



TAIERI MUSICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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What is happening?

Rehearsals are well underway for our main production "That Bloody Woman", The team got together for a workshop weekend on the 22-23rd of May, including a site visit to the Mayfair Theatre (pictured), and have been rehearsing hard ever since.

The cast:

Kate Sheppard: Anna Langford

Richard "King Dick" Seddon: Max Beal

Jennie Lovell-Smith: Kelly Hocking

Ada Wells: Jess Clarke

William Lovell-Smith: Darrel Read

Walter Sheppard: Peter Hocking

Mary Leavitt: Janine Weatherly

Gang: Jane Craigie-Read, Bethany Cook, Kieran Kelly, Chelsea McRae, Kane Welsh.



This is a fantastic cast including both familiar and new faces. Special mention to Taieri Musical newbies Jess, Bethany, Chelsea and Kane, and to Darrel and Jane, who are clocking up their 11th and 10th shows with Taieri Musical respectively. They can't wait to rock the Mayfair in July!!

Get your tickets for TBW here: <https://www.taierimusical.org.nz/2021-that-bloody-woman>



Auditions for Moana Jr were held on the 28 - 30th of May. The team (pictured) saw over **130** super talented children between the ages of 8 to 18 over what was a fun-filled 3 days!

The talent on display from the youth of Ōtepoti was extremely exciting for us to see, both for this production and for the coming years of Taieri Musical shows.

In a show they could have cast several times over, the creative team are extremely delighted with the cast they have gathered and can't wait to start rehearsals during the July school holidays.



Members Nights



We had our first members night on the 11th of April, a Fosse dance workshop run by the amazing Emma Donaldson. There was a fantastic turn out and we had a very enjoyable evening of dance!

And now onto our next members night.....

Let's have some fun and werk it with **"RuJen's Project Wardrobe Cossie Race"** hosted by (Ru)Jen - your current Taieri Musical Costumier. This is a silly, fun event open to everyone, whether you've picked up a safety pin or not. No previous wardrobe skills required! I can't promise you will come away with a single costume making skill or know the difference between chiffon and velvet, but I CAN promise laughing and an entertaining team-centred evening! Bring yourselves, open-minds and a belly full of laughs. Let's find our inner Creative Useless Narcissistic Tastefulness

Saturday the 26th of June, 8pm at The Mayfair Theatre (in the greenroom).
This is free for all Taieri Musical members. (link below to become a member)

If you have an idea for a workshop you would be keen to run please get in touch with Blair at president@taierimusical.org.nz

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Committee:
Paul Mulholland, Bruce Clark, Sandra Nixon, Rowena Monson, Amelia-Kate Macdonald, Lisa Caton & Anna Langford.

MTNZ Conference

Taieri Musical came out in force to represent at the MTNZ conference in Napier from the 19 - 21st of March.

It was a weekend filled with informative workshops including: Encouraging Diversity, Finding Your Character, Mentoring Youth into HOD Roles, The Performers Voice, Mental Health and the Wellbeing of your Cast, The Design Process, Special FX Makeup and Junior Theatre.

We learnt a lot of new things that we are looking forward to implementing at TMS, and we even picked up the award at the Diamond Deco Ball for Best Dressed "Niftiest Gang".



Membership

You can become a financial member of Taieri Musical Society at the link below:

<https://www.themembership.co.nz/taieri-musical>

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