



Spot the difference: untrained dancers Billy-Joe Wikitera and Michael Hussey-Smith (middle) join Dean Cross (left) and James Shannon (right). Picture: REBECCA MICHAEL

Landing on their feet

WANTED: young people with zero dance experience to appear in a theatre show about dancing.

Star choreographer Lucy Guerin put the call out early this year for Dandenong's Drum Theatre, and two local lads who were between jobs got the gig. Michael Hussey-Smith, 33, and Billy-Joe Wikitera, 21, are on a seven-stop tour with *Untrained* and valiantly matching the moves of two professional dancers.

Untrained was conceived by Guerin as a way of exploring "how non-dancers deal with choreographed dance".

"For the non-dancers, it's been a leap into the unknown requiring courage and a sense of humour," she says.

see > *Untrained* on Thursday at Frankston Arts Centre and Saturday at Kingston Arts Centre. Also tours to Wangaratta, Geelong.

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