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DRAMA REPORT

BMDS AGM Report Drama Committee

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Year in Review

- 2021 has been another year in flux with COVID outbreaks and restrictions that have prevented a consistent offering of theatrical productions at Daylesford. The year began with a closed theatre and the Drama Committee continued to meet monthly via Zoom to explore potential productions that could be conducted in a COVID safe way once the theatre reopened.
- It has been challenging to operate with such a level of uncertainty, however, the Drama Committee has not fallen short of creative ideas waiting to be executed once it is safe and feasible to do so.
- During the peaks and valleys of COVID outbreaks, the DC worked on plans for play readings, radio plays, small cast productions, theatre in the park and other innovative ways to bring theatre back to the community. However, on the precipice of kicking off a performance, restrictions would increase, and activities would be cancelled. Therefore, these plans could not come to fruition to date.

Summary of Activities

- In January, Lisa Maule joined the committee to facilitate a connection between drama and music.
- The "Widow of Warwick" virtual play premiered in March and it was encouraging to have some activity (albeit virtual) within BMDS.
- An executive decision was made in June to once again forego a Pantomime performance this year. This decision was fully supported by the Drama Committee.

Key Learnings

- Recruiting volunteers continues to be challenging. Support from members is crucial to organize and execute performances and activities.

- Utilizing social media to recruit volunteers and announce society news helps us better engage with our members and increases enthusiasm. It is the DC's recommendation to leverage these communication channels more in 2022.

Forward Looking Thoughts

- As the Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary step down from the DC after the AGM, they welcome the new committee and pledge their support with the transition and beyond.