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**Beloved classic:** *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*'s cast includes (back, left) Sian Fuller as Gemma and Jordan Fuller as Jeremy; (front, left) Geoff Stone as Caractacus Potts and Kish Jedrejczak as Truly; and (right) Brian McGann as Grandpa. **Picture:** John Veaga

## Get a real bang from a flying car

By **Monica Heary**

ACTOR Geoff Stone poses the "triple threat" — theatrical parlance for being able to act, sing *and* dance.

Although Stone has had many leading roles previously, it is the first time he has been cast as the inventor Caractacus Potts, in the musical *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*.

The musical itself is also a bit of a "one off" for the 70-year-old Regals Musical Society — it is the first amateur company in NSW to perform the play.

Stone, who grew up at Kogarah Bay, initially performed with the Regals in 1979 and is now returning after a six-year absence.

The story revolves around Caractacus Potts (who has two children), an eccentric grandfather and Truly Scrumptious, a member of the upper class.

Potts transforms a wreck of a car into a beautiful roadster, rechristened Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

*Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.*  
 Rockdale Town Hall,  
 corner of Princes Highway  
 and Bryant Street, Rockdale;  
 May 1-16;  
 bookings:  
[theregals.com.au](http://theregals.com.au)

Stone, who is accustomed to playing comic characters such as King Arthur in *Spamalot*, is looking forward to his *Chitty* role.

"It is exciting to be part of it and the orchestra sounds fantastic," he said.

"We're hoping the audience enjoys what was a very famous movie and that they recognise the songs."

He is looking forward to performing with Brian McGann, also returning to the Regals after a long absence.

McGann plays Grandpa, Chad Smith is Lord Scrumptious and Regals newcomer Kish Jedrejczak is Truly.

Director Danielle Nicholls-Fuller has engaged an experienced technical team to develop a car that "flies".

**Stone, country sales manager for Finnair (the largest airline in Finland), was tempted once to become a professional actor — but decided to opt for a steadier income instead.**