

THE CLUB

By David Williamson

Details

Director: Vicky Horwood.

Season: 29th April – 8th May 2027.

Rehearsals: from approximately 21st February, Tue & Thu evenings and Sun afternoons/evenings.

Synopsis

The Club is a satirical play by the Australian playwright David Williamson. It follows the fortunes of an Australian rules football club over the course of a season and explores the clashes of individuals from within the club. It was inspired by the backroom dealings and antics of the Victorian Football League 's Collingwood Football Club.

Although first staged in 1977 (50 years ago), is it surprisingly reflective of many issues still facing Australian Rules Football teams: money rather than team spirit or tradition govern the management of clubs; coaches are sacked; administrators control decisions; players are bought for absurd sums; and bitter disputes are played out in the media. The main difference is the number of zeros after the dollar sign.

The play is big, broad and very funny even if you know nothing about footy.

Parts Available

While some of the roles have been cast, we still require the following roles.

- Ted: Around 50-55 yrs, short in stature, the club President and runs a pie factory. Never played at the highest level but boasts seeing every game the club has played in his 50 years.
- Geoff Hayward: 20-28 yrs, athletic looking, the new star recruit. Recruited from Tassie and an acknowledged champion there but untried in Vic. Outspoken and a little on the alternative side.
- Danny: Aged 30-35, a stalwart of the club, but getting on in years, in football terms. Loyal as they get to the one club, he's been loyal to for decades.