

Opinion

Theatrical bouquets

CONGRATULATIONS must go to the newly formed Duck Creek Mountain Theatre Company for its presentation of the play Remnants at the Alstonville Leisure and Entertainment Centre on July 24-25.

What a grand opportunity it was for the local community to get to know more about a local heroine.

Jessie Blanch from Rous spent three-and-a-half years as a prisoner of war after the fall of Singapore.

She was an inspiration to the other nurses who were

imprisoned with her.

Her story was beautifully told in John Senczuk's play.

Thanks go to well-known Australian actress and former Alstonville girl Rachael Beck and her two supports, Shelley Grace and Alexandra Mills, who did an outstanding job telling the inspirational story.

Many locals were fascinated by the story, which had been previously told in book form by the Alstonville Plateau Historical Society.

I look forward to John, a very experienced theatrical person who has come to live among us, writing and producing many more plays about our local heritage.

Some of these stories need passing on to our younger generations, as they truly reflect the difficult times our forebears went through to give us the life we live today.

Alstonville can be very proud to have such a talented writer and producer and actresses in our midst.

Well done to you all!

I for one will look forward to supporting your future efforts.

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