

Otaki Players Society

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Newsletter

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Dear Members & Friends,

So here we are again – back to a semblance of normality. By and large we seem to have come through the worst of Covid-19 – not altogether unscathed, but heaps better than most other countries. And for that we can all (or mostly all) give ourselves a pat on the back. Despite the lockdown the Committee continued to meet – online and through the good offices of Zoom, and so we managed to avoid total inertia. That aside we met face to face in late June and were able to resolve some outstanding issues:

Maoriland Film Festival. MFF, originally scheduled for 18 – 22 March, was placed “on hold” in March. We are delighted to advise that the festival will now take place **from 24th to 27th September 2020.**

Pink Hammer. This play, originally scheduled for 21 – 30 May, was also placed on hold in March. It will now take place **from 11th to 14th and from 18th to 21st November 2020.** Tickets are already on sale. To access the booking sites click on the following:

<https://www.otakiplayers.org.nz/1/pages/195-the-pink-hammer-12th-november-to-21st-november-tickets-on-sale-now>

https://www.otakiplayers.org.nz/1/online_stores/20-the-pink-hammer-ticket-sales-general-admission-no-allocated-seating

Hairspray. You will recall that auditions for Hairspray were scheduled for 28th and 29th March. Even before we transited into Level 4 Lockdown it became apparent from the lack of numbers booking auditions that there was only passing interest in this show. This was especially true of young male wannabees. The Committee has therefore decided to cancel Hairspray and seek an alternative musical to take place early in 2021.

Alternative Musical. So once again we are seeking suggestions for an alternative show. This does not automatically mean a named musical. It could encompass extracts from specific shows or a musical revue. What it will need, of course, is a dedicated director and so, ideally, the Committee would like to hear from anyone who has aspirations to direct the Players' next musical.

Theatre Maintenance. Now that the theatre is open once more we can get back to theatre maintenance. Committee members meet up most Wednesday evenings from 7.00 p.m. until 9.00 p.m. to carry out simple maintenance tasks, and they would welcome additional help. Don't be shy. **Maintenance is scheduled to take place on:**

July: 8th, 22nd and 29th.

August: 5th, 12th, 26th.

And finally, many of you will know that we have lost the services of Mike Fellows who, unfortunately for us, has left the area. Mike was a key member of Committee and his technical expertise – particularly in the fields of lighting and sound – will be sorely missed. His departure has left a huge hole in the make-up of future production teams which we are anxious to fill at the earliest possible date. So, if there is anyone amongst our members and friends who wishes to take on one or both roles, then please step forward. Previous experience would be helpful but not altogether necessary. More important is a willingness to get involved and learn.