



# Burning News from the Incinerator Theatre

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NEXT ILT  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING

7pm

Tuesday

10 September 2013

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The winner of the free ticket for  
*Good Things* is

**Denise Hanley**  
of Raceview.

## Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc

Our very popular production of  
**A FEW GOOD MEN** directed by Shane Mallory

may be over, but there are

*Good Things*

still to come.

Bookings are now open for our fourth major production of 2013 for its season from  
25 September to 12 October.

Rehearsals are under way with the star-studded cast putting in the effort to present this  
delightful comedy.

Ipswich Little Theatre Society Presents

*Good  
Things*  
by Liz  
Lockhead

Directed  
by  
Jane  
Sheppard

*A poignant, hilarious romantic comedy  
about finding love for the second  
(or third or fourth) time.*

Performance Season  
25 Sept - 12 Oct 2013  
Public Nights - 1, 4, 11, 12 Oct at 8pm  
Public Matinee Sunday 6 Oct at 2pm



Jane Sheppard (Director), David Shapcott, Anne England  
(Assistant Director), Liz Ball, Pam Floris and Clive Lowe.

Suddenly single with a dreaded milestone birthday glaring her in the face, Susan also has to cope with a father in his second childhood, a daughter in the throes of aggravated adolescence and an ex who unfortunately still has the power to wound.

Set midst the bric-a-brac and an array of interesting characters in the charity shop where she is a volunteer, Susan embarks on a quest to find love, supported by exuberant friend and co-worker, Fraser.

**A poignant, hilarious play about finding love for the second (or third or fourth) time.**

**DON'T MISS IT!**

## FESTIVAL 2013

Our 59th Festival of One Act Plays was held, as usual, over the second weekend in August. This year we had 22 entries which is about as many as we can cope with. The visiting performers as usual were complimentary about our hospitality, efficiency and OUR FOOD! Our Adjudicator, Jennifer Flowers, had lots of interesting comments to make about the plays and had some difficult decisions to make in awarding the prizes. A complete list of the awards can be found on page 5.

## AUDITIONS

By the time you are reading this, auditions will have been held for our fifth and final major production for the year—*Butterflies are Free*—to be directed by Les Chappell. More news next edition.



## From the President

What a great weekend we had for the 59<sup>th</sup> Ipswich One Act Play Festival. The weather was perfect, our theatre looked beautiful with the gardens and decorations adding to the beauty of our historic building and the company was fun.

Nearly forty ILT members worked hard to make this major event such a success. With 22 plays from 17 different theatre companies, it was a very busy time but without exception our members got in and did the jobs that they had volunteered for – bar and kitchen (including the Sunday BBQ), front of house, backstage, sound and lighting, group liaison, adjudicator's assistant, ticket sales, photography, acting and directing and more.

Our visitors commented at how well we all worked together. What praise that is and how heart warming to hear such compliments. Well done everyone!

I will be holding a de-brief on the Festival on Tuesday 27 August and hope as many as possible will attend.

Cheers

*Suzanne*

## The Festival Circuit

Our two plays currently enjoying the Festival Circuit have met with considerable success. To date their awards are as follows:

### *The Big Cats:*

#### **Murrumba Drama Festival - Redcliffe**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	The Big Cats
Best Actor (Male) Drama	Les Chappell
Best Actor (Female) Drama	Jan Paterson

#### **Dalby Drama Festival**

Best Play	The Big Cats
Best Actor	Les Chappell
Best Actress	Jan Paterson
Best Supporting Actress	Karen Peart

#### **Beenleigh Festival of One Act Plays**

Best Actor of the Festival	Les Chappell
Best Actress of the Festival	Jan Paterson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	The Big Cats
Dramatic Actor	Les Chappell

### *Pier 12:*

#### **Dalby Drama Festival**

Incentive Award	Pip Prole
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#### **Beenleigh Festival**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Pier 12
Best production of an Australian script	Pier 12
Best Director Open Section	Phil McCormack
Most Outstanding Festival Director	Phil McCormack

#### **Act 1 Drama Festival – Strathpine**

Best Play	The Big Cats
Best Director	Craig Taylor
Dramatic Actress	Jan Paterson
Supporting Actor	Les Chappell

#### **Redfest – Redlands**

Best Play	The Big Cats
Best Actor	Les Chappell

#### **Ipswich One Act Play Festival**

Runner Up Drama	The Big Cats
Best Actor Drama	Les Chappell
Best Supporting Actress	Karen Peart

**Congratulations to both teams!**

**And there are three Festivals to go!**

## Learning More

On the right is the ILT QR Code. If you download neo reader app from the App store on to your i-phone, you can scan this code and it will take you to the ILT website.



## Daytime Theatre Troupe

Rehearsals for our second season, *Ruby's Bush Christmas* are settling in nicely. Writer and Director Kay McAllan is being ably assisted by Jan Paterson, who has designed the set.

Performance dates are 22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 30 October and 1 November. Bookings are very healthy at this stage. For the first time for quite some time, there are no males in the cast, which is as follows:-

Ruby	Margaret Martin
Nana Mac	Sandie Henwood
Bingo (dog)	Cynthia Graham
Gemma	Trish Busch
Cyril Crow	Marie Mortimer
Charlene Cockatoo	Jane Sheppard
Kev Kangaroo	Robyn Harm
Terrence Tree Frog	Anne England
Santa	Geraldene Fitzpatrick
Errol feral fox	Jan Paterson
Sheryl feral fox	Sue Van Der Meer
Edna Emu	Chic Currie
Emuettes Edna's backing group	Trish White / Lesley Cuthbert
Gum Tree/s	Di Cook / Lesley Cuthbert



For a photo shoot for *The Queensland Times*, some of our Daytimers donned their wonderful costumes. Obviously, Edna Emu (Chic Currie) and stand in emuette stole the show much to the chagrin of Kev Kangaroo (Robyn Harm) but, eventually, to her delight she was beckoned over – to hold the umbrella!!!!

## Young Theatricals

Following all their efforts in preparing and performing two Festivals plays, the YTs are now working towards their final fling for the year. This will be a very low key presentation for family and friends to wind up an enjoyable year.

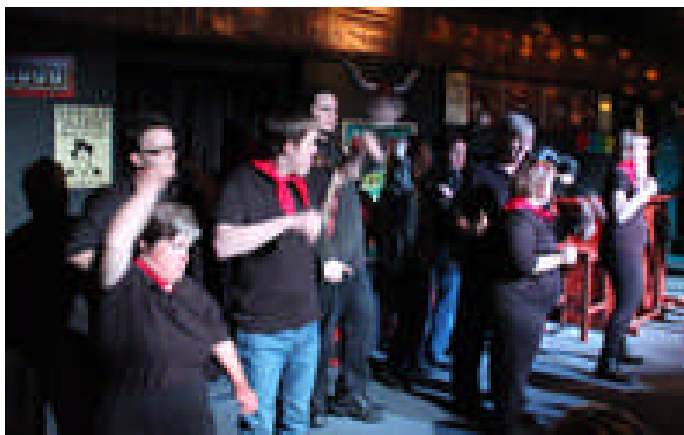
Festival results can be found on page 5.

Thanks to Craig Taylor and Tony Erhardt for all their efforts.

## S-Troupe

Patrons of the Festival had a preview of S-Troupe's "A Little Bit Country, a Little Bit Rock 'n' Roll" which is being presented on 17, 18, 24, 25 August in the Jean Pratt Building. The show itself is wonderful and a thrill for the performers.

As their shows are always very popular, booking is essential through the VIC.



*The S-Troupers performing as the highlight of the Festival*

## Junior Theatre

After all her efforts with *Alice in Blunderland*, Deirdre Lowe has taken a well-earned break and has headed off overseas for a few weeks. In the meantime, the Juniors are already rehearsing for their next production *Yo Ho Ho & Stuff* (also written by Deirdre) which they will be presenting on 7 December. In her absence, Ann Collyer and Jacqui de Villiers are in charge.

## Directors for 2014

### final call

Prospective directors for 2014 are reminded that the deadline for receipt by Selection Committee of offers to direct is the end of August. Application forms are available on the website.

## Positions for 2014

As usual, we are keen to get the New Year off to a flying start, so Admin will be appointing people to a lot of positions at the October meeting. The September Newsletter will include a form on which you can indicate your willingness to take on an important position. Available jobs include:

Bar Manager, Group Liaison Secretary, Subscription Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Front of House Manager, Properties Manager, Sound and Lighting Manager, Festival Director, Librarian, Newsletter Editor, Publicity Coordinator, Wardrobe Manager, Daytime Convener, YTs Coordinator, Junior Theatre Coordinator, S-Troupe Coordinator, Tourific Troupers Coordinator, Theatre Activities Coordinator.

So think about what your contribution could be!

## 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

**Directors: Doug Moses and 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) or on line from the Mondays following each previous final night**

# DIARY DATES

17, 18, 24, 25 August	S-Troupe performances
19 August	Casting for <i>Butterflies are Free</i>
31 August	Closing date for applications to direct
25 September to 12 October	<i>Good Things</i> season
22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 30 October and 1 November.	Daytime Theatre Troupe presents <i>Ruby's Bush Christmas</i>
20 November to 7 December	<i>Butterflies are Free</i> season
7 December	Junior Theatre <i>Yo Ho Ho and Stuff</i>
8 December	Annual General Meeting

## Tourific Troupers—BYO Entertainment

For some unknown reason, this year the Tourific Troupers have had their share of unusual visits. Usually patrons arrive and enjoy the meal, the ambience, the explanatory talk and one (or more) of our little plays.

Recently the organiser of a tour group had been before with a Probus Club but had since moved into a retirement village where he had joined the entertainments committee. He knew the ropes. So when the ladies (Chic Currie, Anne England and Robyn Harm) had finished their performance, he came on stage. Jane Sheppard, who was in charge that day, expected the usual speech of thanks, but no, he proceeded to tell the audience, at some length, of his previous experience as a member of another Theatre group. He regretted that while he had hoped that a choral group from the retirement village would have provided some real entertainment, most had been unable to come that day. However, there was one lady who was a brilliant singer and he was sure she would oblige. She declined but he kept insisting. Eventually she agreed to sing provided he sat down and shut up. She sang at which stage he jumped up again. But she demanded he keep his bargain and with the support of the embarrassed other patrons she made him sit down.

## 2013 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 0419 787 130

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR OTHER IMPORTANT POSITIONS

Front of House Management Coordinators	Pam Floris Kate Mallory	5467 2895 0438 886159 3201 7998 0479 048 979
Subscription Secretary	Di Johnston	3812 9141 0407 074 752
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	3201 4444
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

**Sincere thanks to Cr Charlie Pisasale for the monthly printing of *Burning News*,**

For more details about Ipswich Little Theatre [www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au](http://www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au)

# FESTIVAL 2013 AWARDS

## OPEN SECTION

**Best Play Drama** – Ipswich City Council Award

In Room 504 – Phoenix Ensemble

**Best Play Comedy** - Ipswich City Council Award

Anything But Barefoot Bowls – SAD Theatre

**Runner Up Drama** - Ipswich City Council Award

The Big Cats – Ipswich Little Theatre

**Runner Up Comedy** - Ipswich City Council Award

Hoosierdaddy – Excalibur Theatre

**Best Director** - Patti Jordan Memorial Prize

Jo Castle – Phoenix Ensemble

**Best Actor - Dramatic Role** – Creative Lighting Award

Les Chappell - Ipswich Little Theatre

**Best Actress - Dramatic Role** – Creative Lighting Award

Caitlin Hill – Phoenix Ensemble

**Best Actor - Comedy Role** – Ipswich Little Theatre Life Members' Award

Mark Lucas – Excalibur Theatre

**Best Actress – Comedy Role** – Ipswich Little Theatre Life Members' Award

Shirley Lucas – Excalibur Theatre

**Best Supporting Actor** – McMahons Ipswich Award

Florian Coste – IntAct Players

**Best Supporting Actress** - McMahons Ipswich Award

Karen Peart – Ipswich Little Theatre

**Best Supporting Actor - Minor Role**

Cody Muller – Downstage Theatre Co

**Best Supporting Actress - Minor Role**

Leah Hornibrook – Hard Ax

**Helen Haenke Memorial Prize** - Best Production of a new Australian Script, first performed 2013

Hoosierdaddy – Excalibur Theatre

**Adjudicator's Choice**

10,000 Cigarettes – Miranda's Dressing Room

**Stage Manager's Award** - Most professional and considerate behavior backstage

Phoenix Ensemble

## YOUTH SECTION

**Best Play Youth Section:** Managed Solutions Award

Phantasmal – Focus on Stage

**Youth Play Runner Up:**

Snow White and the 7 Rather Short People

**Best Director Youth Play** – ArtsConnect Ipswich Award

Michelle Allan – Focus on Stage

**Best Youth Actor:** Nan Scott Memorial Award

Arun Clarke – Phantasmal

**Best Youth Actress:** Nan Scott Memorial Award

Ella McGuire - Phantasmal

**Best Supporting Youth Actor:**

Jack Hansen – Living with Lady McBeth

**Best Supporting Youth Actress:**

Isabella Machin – Love Awkwardly

**Best Youth Actor Minor Role:**

Dominic Stevenson – Snow White

**Best Youth Actress Minor Role:**

Emily Milner – Train of Thought

**Youth Incentive Awards**

Kai Stevenson – Snow White

Ryan Robinson – (Love Awkwardly)

Zali Emblem-Reeves – The Alienator

Brigid Horneman-Wren – The Alienator -

Lillian Horneman-Wren – The Alienator





# FESTIVAL 2013 PHOTOGRAPHS

by Col Paterson



Festival Director Suzanne showing adjudicator Jennifer Flowers the ropes



Dianne Adams, Margaret Wellings and Robyn Flashman



Stage Managers Craig Taylor and Tony Erhardt



Jennifer Flowers and Jan Paterson



Robyn Flashman, Karen Peart and Jennifer Flowers



Suzanne Matulich, Cr Bruce Casas, Craig Taylor and Jennifer Flowers



Cr Charlie Pisasale, Suzanne Matulich and MHR Shayne Neumann



Lance Stewart, Les Chappell and Jennifer Flowers