

NEWS

Location shoot for arts

BY MICHELLE SMITH

BRIGHT young performers and Ballarat tourism venues are teaming up for an end-of-year production with a difference.

With students from Ballarat Centre of Music and the Arts unable to work toward their usual end of year performance at Her Majesty's Theatre, owner Paula Heenan decided to think big and showcase Ballarat along with the talented young actors, dancers and singers.

The result is hundreds of performers being filmed at various well-known Ballarat landmarks, which will be edited together in to around eight ours of video.

Earlier this year Ms Heenan wrote to various venues outlining her plans and asking for support.

"Our concept is to film our students performances in various venues in and around Ballarat and to create a video that showcases our beautiful city and its attractions," she wrote. Kryal Castle, the Mercure, BSEC (Ballarat Sports & Events Centre), Lake Wendouree, Botanical Gardens, St. Alipius Primary School, the Mining Exchange and Craigs Royal Hotel as well as a number of private properties all came to the party.

"We normally would have our end of year big stage pro-

duction at Her Majesty's but we wanted to give the kids something to work toward, even though they hadn't seen each other for seven months," Ms Heenan said.

"It's an amazing experience for our students who have never done anything like this before. Instead of a three minute dance on stage, they're being filmed from different angles... and learning about that different art. COVID has been a catalyst for change."

Ms Heenan said COVID had also bought Ballarat's dance school community closer together, with schools now swapping costumes and sets and communicating regularly. During lockdown, Wendouree MP Juliana Addison held a virtual meeting with the city's dance school owners about the support and changes they needed.

"This has certainly bought us together as owners of dance schools. It's been wonderful," Ms Heenan said.

BCMA has offered a hybrid of online, outdoor and now indoor but masked lessons throughout the year. In all, 52 solo singers, 15 solo dancers and actors, and 29 dance groups featuring more than 300 students in total will be part of the BCMA videos, along with 82 students filming *Seussical the Musical* and 42 in *Moana* in small COVID-safe groups.



ON LOCATION: Cahlia Stobie performs for cameraman Matthew Heenan at Kryal Castle during filming for BCMA's end of year virtual production. **Picture:** supplied

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Total cases: 20,345
(38 active)

Deaths: 819

Regional Victoria average daily case number: 0

Regional Victoria unknown cases: 0

- BALLARAT: 58 (0 active)
- MOORABOOL: 38 (0)
- GOLDEN PLAINS: 18 (0)
- PYRENEES: 3 (0)
- HEPBURN: 2 (0)
- WYNDHAM: 2264 total cases (8 active)
- BRIMBANK: 2019 (6)
- DAREBIN: 667 (4)
- HUME: 1664 (3)
- CASEY: 1063 (2)
- GREATER DANDENONG: 540 (2)
- HOBSONS BAY: 505 (2)
- MELTON: 1155 (2)
- BANYULE: 450 (1)
- FRANKSTON: 248 (1)
- GLEN EIRA: 232 (1)
- MELBOURNE: 883 (1)
- MONASH: 337 (1)
- MORELAND: 1052 (1)
- PORT PHILLIP: 294 (1)
- WHITTLESEA: 1206 (1)
- YARRA: 462 (1)
- ALPINE 1
- ARARAT 7
- BASS COAST 10
- BAW BAW 16
- BENALLA 3
- BOROONDARA 271
- BULOKE 0
- CAMPASPE 10
- CARDINIA 204
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- COLAC OTWAY 137
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TOMORROW



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