

November Meeting:

Waverley Film Society will meet at Wadham House, 52 Wadham Parade, Mount Waverley (MEL 61 E2), at **7.40** on **Wednesday, 9th of November**. Apologies can be left with Brett on 9807 3426

The management recommends the **wearing of masks** as the meeting room is a confined space.

This month we will screen ***Grease (1978)***

Good girl Sandy Olsson and greaser Danny Zuko fell in love over the summer. When they unexpectedly discover they're now in the same high school, will they be able to rekindle their romance?



Film Choices for the 2023 Program. Remember to bring your selection sheets for the 2023 films to this meeting. If you will not be at the meeting, you can email the numbers of your selections to me, (perhaps by replying to this email).



Last Meeting

- 19 attended, including 3 visitors. We received 8 apologies.
- *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* was awarded 3.9 stars.
- The new DVD player performed well.
- Members received a list of films from which to choose their preferences for the 2023 program. They will return their selections at the November meeting.

Next Meeting

The film to be screened on Wednesday, December 14th, 2022 is:

The Flying Deuces (1939)

Ollie has fallen in love, but she is married. To forget her, he joins the French Foreign Legion.



Posters are available for posting in community spaces to advertise the society and the next screening.

GREASE (1978) *(Reference: www.imdb.com)*

Director: Randal Kleiser

Writers: Bronte Woodard (screenplay), Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey (original musical).

Cinematography: Bill Butler

Editing: John F Burnett

Music: Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

Cast includes:

John Travolta Danny

Olivia Newton-John Sandy

Stockard Channing Rizzo

Jeff Conaway Kenickie

Eve Arden Principal McGee

Sid Caesar Coach Calhoun

Trivia

- This movie is set in 1958.
- "Grease", the off-Broadway musical, opened in Chicago, in 1971. The musical had been running for seven years when this movie came out.
- In the original stage musical, which was set in Chicago, Sandy was a Polish Catholic girl, and her last name was "Dumbrowski".
- Dame **Olivia Newton-John** was 29 when she played Sandy Olsson (who's supposed to be 17). **Stockard Channing** was 33 when she played Rizzo (who's also supposed to be about 17).
- **Jeff Conaway** was so infatuated with Dame **Olivia Newton-John** he was tongue-tied whenever she was around. He later married Olivia's sister, **Rona Newton-John**.
- "Greased Lightning" was supposed to be sung by **Jeff Conaway's** character, Kenickie, as it is in the stage version. **John Travolta** used his clout to have his character sing it.
- Due to a zipper breaking, Dame **Olivia Newton-John** had to be sewn into the trousers she wears in the last sequence (the carnival at Rydell).
- The cast chewed about one hundred thousand pieces of bubble gum during the shoot, up to five thousand pieces a day.

Review: **One of the Greatest Musicals Ever Made** *(Michael_Elliott 2014)*

Bad boy Danny (John Travolta) meets good girl Sandy (Olivia Newton-John) and the rest is Hollywood history. GREASE was a smash when it was on Broadway but I don't think anyone involved with the film could have imagined that it would become such a hit and now such a legendary film. With countless soundtracks sold and several theatrical re-releases over the years, GREASE is certainly one of the most loved musicals and in my opinions it's one of the greatest.

I personally think this film is just about flawless in regards to charm and fun because it's impossible not to love the characters, their situations and of course the countless great songs that are scattered through the picture. "You're the One That I Want" is clearly the most memorable and fun song here but there are other classics like "Summer Nights," "Hopelessly Devoted to You," "Look At Me I'm Sandra Dee" and of course the show-stopping "Beauty School Drop-Out" by Frankie Avalon.

The performances are certainly among the best you're ever going to see because everyone is just so perfect in the roles they're given. Travolta and Newton-John clearly have a great chemistry and their charm just oozes from the screen. Stockard Channing, Jeff Conaway, Barry Pearl, Michael Tucci and Didi Conn are also wonderful. Plus, getting to see guest stars like Avalon, Joan Blondell and Sid Caesar is great as well.

GREASE is certainly a film that is going to live on just as long as there are still movies around. It's clearly one of the best of its type and there's a reason why it remains so popular.