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THE TWYFORD MEDIA RELEASE – 4 JANUARY 2022 - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUMMER PROGRAM AT THE TWYFORD

After lockdowns, COVID and building work on the adjacent theatre saw Twyford Hall closed for much of 2020-2021, the heritage listed building is once again open and in use by the community.

After easing its way in with local election prepolling and a number of art exhibitions in November and December, The Twyford is gearing up for a fantastic range of events, with something for all ages over the summer.

The Hall itself has undergone an upgrade with a rebuilt stage area and new cabling, sound and lighting installation carried out by local businesses CORE Electrical, GCLX, JMC Productions, Steve Hodgson Builders and Wes Fleet Painting, proudly funded by the NSW Government, with some equipment generously donated by Spectrum Theatre Group.

The Hall modifications are in addition to the new theatre, which is awaiting further funding before its completion and fitout later in 2022.

The Twyford program kicks off with a long-awaited exhibition by the Bega Valley Art & Craft Society from 5 to 9 January.

Fling Physical Theatre is holding its summer dance sessions for young people on 11 January in the Hall, with classes at 9:30am for ages 3-6 and at 11:15am for ages 7-14.

Little Wing Puppets will delight little ones aged 3-8 and their families with 4 performances of the puppet show "The Fish That Wanted To Fly" on 13 & 14 January at 10am and 1.30pm. The Fish That Wanted to Fly is about having the courage to pursue something, even if it seems likely you will never reach it, something we can all relate to during COVID!

In the story we meet a little Fish whose lagoon is drying up. All the other fish have left, and she wants to learn how to fly so she can see them again. Her friend, a hermit crab named Karramoko, sits by a stormwater drain and tells her it will never happen. She meets a Kingfisher who helps her and encourages her to keep trying. It's not until she meets a Cormorant, who offers to take her up into the sky that she flies for the first time. But will she make it back okay? The tale is set in a mangrove swamp, and is about friendship, resilience and sustainability.

Shadow puppet making workshops with puppeteer Jenny Ellis will also be held on 13 & 14 January at 11.30am. Children aged 4 to 12 will learn how to create and perform with their own shadow puppets, before taking them home to create their own show for their family!

Little Wing Puppets' performances and workshops are supported by the Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) fund - an Australian Government initiative.

The Twyford is supporting live music at the Merimbula Chamber of Commerce's twilight markets on Saturday 15 & 22 January from 4 to 8pm outside the Hall in Beach Street, thanks to a grant from Live Music Australia – an Australian Government initiative to support live original Australian contemporary music.

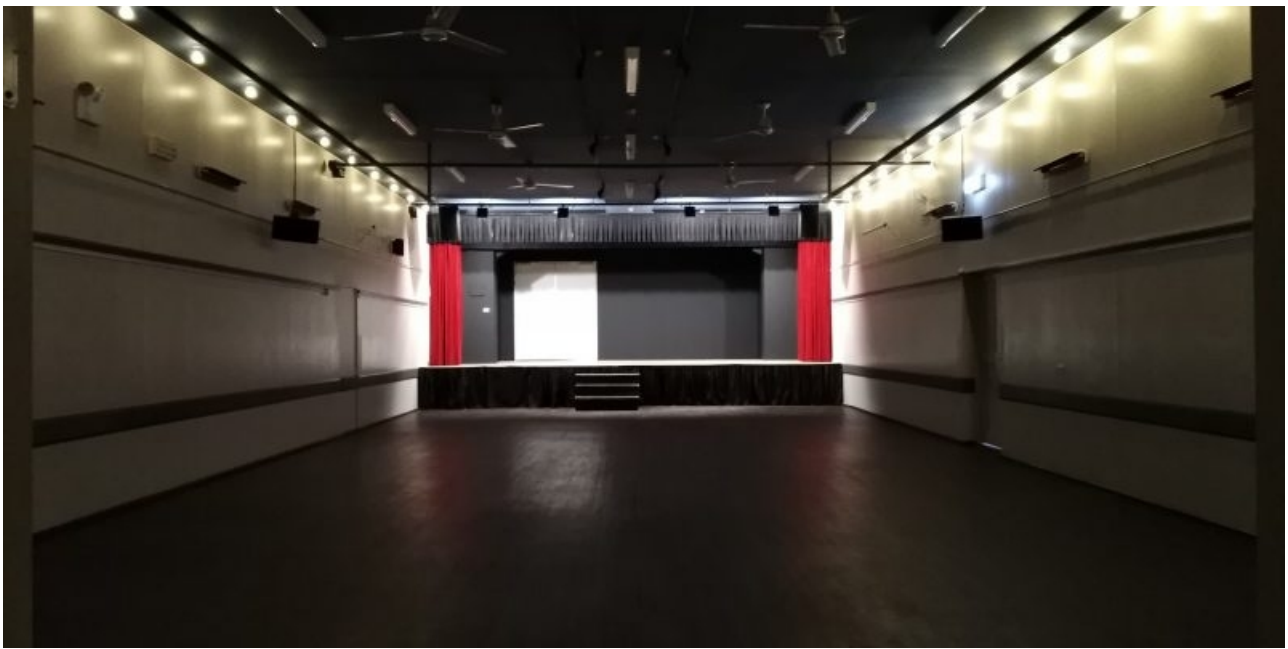
StageFlight Drama School is holding two one-day workshops at The Twyford: a character creation workshop for Primary students aged 8-12 years on 17 January, and a scene-playing and improvisation workshop for Secondary students aged 12-17 years on 19 January.

The Eurobodalla Health, Wellbeing & Psychic Expo will be happening on the weekend of 22-23 January, with a variety of stallholders in Twyford Hall open from 10am to 4pm.

For more details on the above, visit The Twyford's website <https://thetwyford.com.au>.

See over for photos ...

Photo captions below - larger resolution photos available on request.



1. The heritage-listed Twyford Hall is reopening after a project to rebuild the stage and add new cabling, lighting and sound (Supplied: The Twyford).



2. Little Wing Puppets are bringing the show "The Fish That Wanted To Fly" as well as shadow puppet-making workshops for younger audiences to Twyford Hall on 13 & 14 January (Supplied: Little Wing Puppets).

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