



MAITLAND
REPERTORY
THEATRE

Australia DAY

A politically incorrect satire by
Jonathan Biggins
Directed by Col Kirkman and Robert Comber



PROGRAM

5 - 23 February, 2020

By arrangement with David Spicer Productions www.davidspicer.com.au

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Coarse
Language &
Adult Concepts

The Cast

Robert Wilson - <i>Deputy Mayor</i>	Ronan Barrett
Brian Harrigan - <i>Mayor of Coriole</i>	Ian Robinson
Maree Bucknell - <i>CWA President</i>	Emma Saxby-Tisdell
Helen McInnes - <i>Greens Councillor</i>	Emma Campbell
Wally Stewart - <i>Builder/developer</i>	Matt Robinson
Chester Lee - <i>Teacher/school liaison</i>	Andrew Wu
Sheila - <i>Australia Day volunteer</i>	April Foster

Behind the Scenes

Directors	Col Kirkman and Robert Comber
Stage Manager	Joseph Manning
Stage Hands	Col Kirkman, Darren Kirkman
Properties Manager	Dimity Eveleens
Lighting Operator	Coldan Kirkman
Sound Operator	Robert Comber
Set Construction	Dan Shaunessy, Ian Robinson, Robert Comber, Dimity Eveleens, Col Kirkman, Saturday Morning Crew
Costumes	Col Kirkman and Cast
Make Up and Hair	Cast
Publicity	Ian Robinson
Poster and Program	Anne Robinson
FOH Roster	Lesley Minter

Run Time

The play runs for about 2 hours and 20 minutes including a 20 minute interval.

Setting

The play is set in the fictional NSW town of Coriole.

Act 1	The Coriole scout hall – four meetings of the Australia Day committee
Act 2	A tent on-site on Australia Day

Directors' Notes

What happens when an ambitious politician, his loyal deputy, an old-fashioned developer, the President of the CWA, a recently arrived son of “boat-people” and a greenie meet to arrange Australia Day celebrations? CHAOS!

Jonathan Biggins wrote this play after experiencing several tours of duty as an Australia Day Ambassador. The characters are an amalgamation of the numerous “types” of real characters he came across, and the play is a tribute to the people performing the often thankless task of trying to make our national celebration a day to be enjoyed. Thank you to everyone involved in this production.

Col Kirkman and Robert Comber, Directors



The Coriole Shire Organising Committee for Australia Day

2020 Season

February 5 to 23: **Australia Day**, an Aussie comedy

March 13 to 15: **Mr. Melancholy**, an absurd comedy*

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a powerful drama

Season Tickets \$65

**Mr. Melancholy is not included in our Season Ticket program*

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