monday 28th & Wednesday 30th July at Dural Memorial Hall.

As this Radio Play is set in the Wild West you must come along with your best American Cowboy / Cowgirl Accent If you are interested in auditioning for Zeigler he has a Dutch accent & Hans Gruber is German.

Auditions will be run in a group so please arrive promptly at 7pm.

If you are cast in the show you will be required to pay a Dural Musical Society membership fee of \$10 & a show fee of \$50 in the first couple of weeks of rehearsals.

All performers will need to provide a Working With Children Certificate.

To book an audition click on the link https://iorms.gle/vc58VgVNUsYMq2Dj7

