

# ≡ *Burning News* from the Incinerator Theatre

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## Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc Newsletter



Ipswich Little Theatre  
— SOCIETY ESTABLISHED 1946 —

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**NEXT ILT  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**7pm**

**Tuesday**

**8 September 2015**

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**Selection Committee has received more than enough offers from potential directors for 2016. The Committee is currently preparing a programme which will be published in the next Newsletter.**

### Festival 2015

A very successful 61st Festival was held on 8 and 9 August. Our excellent adjudicator, Lesly Stevenson commented on the high standard of performance before awarding the prizes which are listed on page 5. Congratulations to our own performers – Jim Orr's production of *Love and Other Flushes* won best comedy, while Jim picked up an incentive award for his direction, Chris Greenhill won best supporting actor in a comedy and Rebecca Noble won the Adjudicator's Award. On the day of performance, Jim received advice that one of his players was too ill to be able to perform. Rebecca rose to the occasion. After only a few runs to show her the blocking, she went on and performed, only using the script occasionally as a prompt. A truly versatile performance!

Pictures from the Festival can be found on page 2. And a Festival story on page 4.



Following the success at the Festival of *Love and Other Flushes*, Jim Orr and cast are now busy preparing for the season of *Love's Dilemmas*, to be presented from 23 September to 10 October.

The second play, *Love or Nearest Offer*, is in the process of being worked up to the same high standard. Rebecca Noble is now a permanent member of the cast along with Jo Robbins, Chris Greenhill and Aaron Evans.

Don't forget to book your tickets for what will be a most enjoyable night out. And if you need proof of that statement, just check with the Festival Adjudicator!

### Open Day

This year it was decided to hold an Open Day to permit the general public to learn more about our society and to get behind the scenes at the Incinerator. Accordingly, we hosted such an event on Saturday 25 July.

It was gratifying to have quite good public representation who were given talks on our beloved building – its origin, conversion and use – and our various sub-groups, followed by a walk-around showing how the building worked as in incinerator and how it functions now. In the afternoon, there was an opportunity for workshops on acting, directing, playwriting, publicity and theatre management. There was general interest and, as a result, new patrons for the Festival.

Our final major production for 2015

### *Putting it Together*

by Stephen Sondheim,

to be directed by David Austin, assisted by Kate Mallory, was successfully cast at the recent auditions.

The cast comprises Robert Shearer, Tracey Spence, Michael Hogg, Liz Ball, and Sam Hoepner.

The season runs from 18 November to 5 December.

More news later.

Bookings open on 11 October.



## From the President

What a great weekend of theatre we saw at our 61<sup>st</sup> One Act Theatre Festival. I would like to thank Craig Taylor and his Committee for another hugely successful Festival. I would also like to thank all the members who cooked, cleaned and liaised on the weekend; your help added to the smooth running of the Festival. It was great to welcome new faces as well as our theatre friends whom we have known for many years. Once again thank you to S-Troupe, who kept us entertained while our adjudicator made her award choices. I had the pleasure of getting to know our adjudicator, Lesly, who fell in love with our theatre. Lesly enjoyed herself so much at our Festival that it has inspired her to start up a

One Act Festival in Newcastle at her theatre.

Don't forget to get your tickets for our next season "Love's Dilemmas" – two one act plays, one of which, "Love and Other Flushes", won Best Comedy at our Festival. Its Director, Jim Orr won an Incentive Award for Directing; Chris Greenhill won Best Supporting Actor in a Comedy; Aaron Evans won an Incentive Award for Acting and Rebecca Noble won the Adjudicator's Choice Award. So come along and see an award winning play with award winning actors.

See you at the theatre!

Cheers,

David



Adjudicator Lesly Stevenson

## Festival 2015 Photographs – pkf Col Paterson



The audience hanging on the adjudicator's every word



The famous barbecue luncheon



Lesly congratulating Chris Greenhill on his award



A Festival also runs on its stomach – Sandie Henwood and Ann Collyer at work



Jim Orr with his award and Craig



Scribe Bette Rose and Festival Director Craig Taylor



Some of the S-Troupers entertaining the audience with a segment from "The Two of Us"

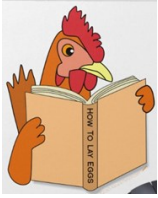


Adjudicator's Choice Rebecca Noble

Former ILT performers James Miles and Christine Ilka who dropped by for some wedding photos in the grounds but found themselves posing on stage.







## Daytime Theatre Troupe

## Henrietta's Not So Helpful Day

Written and directed by Jane Sheppard

...is now happily playing to very large, very happy audiences ...



*Happy as pigs in mud – Jenny Pearce, Di Cook and Ann Collyer*



*Bow-legged chickens – Annette Sephton, Allison Johnston and Anne England*



*Looking sheepish – Cheryl Klaassen and Ian Pullar*



*Beeing themselves – Margaret Martin and Robyn Harm*



*A hen, a dog and a Scottish coo down on the farm – Sue Van Der Meer, Jane Brown and Deirdre Lowe*

TICKETS FOR THE MATINEE ON 22 AUGUST ARE AVAILABLE FROM CHIC CURRIE **32889783** or **0409725315**

## Young Theatricals

The Young Theatricals took time out from their normal activities to come and view the Daytimers at the Family and Friends performance.

The performance was followed by a short question and answer session at which directors Liz Ball and Rebecca Noble were pleased to have their message about taking all forms of theatre – including comedy – seriously was reinforced.



IPSWICH LITTLE THEATRE  
JUNIORS & LITTLE PLAYERS  
PRESENT  
"NINJA NOEL"



SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER

Preparations are now in hand for yet another extravaganza, written and directed by Deidre Lowe with assistance from Jacqui de Villiers and Ann Collyer.

## S-Troupe

As is now traditional, S-Troupe presented a heart-warming performance at the Festival while the adjudicator was making her final decisions about the awards. They performed some of the segments of their upcoming show *The Two of Us* to be presented on 19, 20, 26, 27 September.

As well, the S-Troupe poetry group filled in during the adjudicator's deliberations about the Youth Section of the festival – an enjoyable performance in advance of their regular appearance at the Silkstone Eisteddfod.



*The poetry group getting ready for their performance at the Festival*

## Festival Thank You

ILT is extremely grateful to all those organisations and individuals who sponsored our Festival with cash donations or prizes for our multi-draw raffle.

These are too numerous to list in their entirety, but we do depend on them for their continued support.

One of those organisations was Ipswich Musical Theatre Company who donated tickets for their blockbuster show of the year

### **Mary Poppins**

starring our own Lauren Roche as Mary

The season at the Civic Centre runs from 12 to 20 September and tickets are available from the Civic Centre

### ILT Season 3

23 September - 10 October (Public Performances: 2, 3, 9, 10 & Matinee 4 October)

**Love's Dilemmas** by Hugh O'Brien

*Love and Other Flushes &*

*Love or Nearest Offer*

Director: Jim Orr; Assistant Director: Ann Collyer

Comedies. Rated PG. Mild sexual references.

### ILT Season 4

18 November – 5 December (Public performances: 27, 28 Nov 4, 5 Dec & Matinee 29 Nov)

**Putting it Together** by Stephen Sondheim

Director: David Austin; Assistant Director: Kate Mallory

Comedy. Rated PG. Some 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

18 – 28 August	Daytimers' <i>Henrietta's Not So Helpful Day</i> <b>Public Matinee 22 August</b>
23 September	Opening Night for <i>Love's Dilemmas</i>
11 October	Bookings open for <i>Putting it Together</i>
19, 20, 26, 27 September	S-Troupe performance of <i>The Two of Us</i>
18 November	Opening Night for <i>Putting it Together</i>
6, 7 November	Young Theatricals Showcase
5 December	Junior Theatre & Little Players <i>Ninja Noel</i>
6 December	Annual General Meeting

## Unexpected Guests

On the Saturday of the Festival, two young men (one from Sydney and the other a visitor from France) were wandering through Queen's Park when they came across the Incinerator. They ventured in to inspect it and discovered there were activities going on. What were they? A Drama Festival, they were told. They also found it was a place they could get a beer so they had one – and then another. Could they have tickets? Sorry, booked out this evening. But tickets were available on Sunday, so they came back, enjoyed the barbecue, the plays. And S-Troupe.

They went away very happy, vowing to return next year. After all, Ipswich isn't very far away from Sydney, is it?



### 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

President	David Austin	3812 9431 (ah) 0422 620 851
Vice President	Robyn Flashman	3812 3450
Past President	Jim Orr	0447 200 006
Secretary	Helen Pullar	3281 4437
Treasurer	Jan Paterson	3282 4250 0419 787 130

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR OTHER IMPORTANT POSITIONS

Front of House Management Coordinator	David Austin/ Chris Greenhill	0422 620 851 / 0427 977 007
Subscription Secretary	Doug Moses	3281 2846
Group Liaison Secretary	Robyn Flashman	3812 3450
Jean Pratt Building Bookings	Desley Cronon	3288 8754
Junior Theatre/Little Players	Deirdre Lowe	0409 202 380
Young Theatricals	Liz Ball	0439 642 259
	Rebecca Noble	0422 449 291
STroupe	Di Johnston	0447 191 954
Daytime Theatre Troupe	Sandie Henwood	0439 744 641
Tourific Troupers	Helen Pullar or Jane Sheppard	H 3281 4437 J 5464 5363
Theatre number	NB: only during rehearsals or meetings	3812 2389

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

## FESTIVAL 2015 AWARDS

### YOUTH SECTION

Best Play Youth Section - *The Higgledy-Piggledy Whooping Book of Tales (Drama Works)*

Best Director Youth Play – *Louisa Snelling (Drama Works)*

Best Youth Actor – *Lachlann Smith (KSP Juniors)*

Best Youth Actress – *Anastasia Baggley (Drama Works)*

Best Supporting Youth Actor – *Dalton Webb (Rivermount College)*

Best Supporting Youth Actress – *Courtney Neville (Drama Works)*

Best Youth Actor Minor Role – *Robert Ashworth (Rivermount College)*

Best Youth Actress Minor Role – *Pascal Fagnoli (Drama Works)*

Youth Incentive Awards

1. *Erin Kelly (Drama Works)*
2. *Brooke Springall (Drama Works)*
3. *Vanessa Chertes (Rivermount College)*

### OPEN SECTION

Best Play Drama – *Wondered (Mira Ball Productions)*

Best Play Comedy – *Love & Other Flushes (ILTS)*

Runner Up Drama – *Primordia (Excalibur Theatre Co)*

Runner Up Comedy – *Denied! (Beenleigh Theatre Group)*

Best Director – *Shirley Lucas (Excalibur Theatre Co)*

Best Actor - Dramatic Role – *Reagan Warner (Mira Ball Productions)*

Best Actress - Dramatic Role – *Jenni McCaul (Miranda's Dressing Room)*

Best Actor - Comedy Role – *Sam Gregory (Beenleigh Theatre Group)*

Best Actress – Comedy Role – *Majella Gee (Crossfyre Players)*

Best Supporting Actor – *Chris Greenhill (ILTS)*

Best Supporting Actress – *Jane Rivers (Miranda's Dressing Room)*

Best Supporting Actor - Minor Role – *Kyle Breese (Crossfyre Players)*

Best Supporting Actress - Minor Role – *Lindi Milbourne (Mira Ball Productions)*

Helen Haenke Memorial Prize – *Denied! (Beenleigh Theatre Group)*

Adjudicator's Choice – *Rebecca Noble (ILTS)*

Stage Manager's Award – *Downstage Theatre*

Open Incentive Awards

1. *Monica Lynch (Pandora Productions)*
2. *Jim Orr (ILTS)*
3. *Stephanie Elliott (Downstage Theatre)*
4. *Aaron Evans (Crossfyre Players)*
5. *PaperTrail (Zest Theatre Co)*



## Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

## 2016 Positions

(Please note that Executive and Admin Committee nominations will be called for separately in November)

I would like to **express my interest** in filling the following position/s: *(please circle the appropriate positions below).*

*NB It is considered desirable that either the position holder or the assistant is also a **member of Admin**.*

Position	Position
Minutes Secretary	Daytime Theatre Co-ordinator
Subscription Secretary	Assistant Daytime Theatre Co-ordinator
Assistant Subscription Secretary	S-Troupe Co-ordinator
Group Liaison Secretary	Assistant S-Troupe Co-ordinator
Assistant Group Liaison Secretary	Tourific Troupers Co-ordinator
Bar Manager	Assistant TT's Co-ordinator
Assistant Bar Manager	Librarian
Catering Manager	Assistant Librarian
Assistant Catering Manager	Lighting & Sound Manager
Liquor Licence Nominee	Assistant Lighting & Sound Manager
Festival Director	Newsletter Editor
Assistant Festival Director	Assistant Newsletter Editor
Front of House Manager	Publicity Convener
Assistant Front of House Manager	Assistant Publicity Convener
ICT Manager	Wardrobe Manager
Assistant ICT Manager	Assistant Wardrobe Manager
Properties Manager	Jean Pratt Booking Officer
Assistant Properties Manager	Fire Regulation Officer
Young Theatricals Co-ordinator	Small Properties Manager
Assist. Young Theatricals Co-ordinator	Assistant Treasurer
Junior Theatre Co-ordinator	Production Manager
Assistant Junior Theatre Co-ordinator	Maintenance Manager

Your Name: (please print clearly) .....

I am prepared to nominate for a position on the Administrative Committee      Yes    No

Signed .....

This Expression of Interest needs to be in the hands of the ILT Secretary by **6 September 2015**

You can put it in the Secretary's tray in the Jean Pratt kitchen.

Post to PO Box 154, Ipswich 4305. Attention: The Secretary

Or email Helen Pullar at [hpullar@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hpullar@bigpond.net.au) or contact 3281 4437