



# Gangway

Newsletter of the Cumberland Gang Show

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## ROB'S RAMBLINGS

Hi Gang,

I was watching "The Voice" on TV the other night and it struck me how challenging it is for the coaches to just hear and not see the performer. Of course, the audience see and hear the whole thing, and they go crazy while the coaches often look puzzled.



It just reminds me what a **performance** is all about – it's not just the quality of the singing, or how good you look, or how well you move – it's about how you **engage with the audience**. The audience

want to **see** you enjoying yourself, **giving all** you've got, **connecting** with them through the songs, through your **actions**, through your **facial expressions**, through your **smiles**. That's what makes a great performance.

And interestingly enough, EVERY single one of you has that opportunity. You don't have to be the soloist, the lead actor, the dance duo or the feature on stage. **You just have to be YOU** connecting personally with the audience.



I can't remember how many times someone has said to me that the best person on stage was that cast member in the second back row with the huge smile, the fabulous warmth coming from their faces, the enormous enthusiasm of their actions, the enjoyment they were showing in everything they did on stage, even though they had no special part! Does that describe you? If not, why not?



Be that special person, and the audience will love you for it. And start doing that now, because time is running out!

Yes, it may surprise you, but after tonight we have just two more brackets to learn before we know the whole show (including the finale). And last week was the last singing bracket where we could learn songs – so that means you now should know EVERY song, every part, every ending of every song in the show! Is that true for you?



The weekend camp is fast approaching, just 3 weeks away, when we need to perform the whole show non-stop for the very first time! Every sketch, every song, every dance, every move! Yep, just THREE. And are you ready?

We are now on the downhill run to opening night. Hang on tight; it's always a bumpy ride, but **if you put yourself into it, it's heaps of fun!**



And how are those ticket sales going? Have you got commitments for those 30 seats yet? Keep going! It's everybody's job to sell the show, so sell them a night of great entertainment, an uplifting jolt of energy, a buzz of exciting songs, a bellyful of laughs, a fabulous memory.

**Go on, sell them that dream, and then make it a reality!** Be more than just a voice, be an entertainer! They'll thank you for it.

And especially remember to... Keep smiling!

Dr Rob.

*Rob*



## PRODUCER'S JOKE OF THE WEEK

**Q:** What's the difference between a guitar player and a large pizza?

**A:** A large pizza can feed a family of four.



## PRODUCTION NOTES

### 6: All About Zeus

Last week on 'All About Zeus'...nothing at all happened! Join us next week for more of the same!

### 7: Zorro

Yes you need to concentrate to make it happen! Remember to smile. Latin rhythm needs your energy – it's a celebration of music and song – so keep it energetic – just like the Carnivale street parade!



### 8: Cow of a Day

Girls – we've cut out a few lines to speed this sketch up a little – what a great moo-ve! Keep the speed up – but don't rush your southern drawl ladies.



### 9: Moo, Moo, Moove Your Body

OK, now you know what to do, you can pull out ALL the stops to moove it, groove it and make it super funky!

### 10: Forgotten Superheroes

That was SUPER! Make sure you keep singing like superheroes.

### 13: Shake That!

It is looking great guys! Tonight we will be finishing the rest of the item. Keep shakin!



### 14: Missing Missy

This sketch is just sooo cute! Your characters are developing really well in all the "negative space". Keep up the good work and you won't be meeting anyone of several violent ends – tonight anyway!

### 15: A Visit from the Tummy Monster

Good work tummy monsters! Remember to jump around at the end – just like you've been at the party eating junk food all afternoon. Keep on smiling!

### 16: Cooking by Letters

Wow! This is going to be the best Scout camp ever!! Not contaminated with any Girl Guides! (Huh)! Loving your characters – keep it up. No scripts tonight. You all know your words – don't you?!



### 17: Scouts and Guides of Australia

Great work tonight. All the routines have been taught and we had some fantastic WOW moments with the parts. Please practise the parts at home, using your CD (that's what it is for)! We need to teach the flag routine and practice, practice, practice!



### 17b: It Rained on Monday

Great work. Remember your facial expressions, actions and get mad with the rain! Love it.



### 18: Avenue of Trees

Great work guys. I am looking forward to seeing this item progress.

### 19: The Line Up

So now everyone has learned their lines, have worked on their characters and figures out where they are sitting! So now, we will learn head movements! Yay!



### 20: Circus

Great start to a HUGE, COLOURFUL, fun filled item. Bring your smiles, your listening ears and your excitement for the circus next time.

### Circus (Follow the Crowd)

You all need to FOCUS, as there is a lot of action happening in this item. Tonight I want to see you all acting as per your characters – such as clowns, strongman, families etc. Let me see the excitement! It's the circus! Wow!



## PATROL BRIEF – Jodie and Ray

Well that was an interesting night at Evan's High! Next time we will have a bit more light, but I congratulate you all on being on your best behaviour! Don't forget THIS week we are Castle Hill High School.

I hope you have all started to prepare your **Patrol Presents** for the Saturday night activity at camp! Are you going to sing for us? Are you going to do a skit? Are you going to do a Gang Show Costume Fashion Parade?!?! Remember to keep it fun and exciting! If you need help or ideas, just ask :)

### Some things to remember:

- Please wear your shirt and scarf for opening and closing parade
- Wear a jacket **TO AND FROM** rehearsals. Scouters will be at the door at the end of the night to make sure you have a jacket on. We don't want you getting sick.
- Tickets?!?! I hope you have been trying to sell your 30 that you promised Rob at auditions! If you need help thinking of people to sell tickets to, ask your patrol members who they have approached.
- Have you had a look at the website yet? Jump on there and have a squiz – it's pretty amazeballs!

- And..... keep smiling!

### HANDY HINT of THE WEEK



I hear Gang Show people are pretty crazy... and crazy people wear crazy socks - just ask Rob - he wears red ones! If you are a crazy Gang Show person, wear crazy socks this week and have a crazy night of fun!

## Scouter in Charge – Jenny Wardell

**Information for all Cubs, Scouts, Venturers Rovers and Scout Leaders**  
**re Item 17: Scouts & Guides**

- Full Scout uniform will be worn for this item.
- This will consist of your regular section shirt, beige pants, Scout belt, black shoes and black socks.

**To make this Item look great and up to the usual Cumberland Gang Show standard;**

- All uniforms **MUST** be checked, **starting immediately**.
- Bring in your uniforms to show Jenny Wardell and have your name marked off her list. Thank you.
- Everyone must have a warm jumper or jacket to wear as they leave rehearsals.
- **Update** any **changed** contact information if necessary before 2<sup>nd</sup> camp.
- Again – put your names on your GS shirts - inside the neck.
- Many of you are still taking much too long to be quiet and ready to follow instructions. In an effort to improve the situation, Oscars will be given out to those cast members who are obviously trying to do the right thing by Scouters and Production Team members.

## SCOUTING/GUIDING PROGRESS

### SMURF

Tiffany Williams, Owen Small, Isani Cummins, Cameron Hayes, Emma Wood and Brendan Richards attended ANZAC services.

Owen Small and Brendan Richards attended the service for St George's Day at St James' Anglican Church.



Owen Small's group went on a 'no-tent' hike at Camp Coutts, and during that hike played a game of *Leech Lotto*.

### JOKES

A rugby footballer was having a regular check-up with his doctor. He said, "Doctor, I don't know what's wrong with me. Every time I try to run, I run out of puff after the first step. Every time I try to throw a ball, it just drops out of my hands. Every time I try to kick the ball, I miss, overbalance and fall down."

"Why don't you try a different sport like cricket or golf?" the doctor suggested.

"I can't," the footballer replied, "I'm the captain of Parramatta Eels!"



One night, a man was washing dishes with his wife when the husband suddenly *accidentally* dropped one of the plates onto the kitchen floor. "And where have you been going all this time?" the wife asked. "Down to the dance club with my mates like I told you," the husband replied.

The wife passed her husband another plate to dry - unfortunately he dropped that plate also.

"Are you sure you've been going to the dance club and not playing football?" the wife asked. "Absolutely," said the husband, "I would never lie to you."

The wife said nothing so the husband continued to dry a few more dishes. He was passed another dish, and the dish slipped out of his hands and fell onto the floor. "You liar!" she roared. "You **have** been playing for the Parramatta Eels, haven't you?!"

### GINGER MEGGS

Dee Nash, Damian Bordley and Josh Bordley attended Dragon Skin over Easter. Josh Bordley's team came in 11th. Josh has also completed his E2.

Victoria Englebrecht - attended the Guide Jamboree in the ACT last weekend.

Annette Cremer - put in her Den project proposal and assisted at the Easter Show.

### GARFIELD

Johnathan Myers earned his Level 2 Collector and Entertainer Badges

### JOKE

**Q.** Why did Tigger jump down the toilet?

**A.** To find Pooh!



### CHARLIE BROWN

Tess Killalea went fire twirling with Scouts at the Royal Easter Show

Byron Davis was rock climbing for Scouts at the Royal Easter Show

Chiara Mordini gained her Nature badge

### SCOOBY DOO

Bryn Catlin delivered phone books to fundraise for Jamboree

Tegan Scarano is working on her Junior BP

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## SOLO REHEARSALS – Jeanie Wood

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If you have been given a solo - you will need to learn your solo off the CD, and then have an individual rehearsal with Jeanie. If you cannot make your rehearsal, please contact Jeanie to arrange another time. **Rehearsals are held between 5pm and 6pm.**

### SOLO REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

**28<sup>th</sup> April** Nanna Technology  
So Long, Farewell, Goodnight

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## SKETCH WORKSHOPS - Kerrin Alamango

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If you are in a sketch, you need to attend the relevant workshop. If you cannot make a workshop, please let Kerrin (0401 559 528), Tristan or Adele know. **Workshops commence promptly at 5pm.**

### SKETCH WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

**28<sup>th</sup> April** Cooking by Letters

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## PERSONNEL MANAGER – Lorraine Shaw

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### REMINDERS

1. The second instalment of cast fees is due this week, 21st April.
2. Ticket vouchers need to be redeemed by 5th May 2012.
3. Backstage forms need to be submitted to Personnel no later than Wednesday 6th June. If received after this time, your name will not appear in the Programme.
4. If you have changed from Guides to Scouts or Scouts to Guides, can you please let me know your new membership number?

Any enquiries, please email me via [personnel@gangshow.asn.au](mailto:personnel@gangshow.asn.au) or phone me on **0425 318 952**

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## SET CONSTRUCTION – Bob Matthews

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The set construction team need helpers. They meet at **Bundilla Scout Camp**, 6 Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills every **Saturday and Sunday from 9.30am to 4.30pm** and will make you feel most welcome.

If anyone knows of a better location to meet and work on the sets, please let **Peter Lee** know - [peterlee@bigpond.com](mailto:peterlee@bigpond.com) or phone **9634 4795**

### VENUE FOR REHEARSAL

**28th APRIL** **CASTLE HILL HIGH**  
**Castle Street**  
**Castle Hill**

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## DUTY PATROL

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**TONIGHT**  
**ROAD RUNNER**  
Next week  
**Scooby Doo**

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## Gang Show Workshops – Dave Shaw

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Gang Show workshops are a great way of promoting our Show to Scout and Guide Groups across the Region. Each year we are invited to many Groups to run a night of theatre sports and other performing arts activities and to invite youth members to come and see the show and audition for further year's shows.

We are looking to train a number of teams to run these workshops. Tickets sales from workshops can be split across workshop team members. We will be having a training/information session for workshop teams at 5:00pm at the rehearsal venue. Please come along, get involved and spread the word about our great Show to fellow Scouts and Guides. Any questions - please contact David Shaw on **0424 080 012** or email [david.shaw@live.com.au](mailto:david.shaw@live.com.au) See you there!

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## ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT

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As you are aware by now, one of our cast members has a severe allergy to nuts and all nut products.

Thank you for helping us to make Gang Show nut free, by not bringing any peanut or tree-nut products of any description, to rehearsals and camp.

**Your care and consideration is very much appreciated**

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## TO THE EDITOR

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