

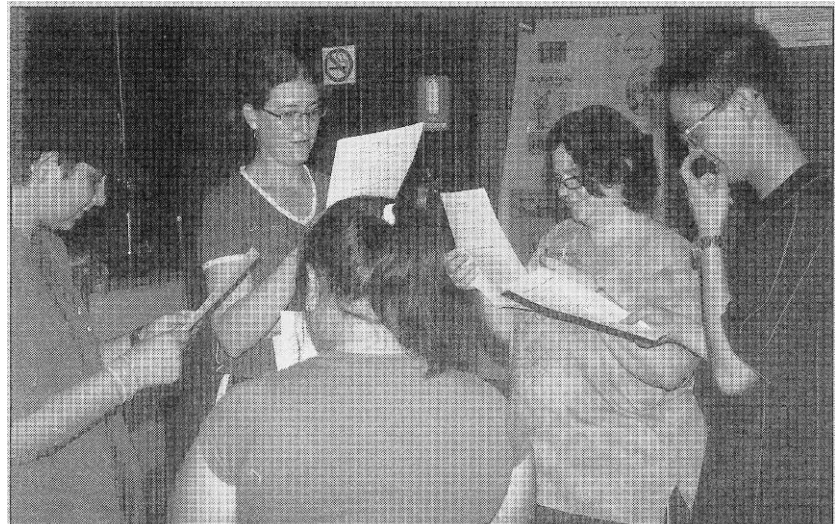
Talent to burn for theatre group

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A RECORD turnout for auditions was just the start to the theatre season that Mount Isa Theatrical Society needed.

Twenty-five people fronted to try out for the company's new show 'Your Place or Mine?', much to the surprise of director Wes Yip.

"We certainly weren't expecting this, but it's great to see so many people," he said.



AUDITIONS: Bec Brock (left) Jenelle Robartson, Carmen Wood and Wes Yip, practice their lines. - Picture: TESS THOMAS/ 0446

"This is best turnout we've had for a couple of years."

While there were familiar faces, more than one third were newcomers to the theatre group.

"There's a lot of new talent which is fantastic, although the downside is that not everyone will get a part."

But that doesn't mean they won't get a chance to be involved.

Mr Yip said while most of the casting had already been finalised, they still needed help in other areas.

"We're always looking for people to get involved backstage, behind the bar, in set construction and also with lighting design," he said.

Written by Timothy Tuck, 'Your Place or Mine' follows the tale of Matthew Flinders and Nicolas Baudin's famous meeting on uncharted Australian shores in 1802.

While the history books tell one story, this melodrama gives a completely untrue, but much funnier, version of the story.

Mr Yip is encouraging Mount Isa residents to come along to the show.

"It's a laugh - a light-hearted take on a piece of Australian history."

"I think audiences will really enjoy it."

'Your Place or Mine' plays on Friday and Saturday nights from March 13 to April 4.

Tickets cost \$30 each or \$25 each for groups of eight or more, and includes dinner and dessert. Book at The Thingodontas Den, 15 West St, or contact Wes on 0434 869 400.

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