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Spare Parts Puppet Theatre
The Man from Snowy River
July 4 to 18 (school holiday season) + July 25

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*“There was movement at ...
the checkout ...”*



Classic poem to get puppet treatment

A new production inspired by iconic Australian poem, *The Man from Snowy River*, will receive a world premiere in the Term 2 holidays, opening on July 4.

This latest Spare Parts production written by Mark Storen and directed by Philip Mitchell, re-imagines Banjo Patterson's famous poem through the eyes of a city boy who dreams of heroic adventures. One day in the supermarket, his dreams come true and he goes on the larrikin-ride of his life.

Designed by the company's Chief Puppet Maker, Jiri Zmitko *The Man from Snowy River* showcases Spare Parts' trademark puppetry techniques as well as shadow play and object theatre in a rollicking adventure story of a boy finding his place in the world.

The production features acclaimed performers, Shane Adamczak, Michelle Robin Anderson and Michael Barlow and marks the 20th original score that local composer, Lee Buddle has created for the company.

Artistic Director of Spare Parts, Philip Mitchell said that he was thrilled to bring one of Australia's iconic works to new life for the young and young at heart. "We have gone to the heart of the Aussie larrikin spirit in our madcap presentation of this great poem," he said. "I am sure if Patterson could see it he would join in a hearty meat-pie size of a laugh at the antics of our modern, urban, and unlikely bushman."

The Man from Snowy River opens on July 4 for the Term 2 school holidays with two shows a day at the new times of 10am and 1pm at the company's newly air-conditioned theatre in Fremantle opposite the train station.

Early bookings to secure tickets are always advised as Spare Parts' shows frequently sell out. 24/7 booking facilities are available online at www.sppt.asn.au or by phone on 9335 5044.

Spare Parts Puppet Theatre is Australia's leading puppetry company creating entertaining and inspirational theatre for young people and their families. In 2011, the company will celebrate 30 years of creating quality new Australian puppetry works that excite the way we view our world through image, illusion and entertainment.

**Excellent images as well as photo and interview opportunities are available.
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LISTINGS:

The Man from Snowy River – Spare Parts Puppet Theatre re-imagines the classic Banjo Patterson poem through the eyes of young boy who fantasises in a supermarket that he is an urban bushman. A rollicking adventure story suitable for all ages but perfect for 5 to 12 year olds and their families.

Spare Parts Puppet Theatre, 1 Short Street Fremantle (opposite the Freo Train Station)

July 4 to 18 + July 25 at 10am and 1pm (no shows on Sunday)

Tickets: Adults at children's prices \$17.50 / Groups 4+ \$15.40 / Groups 10+ \$13.50

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