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YOUR MONTHLY NEWS FROM BATHURST THEATRE COMPANY

Acting Up

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Welcome...

Welcome to *Acting Up* the third edition of Bathurst Theatre Company's new monthly newsletter!

We appreciate each & every one of our members & we want you to be the first to get the inside scoop on what we're up to each month. You can look forward to behind the scenes photos & anecdotes, member profiles, important announcements, a calendar of events & members only offers like earlybird & discounted tickets to local events!

We'd love to hear from you, so if you have news or an event that you'd like included in the newsletter, please reach out: bathursttheatre@gmail.com



Emily Hayes & Fiona Halloway



Membership

**Need to renew your
annual membership?**

**Know someone who would
like to join our big
beautiful BTC family?**



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Raphael Pearce, Gideon Henry, Robert Olsen

A Midsummer Night's Dream

A *Midsummer Night's Dream* opened at Keystone on Friday 14 November 2025 to a sold-out audience. It was a magical start to the season, made even more enchanting by stunning sets and costumes that transformed the entire space into a whimsical forest, surpassing what Mikey and Bee envisioned when it all kicked off in May this year.

Opening night took an unexpected turn when one of the lead actors, Gideon Henry, playing lover boy Lysander, suffered a broken leg on stage, forcing a premature end to the night's show. Gideon has since received medical care and is recovering at home. He is a beloved member of the team and is determined to be in the audience for the final show this Sunday – and for the after party, of course!

In the face of such a major setback, our cast and crew rallied with extraordinary resilience and care. Everyone returned on Saturday and Sunday determined to honour the work, the audience and each other. Director Mikey has stepped seamlessly into the role of Lysander. Thanks to their professionalism, commitment and courage,

they delivered two incredible performances, showcasing the talent of the actors as well as the creativity and craftsmanship of the whole team behind the scenes.

Some audience feedback:

"Cobweb, Mustardseed and Puck stole the show".

"I usually don't enjoy Shakespeare, but this production completely won me over".

"Flawless from start to finish".

"The set and costumes were absolutely gorgeous. It all felt so magical".

"We truly felt transported by the whole experience".

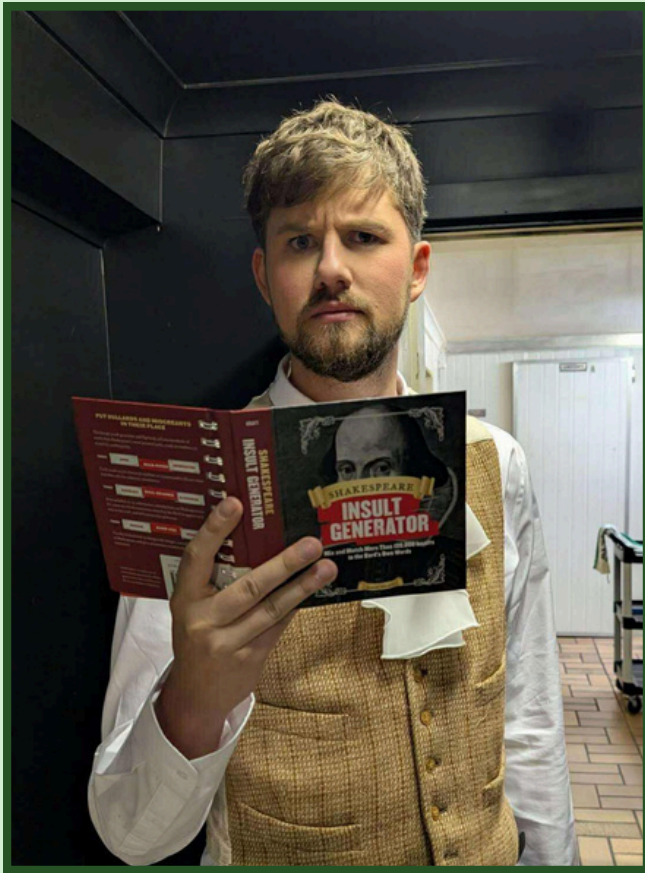
We're immensely proud of our team, grateful to audiences for their understanding and support, and can't wait to bring three more shows to the stage this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

BOOK AMND TICKETS!



Meet the Member

MICHAEL "MIKEY" BOWER



Meet Mikey! Mikey began performing when he was nine years old. From Speech and Drama to local shows and theatre, he fell in love with it.

He has previously performed in several productions with Bathurst Shakespeare Players at Abercrombie House, including *Twelfth Night*, *Comedy of Errors*, and *The Tempest*. One of his most memorable roles to date was as Mercutio in *Romeo & Juliet*.

Mikey is a recent addition to Bathurst Theatre Company, first joining in 2024 for his role in Phil Sanders' *Another Openin'* as Mr Gollinge after hearing about the group through social media and through recommendations from other local thespians.

Outside the theatre, Mikey manages a courier company, but his true passions lie in the creative world. In his free time, he is a Games Master who runs many different Tabletop Role Playing Games. He builds and paints models, writes screenplays and short stories, and creates cosplays.

Mikey is a newly elected BTC Board Member and is also the co-director of BTC's 2025 production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The idea to direct a Shakespeare play grew from early conversations with co-director Bethany, back when they worked together on *Macbeth* in 2018. Now, with AMND entering its final week, he couldn't be happier with what the cast and crew have created together.

For anyone thinking about joining BTC next year, Mikey's advice is simple: "Please, please, please, approach BTC with your ideas. The ability to open up a conversation about creating a show or an event is extremely possible with the helpful team at BTC."



Wanted!

With a long history of many wonderful shows, BTC has accrued quite the stash of costumes, props & set pieces!

Consequently, we are in desperate need of a cost-friendly, weatherproof & secure storage space. Do you know of a space that might suit - perhaps a garage or shed?

If so, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to BTC President Emily Hayes via email: bathursttheatre@gmail.com





The cast has been finalised and rehearsals have officially begun for *Switched*!

Director Emily Hayes has come up with an entertaining list of scenes and songs. Each cast member has been given two to three acts each, with The Dance Factory joining in for a couple of the musical numbers.

Thank you to The Dance Factory, who are kindly hosting the rehearsals free of charge.

Board Members

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 Raphael Pearce
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Theatre Sports

TheatreSports performed street theatre at the Bunnings Family Night for Halloween with Bronwyn Leal's jazz group Abstract Compulsion. The band performed free form jazz with Master of Chinese Kung Fu Damien Turner. There was a barbecue, malevolent maze, craft tables, music and costumes with over 400 people attending the event.

Following Halloween, Abstract Compulsion also performed original Latin/jazz music at the Peel Jam Festival on the Saturday.



What's On?

CLICK ON THE SHOW TITLES TO BUY TICKETS OR FIND OUT MORE INFO!

21, 22, 23 November 2025

A Midsummer Night's Dream - BTC



22 November 2025

Rhythm, Boots & Beats - PIPA

28 & 29 November 2025

The Little Mermaid Jr - CJTS

7 December 2025

CHROMA - The Dance Factory

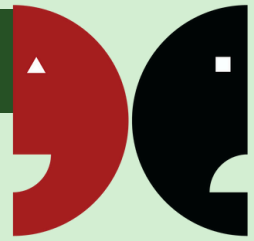
7.15pm 3 February 2026

BTC Meeting - CWA Hall

20, 21, 22 February 2026

Switched

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A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

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