Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – <u>Tues. 13th SEPT. 2022</u>

TOM SWEENEY – Past President Willoughby Theatre Co.



"LET'S PUT on a SHOW!"

Founded in 1957 from humble beginnings, the Willoughby Theatre Company is now one of Australia's leading theatre companies. Operating on a not-for-profit basis, it was established to provide quality theatre for the communities of Willoughby and surrounding areas. Presentations include Australian premiere musicals such as Chicago, Titanic, Zorba and The Scarlet Pimpernel, to



the blockbusters such as The Phantom of the Opera, Les Misérables, Cats, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Grease, A Chorus Line, The Boy from Oz, and Priscilla, Queen of the Desert. The Willoughby Theatre Company is the home of exceptional community theatre. The Company is passionate about musical theatre and strives to be a major and essential contributor to the cultural life of the community.

Our Guest Speaker.... TOM SWEENEY. Tom is the Past President of the Willoughby Theatre Company and Director extraordinaire by night. He has been involved with theatre since 1969 and has directed over 38 productions for Willoughby since 1978. In other times Tom was Community Relations Manager for the North Shore Heart Research Foundation, Community Relations for the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and Public Relations Manager for Hornsby Hospital. These positions cover a span of over 30 years. He was also Past President of the Rotary Club of Crows Nest.

Tom is married to Joy and resides at Killara.

His Presentation... There will be much discussion on the WTC in general but this is also a behind the scenes look at the process of auditions, scenery, costumes etc and the costs involved. In addition, the magic of theatre comes with its own pitfalls.

However...... "The show must go on"!



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