

# Mark your diaries for *Calendar Girls*

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FOURTEEN years later and it's legendary.

Eleven middle-aged women support their recently widowed friend by taking off their clothes for the sake of a calendar which, despite initial scepticism, instantly gains worldwide attention, raising two million pounds for cancer research.

Made into a film in 2003, School of Community Arts Theatre (SoACT) will bring *Calendar Girls* to the Basement Theatre for eight performances, with the bevy of beauties being directed by Irene Robertson.

"The calendar project attracts widespread attention in a story of laughs and fine entertainment," SoACT president, Nancy Blacklow said.

"It's a classic but unique tale with elegant cast members telling the story."

## Stage set

- School of Community Arts Theatre (SoACT) will bring *Calendar Girls* to the stage next month, from October 3 to 13.
- Tickets are available from the Civic Theatre booking office on 6926 9688.

The play will run from October 3 to 13, with SoACT remaining true to the original idea behind the calendar, using opening night and the October 10 performance to raise money for the Cancer Council and Breast Cancer Council.

On Wednesday, acting talents including Jill Tucker, Louise Egan and Britt Williams all cut polished figures as they arrived in the city for rehearsals.

"SoACT just finished its most recent production of Noel Coward's *Hay Fever*, which drew sellout crowds," Ms Blacklow said.



**KIT OFF FOR A GOOD CAUSE:** (From top) Cast members of *Calendar Girls*, Tracy Osborne, Annette Jones, Linden Lalic, Jill Tucker, Louise Egan, Britt Williams and Cassandra Nicholson at Wagga Airport. Picture: Michael Frogley

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