



Burning News from the Incinerator Theatre

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**NEXT ILT
COMMITTEE
MEETING**

7pm

Tuesday

15 January 2013

(note: this is actually the
third Tuesday in January)

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There are lots of reasons why people become actors. Some to hide themselves and some to show themselves.

- Sir Ralph Richardson

Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc

Annual General Meeting for 2012

The 2012 Annual General Meeting was duly held on Sunday 9 December and was attended by just over 40 members who listened to the many reports detailing the extensive activities of the year.

Elections for the major office bearers were held with little change in the incumbents. The members of the Executive are listed on the back page of this Newsletter, along with the holders of other key positions. In addition, a further 20 members agreed to serve on the vital Administrative Committee as follows:

David Austin, Alan Brown, Ann Collyer, Desley Cronon, Anne England, Tony Erhardt, Pam Floris, Chris Greenhill, Robyn Harm, Phil Holmes, Di Johnston, Deirdre Lowe, Phil McCormack, Doug Moses, Melinda Park, Karen Peart, Ian Pullar, Sheryl Roche and Jane Sheppard.

Following the meeting, other members and friends joined the attendees for a presentation of the Golden Griffin Awards (see page 3), two short plays from the Tourific Troupers repertoire (*Centre of Operations* and *Christmas Cactus*) and a sausage sizzle.

All is prepared for another successful year in 2013.

Junior Theatre

Big Louis and the Cantouchems, written and directed by Deirdre Lowe, was presented twice on 8 December to very good audiences.

The show was very enjoyable and featured 17 Junior performers plus two members of Senior Theatre—Doug Moses playing Little Louis and Jane Sheppard as Mama Mia.

Deirdre's little grey cells are already at work devising a new script for next year.



**'BIG LOUIS
AND THE CANTOUCHEMS'**

YOUR COUNTRY



YOU ARE NEEDED

by your Theatre Company. You can show your loyalty and contribute to its success in 2013.

How: by attending our massive working bee

When: Sunday 20 January from 9am

Why: to clean out all our storage areas and sort, select, and restore only the vital props etc, and do any other work necessary to ensure a good start to the 2013 ILT year.

As a bonus, you will be able to see the scaffolding being set up to remove the trees from our chimney (see page 2)



From the President

I have very much enjoyed my inaugural year as President of Ipswich Little Theatre and would like to thank all members for supporting me in this role.

I also thank everyone for their very hard work that has seen our theatre continue to offer high quality productions and a warm welcome to our patrons.

As you know, I have loved this theatre since I first became involved in 1974 and I am proud of how smoothly this year has run with fewer disagreements amongst members that, in the past, have had divisive outcomes for our society.

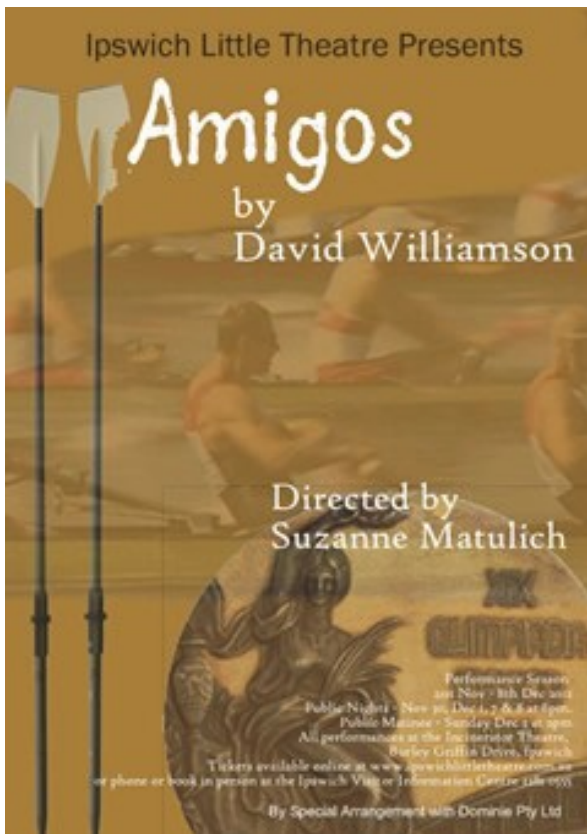
We are all here because of our love of theatre in general, and ILT in particular, and it is heartwarming to know that next year we will once again be working together to offer our friends and supporters in Ipswich and surrounding regions, the very best entertaining, exciting and challenging theatre that we can.

I look forwards very much to being President again for another year and know that we have a strong and worthwhile committee to support me and ensure that 2013 will be another wonderful year of theatre for us all

I hope you all have wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrations and hope that you can relax, have fun and share time with your family and friends.

Cheers

Suzanne



Bookings are now open

for our first major production of 2013

Amigos

by David Williamson

and directed by Suzanne Matulich

to be presented from 6 to 23 March

With the following cast:

Jim Lance Stewart

Sophie Brooke Stitt

Dick David Shapcott

Hilary Majella Gee

Steven Max McKenzie

Bookings can be made on line at

www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au

or at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre in person or by ringing 3281 0555. Do book early to avoid missing out!!

Adults: \$20 Concession: \$16 Members: \$14

ADVANCE NOTICE

Would members please note that normal access will not be available to the Incinerator between 14 and 23 January.

Ipswich City Council has employed a specialist contractor to remove the tree growth from the central chimney and carry out works to prevent regrowth. This will require the erection of scaffolding. In addition repairs will be made in the area outside the cast kitchen where the paint cupboard is located.

The Ideal Christmas Gift

A great gift idea for family members for Christmas could be a subscription for next year's plays.

\$68 for Adults and \$52 for Concessions.

On sale at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre. Each subscription buys 4 vouchers (saving \$3 on each full priced ticket) to be exchanged for theatre tickets at the Visitor Information Centre.



Griffin Awards

A number of years ago, during the presidency of Judy Grant, ILT implemented the annual presentation of Golden Griffin Awards to members who had made an outstanding contribution to the Society during the past year. This year, Ross Grant and his family sponsored the awards in memory of our beloved Judy who died on Friday 13th July. After the AGM, the winners were announced by the President and Ross presented the awards.



ALAN BROWN and COL PATERSON

These two gentlemen, Alan and Col have spent countless hours constructing sets for Ipswich Little Theatre productions throughout the year. Their willingness to be involved is appreciated and their expertise is evident in the quality of their workmanship.



DESLEY CRONON

Desley has taken on the roles of Assistant Director and Stage Manager for three of the five main house productions this year and for the production of *All for the Nation*, one of the ILT festival plays which toured many festivals in south east Queensland. Desley has also been Jean Pratt Building booking officer and a member of Selection Committee as well as working as an assistant for the Young Theatricals group.



GLORIA COX

Gloria has been an S-Troupe helper since 2009, coming along every week so that her disabled grand-daughter Toyah can enjoy S-Troupe. When the call went out for more helpers, Gloria offered her assistance and is still helping out. She has also worked with the Tourific Troupers, working in the kitchen during the tours. This year when Di Johnston was overseas she kept her poetry class running in preparation for the Silkstone Eisteddfod.



YVONNE GARDINER

Yvonne has been an integral member of Ipswich Little Theatre's Publicity Committee for the last 12 years. During this time she has taken photos for the theatre's collection of head shots as well as action shots from most plays for use in newspaper articles and theatre programs. In her positions at the *Queensland Times* and *The Advertiser* she has ensured newspaper coverage for our main house productions and the work of our subgroups.



LIAM HUGHES

Liam is a quiet achiever, bringing a special tone to whatever character he is playing and, in his own laid back way, he does a great job. He is quiet and gentle and has had many a challenge to face, but he has proved that he is equal to any challenge that comes his way. He graduates from Junior Theatre this year with honour.



Photos courtesy of Jan and Col Paterson

A Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
to all our members,
friends and supporters!



I'm dreaming of a
white Christmas

...but if the white runs out,
there's always the red.



2013 Major Productions

Season 1

6 – 23 March (Public Performances: 15, 16, 22, 23 & Matinee 17 March)

Amigos

by David Williamson

Director: Suzanne Matulich; **Assistant Director:** Aaron Evans

Comedy - contains some coarse language and adult themes.

Season 2

8 – 25 May (Public Performances: 17, 18, 24, 25 & Matinee 19 May)

Five Women Wearing the Same Dress

by Alan Ball

Director: Doug Moses; **Assistant Director:** Sheryl Roche

Comedy - contains some coarse language and mild sexual and drug references. Brief scene with use of herbal cigarettes.

Season 3

10 - 27 July (Public Performances: 19, 20, 26, 27 & Matinee 21 July)

A Few Good Men

by Aaron Sorkin

Director: Shane Mallory

Courtroom Drama - contains some coarse language, sexual references and low level violence.

Season 4

25 September - 12 October (Public Performances: 4, 5, 11, 12 & Matinee 6 October)

Good Things

by Liz Lochhead

Director: Jane Sheppard

Romantic comedy - contains mild sexual references.

Season 5

20 November – 7 December (Public performances: 29, 30 Nov 6, 7 & Matinee 1 Dec)

Butterflies Are Free

by Leonard Gershe

Director: Les Chappell; **Assistant Director:** Desley Cronon

Comedy - contains mild sexual references.

Bookings for ALL of above: Ipswich Visitor Information Centre (3281 0555) from the Mondays following each previous final night

DIARY DATES

Monday 4 February

Casting for *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*

6 to 23 March

Amigos

Monday 11 February

Casting for *Big Cats* and *Pier 12*

Memberships now due

With the new year upon us, members are reminded that it is time to re-new their memberships. Subscription Secretary Di Johnston would love to hear from you and receive your cash or cheque for \$25 for 2013 membership. Alternatively, if you contact the Treasurer, she will give you a deposit reference for a direct deposit. You can also join on line www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au. Membership entitles you to vote, to take part in productions and to purchase discounted tickets to our major productions.

Group Night Bookings

Our Group Liaison Secretary Robyn Flashman still has a number of nights available for various play seasons. We put aside eight nights for each main house play for this purpose and very rarely do we have any unsold by the beginning of the year. Unusually, there are still vacancies for the first play, *Amigos*.

We offer an attractive reduced ticket price if you book all 80 seats or even if you book half the theatre (40 seats).

If you are interested in taking the opportunity to make money with little effort by your organisation, contact Robyn on **3812 3450**.

Booking the Jean Pratt Building

Anyone wanting to book the Jean Pratt Building for rehearsals, meetings or performances needs to contact Desley Cronon who is anxious to add more coloured dates to her spectacular booking calendar.

2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

President	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748 (ah) 0412 792 264
Vice President	Robyn Flashman	3812 3450
Past President	Jim Orr	0447 200 006
Secretary	Helen Pullar	3281 4437
Treasurer	Jan Paterson	3810 5884 0417 787 130

CONTACT DETAILS FOR OTHER IMPORTANT POSITIONS

Front of House Management Coordinators	Pam Floris Kate Mallory	5467 2895 0438 886159 3201 7998 0479 048979
Group Liaison Secretary	Robyn Flashman	3812 3450
Jean Pratt Building Bookings	Desley Cronon	3288 8754
Junior Theatre	Deirdre Lowe	0409 202 380
Young Theatricals	Craig Taylor	3810 5884 0417 787 130
STroupe	Melinda Park	3201 8861 0419 650 441
Daytime Theatre Troupe	Anne England	3281 7654 0413 676 049
Tourific Troupers	Helen Pullar or Jane Sheppard	H 3281 4437 J 54645363
Theatre number	NB: only during rehearsals or meetings	3812 2389

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