



The **Darling Downs Revue** has been performing for 25 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 2019 performances will be held at the USQ Arts Theatre, West St, Toowoomba on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th 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 2019, Scouts, Venturer Scouts, Rovers and Young Leaders.
- Girl Guides who have attained their 9th birthday by the 1st April 2019 and Young Leaders.
- The upper age limit for the cast in 2019 is 30 years.
- Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts and Guides that don't meet 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 the Darling Downs Region Headquarters, 2 Victory Street, Toowoomba.

Two weekend rehearsal camps will be held on the following weekends:

- 20th & 21st July 2019 at Wirraglen Scout Campsite; and
- 12th & 13th October 2019 at Drayton 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 the Region Headquarters 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 12th 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.

WARDROBE: Sewing days when scheduled are on Sundays during cast rehearsal times at the Region Headquarters, Victory Street. 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 April 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 and Program Sellers are required at the theatre during show times. We also require people to assist with VIP hosting.

Cast and Support Members over 18 years of age are required to hold a current 'Positive Notice Blue Card for Child Related Employment' as well as be a Youth Support Member of Scouts Qld. Appropriate forms will be forwarded to you on acceptance of your application.

Cast Auditions

These will be held at the Darling Downs Region Scout Headquarters, 2 Victory Street, Toowoomba on:

- Sunday 16th June 2019 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm
- Saturday 22nd June 2019 from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Applicants must wear full correct uniform and **will be required to sing a song as part of the audition process.**

You are required to bring along a recording of a song of their choice to sing, or we will have a selection of popular songs available. If bringing a recorded track, it is advisable to not have vocals on the track. If unsure of a song, there will be a selection on our Revue website to download. The whole audition process takes about one hour.

Note to Parents: In order to fulfil our duty of care, it is imperative that we have the opportunity to speak with parents of all Revue applicants who are under 18 years of age. We will do this on Sunday morning 14th July, during our Meet and Greet to start off the rehearsal season.

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 Revue.

Costs Involved as a Cast Member

An **Activity Fee of \$100** (\$50 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 **20th July**, or in two installments of \$50 by the 20th July and 12th October respective. If you are unable to pay this amount in full please see the Revue Treasurer to arrange payments. 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 the blue uniform. This will require the purchase of 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 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 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 2019, P.O. Box 6310, Clifford Gardens, QLD. 4350'
- Email to applications@darlingdownsrevue.org.au,
- Fill in online at ['darlingdownsrevue.org.au'](http://darlingdownsrevue.org.au)

Applications are due by 1st June 2019 for cast, and by 30th August 2019 for Support

NOTE: APPLICATIONS FOR CAST MEMBERSHIP CLOSE ON 1st June 2019 AND NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

For more information or enquiries, please contact the Darling Downs Region Leader - Cultural Russell Hartwig on 0423 301 418

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Information Pamphlet for Applicants

