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Ipswich Little Theatre Newsletter

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## HELP!



Can you lend ILT a  
single mattress for use  
in the next play?

Please contact direc-  
tor, Jim Orr

**0447 20 00 06**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The winner of 2 tickets to  
"Voices" is Mavis McFarlane  
of Springfield Lakes.



*and a  
wonderful  
New Year to  
all our theatre  
members and  
friends!*

## VOICES: THREE ONE ACT PLAYS

Our first production for 2010 is a short season of three one act plays, *Ebbed*, by Queensland playwright Mark Lucas (many of you know his work as a writer and actor from the One Act Play Festival) and two plays by local emerging writer Kahli Williams.

Jim Orr is directing all three plays but is assisted by three members who are keen to learn more about directing, Chris Greenhill, Shane Mallory and Kahli Williams.

**Performance nights are Saturday 6 February - a wine and cheese night and then Friday 12 February and Friday and Saturday 19, 20 February.** Bookings for all these nights can now be made at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre 3281 0555.

## ALSO COMING UP IN THE NEW YEAR: TWO EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED

1. **Scenes from a Separation PLAYREADING:**  
**Sunday 10 January from 2pm** in the Jean Pratt Building. All welcome. A fun afternoon reading and listening to the script. No pressure to read if you don't want to. Contact Suzanne 0412 79 22 64 for details
2. **Scenes from a Separation AUDITIONS: Tuesday 2 February 7.30 pm.** 4 women and 3 men required. Various ages. Ring Suzanne for a script.

## There is such a thing as a FREE LUNCH



Santa might be resting but ILT members are encouraged to get down and get dirty on .....

**Sunday 31 January for the Annual ILT Working Bee.**

This is the day, starting at **9am**, when the whole ILT Theatre complex gets its annual scrub up to make sure that it is as beautiful as can be for the new season of plays about to start.

We are incredibly proud of our wonderful buildings and grounds and want our audiences to see them at their best.

As a reward, workers will be given a free lunch for their labours.

Be there, if only for the fun of working with your fellow ILT members!

## Our newest Life Member: Kay McAllan



Kay was nominated for Life Membership by Chic Currie. Here is a very edited version of what she told us about Kay in her nomination. Kay has been a theatre member for approximately 20 years being involved in all facets of the theatre but mainly Daytimers. She is involved in writing and directing scripts for this group - for the past 6 or 7 years she has written their Christmas Pantomime. She has great expertise in the wardrobe

department, give her a packet of safety pins and she can create anything! Kay has a sympathetic ear and a very kind heart. She has a bottomless heart for anyone who is sick, lonely or down on their luck.

She also has, a very necessary requirement for any active theatre member, a very supportive family.

Well done Kay on your elevation to the ranks of ILT Life Members!



## Last Building Committee Report for 2009

Our new Jean Pratt Building extension creeps ever closer, despite the endless jumping through regulatory hoops. There are still a couple of major hurdles – plumbing and heritage permits – and the timing is not ideal with everyone going into Christmas hibernation.

However, if we keep our collective fingers and toes crossed, building may commence very early in January.

As with all projects which start out as seemingly quite simple, this one has expanded with everyone's wish list. There is no doubt that our operations will benefit greatly from the extension, but it is not possible for us to complete it at this stage – in fact, we do not actually have the funds to build Part 1 which is the external shell.

If every stage is as painless as the preliminary one, however, all should be well. At the AGM, I appealed to members for assistance with the demolition of the existing structure. Considering the fact that the necessary working bees were in the middle of the festive season, the response was extraordinary.

However, following the meeting we received an offer from Trevor McAllan to take down and remove all the roofing.

Col Paterson and Alan Brown have worked tirelessly in extreme heat to remove everything else.

**There is now no need for these working bees. How good is that!**

As if that wasn't enough, we have had some extremely generous offers from members to loan us the additional funding (with interest) for the first stage so that we can actually proceed. Every attempt will be made to gain at least partial funding to allow us to complete the building as soon as possible.

The total costs are probably little short of \$200,000.

While we accept that not everyone is in a position to loan money, obviously from the response to the working bees members realise that this is a project which needs all of us to make a contribution; be it monetary, voluntary labour or support of fundraising functions.

So, fellow members, there is another great celebration ahead – the day we 'open' our new Jean Pratt extension. If there is anything you feel you can do to help, please let me know.

*Helen Pullar*

3281 4437



## AGM Results—your new Executive Committee



Secretary  
Helen Pullar



Vice President  
Suzanne Matulich



President  
Jim Orr



Past President  
Judy Grant



Treasurer  
Jan Paterson

Congratulations to those who have been elected also to the Admin Committee and to all other areas of responsibility.



## Audition Results — One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Director Jan Paterson and the Selection Committee were very pleased to have such a strong roll up to the audition for *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

Here are the lucky actors who scored a part.

Chief Bromden  
Aide Warren  
Aide Williams  
Dale Harding  
Billy Bibbit  
Scanlon  
Cheswick  
Martini  
Ruckley

Brad Lambourne  
Gavin Turner  
Nick Mohr  
Jamie Spence  
Jason Smith  
Ken Wall  
David Austin  
David Arthur  
Alan Brown



R.P.McMurphy  
Dr. Spivey  
Nurse Ratched  
Nurse Flinn  
Candy  
Sandra

Shane Mallory  
Chris Austin-Greenhill  
Rosemary Lyons  
Elizabeth Ball  
Ali Mohr  
Nicole Varley

### **Mirror, mirror ..... off the wall**

If you can use a timber framed mirror, approximately 6' x 3' then please contact Alan Brown, Properties Manager, 32821269. This mirror has been in use in the Jean Pratt Building 'dressing room' but now doesn't meet the Workplace Health and Safety Standards for use in a public place. However it would be okay for personal use.

## Become an ACTIVE ILT MEMBER NOW and save with these SPECIAL OFFERS

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

In 2010 membership fees for Ipswich Little Theatre Members will be:

**Either** one year 2010 membership \$25

**Or** 5 year membership (2010-2014) \$100  
saving of \$25)

**Remember : memberships are from 1 January each year**

### **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

Membership of ILT entitles you to:

1. be a member of the cast or crew of any production and attend workshop activities
2. purchase a ticket to each production for \$15 (\$11 for concessions) - a saving of \$3 off the regular price
3. purchase a book of 4 vouchers, which can be exchanged for tickets to any major production, at a cost of \$56 (\$40 concession) – saving \$4 per ticket off the regular price
4. As an **extra bonus**, those members who purchase

their vouchers before the commencement of our 2010 play season (6 February), will receive a drink voucher (for a wine, beer, soft drink or juice) which can be presented at our courtyard bar

- (a 5. Nominate for a position on the Administrative Committee and vote at the AGM (18 years and older

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The 2010 ILT program features 6 plays!  
In 2009 we averaged over 90% audience attendance for our productions.

Please support your fellow members by being a regular audience member in 2010 and help us achieve our goal of a '***sold out***' season for every production!

Membership forms and our 2010 Program can be downloaded from our web site:  
[www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au](http://www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au).





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The Ipswich Little Theatre complex, including the historic Incinerator Theatre designed by Walter Burley Griffin, is located in Burley Griffin Drive (off Griffiths Road) Ipswich.  
Please call one of our Committee (details below) for more information about any specific queries that you might have.

**NEXT ILT  
COMMITTEE MEETING:**  
**12 January 2010**  
**7.00 pm**

## 2009 DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

Sunday 10 January 2 pm	<b>Playreading:</b> <i>Scenes from a Separation</i> . Contact Suzanne Matulich for more details 3281 4748 (ah)
Sunday 31 January 9am	<b>ANNUAL WORKING BEE</b> Free lunch for all workers. Be a part of the team, come and help, please All members are requested to help in some way for some time.
Monday 1 February 7.30 pm	<b>Audition:</b> <i>Scenes from a Separation</i> . Contact Suzanne Matulich for more details 3281 4748 (ah)
10-20 February	<b>VOICES:</b> Directed by Jim Orr, Shane Mallory, Kahli Williams and Chris Greenhill. Bookings Ipswich Visitor Information Centre 3281 0555

## 2010 ILT Program at a glance

- 10-20 February: **VOICES: A Short Season of One Act Plays** by Kahli Williams and Mark Lucas. Director General Jim Orr, assistant directors Shane Mallory, Kahli Williams and Chris Greenhill
- 7-24 April: **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest** by Ken Kesey. Director Jan Paterson, assistant director Desley Cronon.
- 26 May-12 June: **Scenes from a Separation** by Andrew Bovell and Hannie Rayson. Director Suzanne Matulich,
- 17-31 July: **Unoriginal Sin** (or *Hypnosis*) by David Tristram. Director Doug Moses, assistant director Anne England.
- 30 September-16 October: **Sisters in War** by Ian & Helen Pullar. Directors Helen & Ian Pullar.
- 24 November-11 December: **Mother and Son** by Geoffrey Atherden. Director Jane Sheppard, assistant director Tony Erhardt.

Don't forget that tickets for all the above productions are available at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre 3281 0555. Take your ILT membership card to ensure that you receive your member's discount.

## 2010 Contact details that you might need

President	Jim Orr	0447 20 00 06
Vice President	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748 (ah) 0412 79 22 64
Past President	Judy Grant	3288 0717
Secretary	Helen Pullar	3281 4437
Treasurer	Jan Paterson	3810 5884 0417 787 130
Front of House Management Coordinator	Majella Gee	3812 7821
Group Liaison Secretary	Robyn Flashman	3812 3450
Jean Pratt Building Bookings	Desley Cronon	3288 8754
Theatre number	Note, only answered during re-hearsals or meetings	3812 2389

## Last minute idea for a Christmas present for someone really special!

Are you are looking for a Christmas gift for a relative or friend who enjoys a variety of quality professional plays and loves our beautiful historic Incinerator Theatre?

You are lucky because we have ILT Christmas Vouchers available for you to purchase at the Visitor Information Centre 3281 0555

