

Calendar Girls

The Pavilion Boutique Hotel and Apartments and Wagga School of Arts are proud to announce that the *Calendar Girls* are coming to town

Mark your calendars

WAGGA School of Arts Community Theatre's latest production – the warm and funny *Calendar Girls* – is attracting plenty of attention across the Riverina.

The play, based on the popular film of several years ago starring Helen Mirren and Julie Walters, will be presented over eight performances in Wagga's Basement Theatre (at the rear of the Civic Theatre) from October 3 to 13.

The stage adaptation of the film started previewing in April 2009 at the Noel Coward Theatre in London's West End.

Based on a true story, the play follows a group of women from the Knapely Women's Institute in rural England, trying to raise money for a new couch in the local hospital after the husband of one of the women dies of cancer.

Their nude calendar raises plenty of money, eyebrows and media attention.

The SoACT production of *Calendar Girls* has been sponsored by the Pavilion Boutique Hotel and Apartments and has already drawn strong support from the local Cancer Council and the Wagga Breast Cancer council.

As well, the members of the cast have been seen around Wagga in publicity appearances – at Wagga airport and leading a singalong at the Pavilion Hotel.

They have been hard at work in rehearsals with director Irene Robson over the past month.

The cast includes Cassandra Nicholson and Jill Tucker as Chris and Annie, the two women leading the way on the project, with other *Calendar Girls* Tracey Lonergan, Annette Jones, Lynden Lalic, Britt Williams and Louise Egan.

Tracy Osborne and Ann Murphy head up the Women's Institute, with Paul Flynn and Bob Hitchens as Annie's and Chris's husbands. Both were seen in the recent SoACT production of Noel Coward's *Hay Fever*.

Hay Fever proved a popular show with packed houses during August, and the buzz around *Calendar Girls* indicates another big audience response so make sure you get your tickets early.

Calendar Girls will have a season of eight performances – five evening shows and three afternoons.

Performance dates and times:

Thursday 3 October at 8 pm; Friday 4 October at 8 pm; Saturday 5 October at 3 pm and 8 pm; Sunday 6 October at 3 pm; then Thursday 10 October at 8 pm; Friday 11 October at 8 pm and Sunday 13 October at 3 pm.

NOTE: There will be no performance on Saturday 12 October because of the David Helfgott concert in the Civic Theatre.



NAKED AMBITION: Annette Jones, Lynden Lalic, Cassandra Nicholson, Pavilion co-owner Adam Leahy, Louise Egan, Tracy Osborne, Jill Tucker, Tracey Lonergan. Picture: Les Smith

Bookings for *Calendar Girls* can be made at the Civic Theatre Booking Office, phone 6926 9688. Prices are adults \$25, concession \$20, students \$15, and group bookings of 10 or more at \$15 per ticket.

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