BURWOOD COUNCIL IN ASSOCIATION WITH ASHFIELD YOUTH THEATRE PRESENTS…

William Shakespeare’s ‘Measure for Measure’

Local youths are preparing to showcase their acting abilities with a production of the William Shakespeare play ‘Measure for Measure’. The cast, aged between 13 and 22 will put a modern spin on the Shakespeare classic with the storyline surrounding a school camp.

The crew and technicians hired to help put the performance together are also made up of local youths, and Burwood Mayor, John Faker is looking forward to being in the audience.

‘There is so much young talent out there that goes unnoticed and it’s important for kids to get the opportunity to explore their interests. Theatre groups like this not only give youngsters the chance to express themselves, but also help to build their confidence and social skills,’ said Cr Faker.

‘As Mayor it makes me very proud that Burwood is supporting youth theatre and with the opening of our new Civic Precinct with art and cultural facilities, we will be able to accommodate many more productions such as this,’ said the Mayor.

Measure for Measure explores the complexities of human behaviour with characters caught between power and humility. In this modern day adaptation of Shakespeare’s ‘problem-play’ a group of young people at their school camp are forced to weigh up the importance of their values against the need for justice - realising that compromise could be their only solution.

Drawing parallels to Shakespeare’s original ‘Measure for Measure’, the young people realise this moral dilemma has been played out before.

Date: Fri 23 and Sat 24 May
Time: 8.00pm
Venue: Burwood Community and Cultural Centre, 47 Belmore St, Burwood

‘Be wary of those that measure... for the scales of justice do sway’.

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