



# Burning News from the Incinerator Theatre

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## Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc Newsletter

### FESTIVAL 2012

ILT's Drama Festival—the longest running one in Australia—is about to kick off again, commencing on Friday 10 August. This year there will be 19 entries; four in the Youth Section. The program for the weekend can be found on page 2. Tickets are available on the website or can be purchased (if available) at the door. Prices are as follows: \$10 per session \$6 for concessions, \$30 for a 4 season ticket (4 Open sessions) or \$36 for a season ticket that includes the Youth session on Friday night. There are no concessions on season tickets. The barbecue luncheon will cost \$8 per person.

We look forward to seeing lots of members at the Incinerator over the weekend.

Editor for this month:

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**NEXT ILT  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
7pm  
Tuesday  
14 August 2012**

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*With so much material demanding space in this edition, I apologise to any members who feel their area of interest has been inadequately covered. - Ed.*



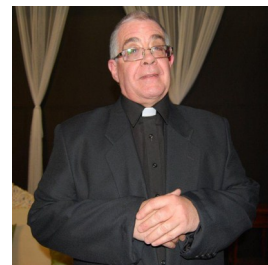
*Algernon Moncrieff and Gwendolen Fairfax (David Paterson & Liz Ball)*

### Earnest Advice

*The Importance of Being Earnest* is currently playing to full houses.

Congratulations to Director David Austin, cast and crew for their presentation of this timeless classic.

Members of Admin are invited to join the season workers at the end-of-season barbecue on 29 July.



*Dr Chasuble (Craig Taylor)*



*Miss Prism and Cecily Cardew (Di Johnston & Kate Mallory)*



*Lane/Merriman (Brent Muller)*



*Algernon Moncrieff, Lady Bracknell and Jack Worthing (David Paterson, Linda Shapcott & Neil Richards)*

### S-Troupe

The S-Troupe production of *Charlie Meets WW* opens this week for its block-busting season. Don't miss it!

Di Johnston and Gloria Cox took the S-Troupe poetry class out to visit Judy Grant. She was very surprised to see them and loved the visit and hearing their poems they are preparing for the Silkstone Eisteddfod later in the year.

See page 3 for a tribute to this valued member of our company who passed away.



*Judy Grant with her visitors from S-Troupe*



## From the President

Once again 'the place is a buzzing' with activity. ....

- ✦ *Earnest* running to full houses
- ✦ Tourific Tours popping up with amazing frequency
- ✦ Auditions – not quite so buzzy but another one to come soon
- ✦ Two festival plays up and running on the circuit (and ILT members also appearing in Downstage Theatre's production in Festivals). Congratulations to Jan and her cast for their successes so far.
- ✦ STroupe ready to delight their audiences once again
- ✦ The Juniors and YTs back ready for their next term of thespian fun
- ✦ And the Festival about to be held once again.

I was saddened to hear the terrible news of Judy Grant. It just does not seem fair that such a dynamic lady should meet such a fate. I am sure you all join me in sending strong positive thoughts to her family and friends at this emotional and distressing time.

Suzanne

## FESTIVAL 2012 Program

## Adjudicator

### Tara Routley



#### FRIDAY 10 August – YOUTH SECTION - 6.55pm

Festival Welcome  
I LOVE YOU HELEN TINDALE -  
ILT Young Theatricals  
THE PIRATE GAME -  
Fractal Theatre  
CHAMBER MUSIC -  
ILT Young Theatricals  
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO HUMPTY?  
- Fractal Theatre  
AWARDS CEREMONY

#### SATURDAY 11 August – OPEN SECTION SESSION 1 - 1.55pm

Welcome  
STILL LIFE -  
Miranda's Dressing Room  
FLAME - Beenleigh Theatre Group  
Afternoon Tea  
FREEDOM - KSP Theatre  
CUT - Downstage Theatre

#### SATURDAY 11 August – OPEN SECTION SESSION 2 - 6.55 pm

Welcome  
WHO THE \*\*\*\* IS ERICA PRICE? -  
Brisbane Arts Theatre  
ALL FOR THE NATION -ILT  
Supper  
I'M A PISCES AND HE IS AN ASS-  
HOLE -  
SAD Theatre  
TOUCHED - ILT

#### SUNDAY 12 August – OPEN SECTION SESSION 3 - 8.55 am

Welcome  
THE KNOCK ON THE DOOR -  
Beenleigh Theatre Group  
LEVEL 12 -  
Golden Glove Productions  
Morning Tea  
FOUR PLAY -  
Puddleduck Theatre

#### 12 noon FESTIVAL BARBECUE LUNCH

#### SUNDAY 12 August – OPEN SECTION SESSION 4 - 12.55 pm

Welcome  
NARCISSISTICA -  
Excalibur Theatre  
CHOOK CHOOK -  
Caloundra Chorale & Theatre  
Afternoon Tea  
ANTICLIMAX - Random Acts  
CRUSH - Hills Players

#### SUNDAY 12 August - 5.10pm Special Performance - ILT S-Troupe

#### 5.45pm AWARDS CEREMONY

**Note: Food for dinners, lunches  
and teas will be available be-  
fore sessions and during breaks**

Tara is a secondary school teacher, holding a Dip. Teach. and B.Ed. She currently teaches part-time at Dalby High, having previously been Head of the English and Drama Department. She is a member of the Queensland Association of Drama in Education, at whose conferences she has conducted workshops on Australian Drama and Commedia del Arte. She has adjudicated two other Festivals

She has written a number of one act plays including *Mistress Macbeth* in which her mother (ILT Life Member) Di-anne Adams appeared at our Festival last year.

A former member of ILT, Tara appeared in a number of our productions and meritoriously directed others. It will be a great pleasure to welcome her back to the Incinerator.

During the years of Festivals in the Girls Grammar Hall, I saw many notable performances—some brilliant and others abysmal. A recent visitor on a tour proudly informed me that her brother had appeared in a play in our Festival. I didn't have the heart to tell her that his performance still rates as the worst I ever saw! - Ian Pullar

## VALE JUDITH GRANT

All the members of ILT were saddened to learn that our much-loved Life Member Judith Grant lost her long battle with cancer on the night of Thursday 12 July.

Judy was one of the few remaining still active members from the Town Hall days, having joined the Society in 1967. Since then, she appeared in four full-length, five one-act, one theatre restaurant and one Tourific Troupier play. But it is as an administrator and team player that she really made her mark. Over the years, she worked with Junior Theatre, Young Theatricals and, most particularly (as a trained teacher of disability students) with S-Troupe. She served for years on Building Committee (one year as convener) and was a stalwart worker on front of house and Tourific Troupier occasions.

She had three terms as President (1975-76, 1997-99 and 2006-09) for a total of nine years. Only Les Thomas has served for longer (ten years), but his role was considerably less complex. Judy acquitted herself with distinction, exercising her great gift for diplomacy.

In recognition of her outstanding contribution to ILT she was awarded Honorary Life Membership in 2009.

Following her funeral on Friday 20 July, a celebration of her life will be held at the Incinerator. We hope there will be enough room for those expected to attend in her honour.

She will be sorely missed by ILT members and particularly by her husband Ross, her daughter Anna Green and her husband Peter, her son Matthew and his wife Karen and her three grandsons, James and Christopher Grant and Xavier Green.

## Daytime Theatre Troupe



# BBW's XMAS

Written and directed by Jane Sheppard

October 2012 – Tues 16, Wed 17, Fri 19, Tues 23,  
Wed 24, Fri 26

Performances are at 10am and 12md

and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
at the Incinerator Theatre



For bookings

Phone Chic Currie 32889783 or 0409725315

## The Cast

Director	Jane Sheppard
Assistant Director	Lesley Cuthbert
Mrs Music	Chic Currie
Milly	Sue Van Der Meer
Tilly	Andrea Lax
BBW	Anne England
Mrs Wolf	Alan Brown
Russell Crow	Margaret Martin
Chrissy Tree	Deirdre Lowe
Red Riding Hood	Jane Brown
Priscilla Pig	Cynthia Graham
Penelope Pig	Carol Culey
Prudence Pig	Trish Busch
Patricia Pig	Di Cook
Rudolph	Ian Pullar

## Festival Success

ILT was represented at the Murrumba Drama Festival on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and won the following award: Ben Cumpstay – Best Performance in a Comedy.

ILT was also represented at the ACT 1 Drama Festival on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July and won the following awards:

*All For the Nation* – Third Place

Karen Peart – Best Performance in a Comedy.

Sam Hoepner – Best Performance in a Minor Role

Jan Paterson – Certificate of Distinction for Direction

Ben Cumpstay – Certificate of Distinction for Performance.

Cast and Crew – Best organised/ Cooperation Trophy

Although it did not win any awards, Suzanne Matulich's production of *Touched* was short listed in multiple categories.





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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.

To phone the theatre when there is a class or rehearsal

Phone 3812 2389.

NOTE: this phone is not staffed at other times.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20, 21, 27, 28, 29 July	S-Troupe presents <b>Charlie Meets WW</b>
10, 11, 12 August	<b>Ipswich One Act Play Festival</b>
End August	Closing date for applications to direct in 2013
Saturday 1 September	Young Theatricals celebration

## Our Own World Champion

Ipswich dancer Tara Lowe (daughter of Clive and Debbie and niece of Kim and Craig Taylor) at the age of 19, may have an international career ahead of her, after impressing the judges at the World Championships in Los Angeles. She claimed gold medals in tap and Broadway vocals, silver in musical theatre dance and a bronze in comical acting for the 18 to 24 age group.

She was also awarded a three-month scholarship at LA Millennium Dance Complex. Her performances impressed 11 talent scouts as well as the panel of judges.

The competition is known as the Olympic Games of the performing arts and welcomes entrants from across the globe.

Both Debbie and Kim accompanied Tara, of whom they are understandably very proud.

## After Dinner

### Hot off the press:

The cast of our fourth major production of the year, *After Dinner* by Andrew Bovell directed by Doug Moses, is:

Stephen	Jason Smith
Gordon	Gary Adsett
Monika	Belinda Dave
Dympna	Rochelle Nolan
Paula	Brook Stitt

More news later.

Bookings will open on Monday 30 August.

## Calling Prospective Directors for 2013

Prospective directors are reminded that applications to direct for Mainhouse Theatre in 2013 are requested to be submitted to Selection Committee by the end of August.

For further information, contact Doug Moses, Convener of Selection Committee (3281 2846).

### 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

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Treasurer	Jan Paterson	3810 5884 0417 787 130

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR OTHER IMPORTANT POSITIONS

Front of House Management Coordinator	Chris Austin-Greenhill	3812 9531 0427977007
Group Liaison Secretary	Robyn Flashman	3812 3450
Jean Pratt Building Bookings	Desley Cronon	3288 8754
Junior Theatre	Deirdre Lowe	0409 202 380
Young Theatricals	Jan Paterson	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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