



# *Information Pamphlet for Applicants*

# 2021



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## **HISTORY**

The Darling Downs Revue has been performing for 27 seasons since it started in 1991. The show is a theatrical, musical & variety revue organised by Scouts Australia, Darling Downs Region, as a training activity for youth members of both Scouts and Guides. It provides a wonderful opportunity to experience Performing Arts.

If you are prepared to demonstrate your commitment to the Scout/Girl Guide Promise and Law and have a talent for dancing, acting, playing an instrument, singing or perhaps you just enjoy being on stage, then you may like to apply to join the cast. There are also opportunities to work in one of the many support areas behind the scenes or play in the band if being on stage isn't your thing.

The 2021 performances are likely to be held at the USQ Arts Theatre, West St, Toowoomba on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th November.

## **INFORMATION FOR CAST AND SUPPORT**

Cast at all times must be registered and financial members of the Scout Association or Guide Association who are prepared to participate in the Darling Downs Revue, in addition to their regular Scout or Guide activities and meet the age criteria as listed. Concessions are available to members of the Show who wish to participate in Cast whilst also doing studies, work or are under 9 years of age. This means that the Show will support you by allocating you less items, therefore you will have the ability to attend a reduced number of rehearsals.

Support areas consist of parents and others who are prepared to help youth members and uphold the principles of Scouting and Guiding. Support personnel can be either uniformed or non-uniformed. The minimum age is 18, however, younger applicants who are members of the Scout or Guide Movements will be considered.

Junior Support is available for youth members aged 14 to 17 who are interested in one of the many sections that operate behind the scenes. Involvement will be tailored to the Award Scheme.

## **AGE CRITERIA FOR CAST**

- Cub Scouts who have attained their 9th birthday by the 1st April 2021, Scouts, Venturer Scouts, Rovers and Young Leaders.
- Guides who have attained their 9th birthday by the 1st April 2021 and Young Leaders.
- The upper age limit for the cast in 2021 is 30 years.
- Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts and Guides that don't met the age criteria above may apply as part of our Youngster Cast, in which they will have less items and rehearsals.
- For applicants between the ages of 18-30, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss leadership options with you.

## **CAST INVOLVEMENT**

Cast rehearsals are held on approx 10 Sundays during July to October from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at St Anthony's Scout Den, 124 Stephen St, Toowoomba.

Two weekend rehearsal camps will be held on the following weekends: 17th & 18th July 2021 at Wirraglen Scout Campsite; and 9th & 10th October 2021 at St Anthony's Scout Den, commencing at 9:00am Saturday to 3:00pm Sunday.

Cast that are allocated drama/acting parts and solo's/duets may also be required to rehearse on a Monday evening or from 11:00am on the Sunday at St Anthony's Scout Den on an as needed basis.

Please study the rehearsal dates and times available at <http://darlingdownsrevue.org.au> or TeamApp - Darling Downs Revue to ensure you are aware of the commitment that you are making.

**Note that the two weekend rehearsal camps and all rehearsals from the 9th October are compulsory.**

## **SUPPORT INVOLVEMENT**

The Support Sections offer a variety of interesting activities. These sections meet at various times and locations throughout the Revue season as the following describes.

- **BAND:** A rewarding opportunity for those that can play a musical instrument. Whether you only wish to help during rehearsals, or as a member of the band for the show, we have a position available for you.

- **COSTUMES & WARDROBE:** Sewing days when scheduled are on Sundays during cast rehearsal times. If you are unable to sew at these times but are willing to help, please let us know. During the season at the USQ Arts Theatre, the wardrobe 'Mums' help to dress the cast as well as ironing and doing minor repairs etc.

- **BACKSTAGE & STAGE CREW:** The stage crew works on Sundays, and allocated Thursday nights building the sets and

painting the scenery. This section also includes lighting, sound, and small props: so if you have any technical, artistic or practical skills, or are just a willing worker, you would be most welcome in the stage crew. Work commences in May and we seek full attendance at construction sessions from early August. Please consider being part of this interesting and exciting team.

- **MAKE-UP/WIGS:** The Make-up and Wig Teams welcome people who are willing to work with the cast. Training will be provided.

- **PROMOTIONS:** This team promotes the Show. Tasks include photography, video, seeking promotional material, writing and distributing media releases, and producing the program. All welcome!

- **FRONT OF HOUSE:** Ushers, Program Sellers and Canteen Staff are required at the theatre during show times. We also require people to assist with VIP hosting.

## **CAST AUDITIONS**

Applying to join the Darling Downs Revue cast can be very daunting to a new applicant and even more as nerve wracking for a returning cast member who wants to demonstrate their improved skills between seasons. Below is some information about our audition process.

### **When and Where:**

Auditions will be held at St Anthony's Scout Den, 124 Stephen St, Toowoomba on Sunday 13th June 2021 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm and Saturday 19th June 2021 from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

### **Summary:**

At auditions, applicants must:

- Be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian (if under 18),
- Wear full correct Scout or Guide uniform,
- Dance a short routine as part of a group,

- Act out a few lines of a sketch provided at the audition (excluding under 9 yrs),
- Have your photo taken,
- Sing a song of your choice, and
- Discuss being in the Gang with the Production Director.

### **Song Choice and Process for Singing:**

You may sing any song of your choice. For the 2021 auditions we are asking every applicant to sing to a backing track. This is to be a karaoke track only and you are to provide a link from YouTube. Most popular songs have karaoke versions on YouTube.

The important part about this is that you **MUST** choose your song prior to attending auditions and you should practice your chosen song at home. Just like all the major TV singing shows – song choice and practice is vitally important to a successful audition.

**PLEASE COME PREPARED** so as not to be disappointed and also please come prepared to sing the entire song. In some circumstances, if we have heard enough to determine singing capability, then we may cut you off. Please do not be offended if this happens to you.

Your karaoke version link will be displayed on the screen behind the judging panel – you do not need to memorise the words but you must practice before attending. Look up at the words beyond the judges when you sing for them.

### **Note to Parents and Guardians:**

It is important that we have the opportunity to speak with parents of all new Gang Show cast applicants who are under 18 years of age. We will do this whilst your youth are going through the audition process. Family members will not be able to witness the individual audition process.

### **Audition Criteria:**

Auditions are used to assess the applicant for Talent, Grooming and Uniform, Attitude, and Service to the Darling Downs Revue. Doing an audition doesn't mean that you/your child may be

excluded from the Revue. It lets the Production Team assess their skills to better choose roles for them within the seasons production.

## **COSTS INVOLVED AS A CAST MEMBER**

An Activity Fee of **\$120** (\$60 for a Cast concession if applicable) is charged to cover costs of the two camps, the hire of rehearsal venues, rehearsal materials and the performance DVD.

This cost is payable upon your acceptance into the show, and can be paid in one amount by the 17th July, or in two installments of \$60 by the 17th July and 9th October respective. If you are unable to pay this amount in full please see the Revue Treasurer to arrange payments. You will sent an invoice at the start of rehearsals, and will get a weekly reminder letting you know the outstanding amount you have left to pay.

If you have not entered into a payment plan, and have not paid by the dates specified, you may be charged a \$50 late payment fee.

**Cheques should be made payable to  
'Scouts Australia, Darling Downs Revue' or  
Direct Deposit to Heritage Bank BSB 638-070 A/c 13514512.**

- **Costumes:** You will be expected to supply some costume items at your own personal expenses - (i.e black shoes, some clothing, etc.) details will be supplied during the season.

- **Uniform:** All Scouting cast will be required to wear full uniform. This may require to purchase the Dress Uniform shirt and the belt, along with black leather shoes. Darling Downs Revue will supply the rest. Guides are required to wear their formal uniform.

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE AS A CAST OR SUPPORT MEMBER**

All members must abide by the Scout/Guide Promise and Law, Code of Conduct, and any conditions set down by the Darling Downs Revue Executive Committee.

### **APPLICATION FORMS**

If you are interested in joining either the cast or a support team then you are required to complete the Application Form that may be downloaded from the Revue's website at [darlingdownsrevue.org.au](http://darlingdownsrevue.org.au) or Facebook - Darling Downs Revue

Applications must be signed personally and applicants under 18 must also have their Parent's/Guardian's signature.

Applications must then be forwarded to  
**'Darling Downs Revue 2021, P.O. Box 6310, Clifford  
Gardens, QLD. 4350'**

Email to '[applications@darlingdownsrevue.org.au](mailto:applications@darlingdownsrevue.org.au)',  
Fill in online at '[darlingdownsrevue.org.au](http://darlingdownsrevue.org.au)'

**NOTE: APPLICATIONS FOR CAST MEMBERSHIP  
CLOSE ON 29th May 2021 AND NO LATE  
APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.**