

# ≡ *Burning News* from the Incinerator Theatre

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## Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc Newsletter



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**NEXT ILT  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
7pm  
Tuesday  
12 January**

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### Thanks

My special thanks to Robyns Harm and Flashman who compiled the October Newsletter which allowed us to head off overseas – and didn't even use their own by-line! - Ed.

## Annual General Meeting for 2015

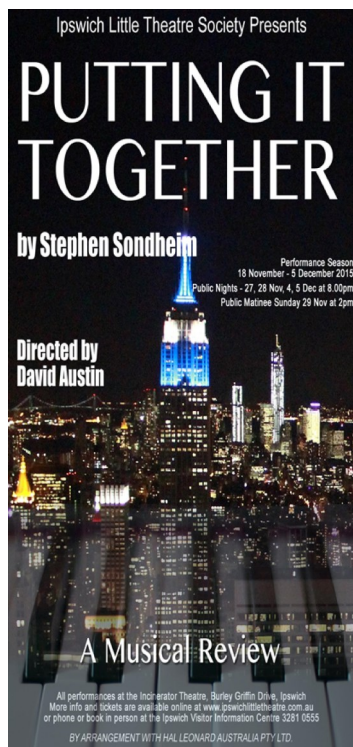
Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Incinerator  
**at 3 pm on Sunday 6 December**

All are invited to attend and to hear reports on the numerous and very interesting activities of the Society over the past year and to elect the Office Bearers for 2016. The President will also present this year's Griffin Awards and Griffin Incentive Awards at 5 pm. The awards presentation will be followed by a Christmas Party to which all are also invited. However, if you intend to come to that please let Ann Collyer (3288 7053) know so that there will be a sausage for you.

Nominations have been called for the following positions:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and members of the Administrative Committee (up to 20). Nominations are also called for the two vacancies on Building Committee for three year terms (Ian Pullar and Robyn Flashman to stand down) and the three vacancies on Selection Committee for two years (Les Chappell, Ann Collyer and Chris Greenhill to stand down). These members are eligible to re-nominate.

A nomination form can be obtained by contacting secretary Helen Pullar ([hpullar@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hpullar@bigpond.net.au)). Anyone nominating for one or more of the positions shown on the form is asked to complete the form and ensure it is in the hands of the Secretary at least 48 hours before the meeting. This can be done either by handing it to her in person or by mailing it to PO Box 154 Ipswich. Please do not put it in the Secretary's pigeon hole in the Jean Pratt Building because that does not provide security and will not be checked. We look forward to seeing lots of you at the meeting.



Our final production of 2015, *Putting It Together* opens on 19 November. Directed by David Austin, and assistant director, Kate Mallory, cast members Michael Hogg, Liz Ball, Sam Hoepner, Tracey Spence, Robert Shearer and Courtney Murrin are ready to go.

Don't forget to book tickets for yourself and as many friends as you can rustle up for what promises to be a most enjoyable show.

See you in the courtyard!

Our first play for 2016



by Helen O'Connor and Simon Hopkins

to be directed by Doug Moses and Chris Greenhill  
will be staged

**2 March – 19 March**

with the following cast:

Relle Scott, Kate Mallory, Alizah Pomery and Jo Robins .

See photos on page 3

We need your help with Front of House. PLEASE volunteer to assist. Contact Chris Greenhill today 0427 977 007

**NO FRONT OF HOUSE COULD MEAN NO PLAY**



## From the President

Another year of theatre is nearing its end with our final production under way and our AGM just around the corner.

Firstly, I urge you to support your Theatre company by coming to "Putting It Together" and bringing your friends. Our box office sales are even more critical in view of our ambitious plans for the courtyard upgrade.

Equally importantly we rely on members to help Front of House. Yet again I have to comment on how difficult it is to fill that roster. During the last season some volunteers were required to work front of house several nights and often at very short notice.

Our bar is such an important feature of what we have to offer. Can you imagine rounding the courtyard and seeing closed roller doors and no patrons enjoying pre-performance drinks? This may be the stark reality if we don't get sufficient helpers.

On Sunday 6 December our AGM will be followed by the presentation of the Griffin Awards and the annual Christmas party. This is one of the occasions when we can come together as an organisation and celebrate our success and enjoy each other's company.

Unfortunately, it is an observable fact that members support our free social functions with more enthusiasm than they muster for attending plays or working bees or volunteering front of house.

While we hope to see many of you on 6 December, as President I remind you that membership comes with responsibilities if we are to maintain our high standards and survive in the competitive world of live theatre.

See you at the theatre! *David*

## Young Theatricals

The YT's presentation of

### HaTiNg ALiSON Ashley

was very well received. In the words of one reviewer (Aaron Evans), "The cast were fantastic and all showed great promise. I'd also like to congratulate Rebecca and Liz on their hard work. Being a former YT's teacher, I do know the struggle of trying to get everything together. I believe they both did a wonderful job and should be proud of what they have done for these young talented teenagers."

Congratulations to all concerned.



*Scenes from the show – the result of a lot of hard work.*



Directors Liz Ball and Rebecca Noble are extremely pleased and proud of the efforts of the players.

YTs are now in recess until next year when we can look forward to more development and more good entertainment.

Sign-on date for 2016 is January 23rd 10am to 12 noon in the Jean Pratt Building.

## Tourific Troupers

The Troupe celebrated another year of tours with morning tea at *Plantations*.



## Daytime Theatre Troupe

The DTT ladies are continuing on with their regular planning meetings – that is planning what to eat next!. Immediate plans include a break-up luncheon on Wednesday 25 November at *Plantations*.

## "A NINJA NOEL"



'A Ninja Noel', featuring our Junior Theatre and Little Players, will be presented on Friday 4 December at 6.30 pm and Saturday 5 December at 10.00 am.

Tickets can be pre-purchased (which is a good idea) by contacting Deirdre or Ann on Saturday mornings or by phone 0409 202 380 to reserve your seats.

Note the use of the plural "seats" as we hope that the whole family will support the production!

## Wanted:

### Junior Theatre & Little Players Helpers

Director Deirdre Lowe and her assistants Ann Collyer and Jacqui de Villiers have been planning for 2016. Because the demand for places is growing, they have decided to have two groups (each of 15) of the Juniors meeting on Saturday mornings from 8:15 to 10:15 and then from 10:30 to 12:30. The Little Players (up to 10 members) will continue to meet on Thursday afternoons.

With a total of 40 students, these ladies would love if other dedicated members would join them to run the classes and productions. Deirdre intends to stage two productions next year from her own pen. The working titles are *Make Hay While the Sun Shines* and *Ali Bubba and Some Risky Rascals*.

If you are able to assist this remarkably energetic team in their valuable work please contact Deirdre (0409 202 380).

## S-Troupe

S-Troupe recently celebrated its annual break-up with a Christmas Party as can be seen in the photographs.



*Helpers Melinda and Rosemary with Vicki V and Madeline*



*Santa and his little elf popped in for a visit thanks Doug and Jim*



*Lots of Christmas shirts and Christmas songs were the order of the day!*

At the Silkstone Eisteddfod, the poetry group performed well and Steven Harley received a special award from the Adjudicator. Congratulations!

S-Troupe is now in recess until sign-on day 31 January 2016 with our wonderful Director Di and her helpers enjoying a well earned rest.



*Cast & Crew of "Lipstick Dreams": Alizah Pommery, Chris Greenhill, Kate Mallory, Jo Robins and Doug Moses. Inset: Relle Scott*



## Plays for 2016 Festival Circuit

Selection Committee would love to hear from any director who is interested in directing a play for competition on next year's festival circuit.

One offer has so far been received, but other offers would be welcome, especially if that means the load can be spread.

Contact Selection Committee Convener Les Chappell 3202 4632 for more information.

The library has a selection of scripts – contact Jan Paterson on 3282 4250 or 0419 787 130

# DIARY DATES

## 2016 Major Productions

SEASON ONE 2 - 19 March

### "LIPSTICK DREAMS"

by Helen O'Connor and Simon Hopkins

Directors: Doug Moses and Chris Austin-Greenhill.

SEASON 2 4-21 May

### "THE GLASS MENAGERIE"

by Tennessee Williams.

Director: Jan Paterson  
Assistant Director : Desley Cronon

SEASON 3 29 June–16 July

### 'THE NARCISSIST' by Stephen Carleton.

Director: Shane Mallory.

SEASON 4 21 Sept –8 Oct

### "DECKCHAIRS" by Jean McConnell.

Directors: Chris Austin-Greenhill, Ann Collyer and Aaron Evans .

SEASON 5 23 Nov– 10 Dec

### "THE FINAL TEST" by Chris Palin.

Director : Jane Sheppard.  
Assistant Director: Anne England

27, 28 Nov, 4, 5 Dec 8 pm 29 November 2pm	Public Performances for 'Putting It Together"
4 Dec 6.30 pm 5 Dec 10 am	Junior Theatre & Little Players 'A Ninja Noel'
6 December	Annual General Meeting

## Raising the Roof

Despite a few glitches with the timing, our exciting project to construct a wonderful roof over our courtyard is proceeding. Building Committee met recently with the architect and the builder to discuss a possible timetable for the works to be undertaken. Assuming that the necessary approvals come through in time (and we are determinedly confident they will), the work will be undertaken during the interval between our first and second productions. So we expect that audiences for *The Glass Menagerie* will be the first to enjoy this exciting new asset.

A large amount of the work will be carried out off-site, with the major steel components being prefabricated. These will then be lifted into place by a large crane located on the pad outside the roller door to the loft.

Before construction can commence, we ourselves will need to demolish the existing pergola roof which we plan to relocate outside the Jean Pratt Building to provide weather protection there. There is much to look forward to.

Some generous donations have been received and these will be acknowledged at the opening. Envelopes and a donation box will be set up front of house. Every little bit—even loose change—will help.

### 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

President	David Austin	3812 9431 (ah) 0422 620 851
Vice President	Robyn Flashman	3812 3450 0412 446 580
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/ Publicity Co-Coordinators	Robyn Flashman/ Robyn Harm	3812 3450 / 3812 3516
Jean Pratt Building Bookings	Desley Cronon	3288 8754
Junior Theatre/Little Players	Deirdre Lowe	0409 202 380
Young Theatricals	Liz Ball Rebecca Noble	0439 642 259 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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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2016 Positions

Position	Name	Position	Name
Minutes Secretary	<i>Karen Peart</i>	Junior Theatre Co-ordinator	<i>Deirdre Lowe</i>
Subscription Secretary	<i>Doug Moses</i>	Assistant Junior Theatre Co-	<i>Ann Collyer</i>
Assistant Subscription Sec-	<i>Di Johnston</i>	Daytime Theatre Co-ordinator	<i>Sandie Henwood</i>
Group Liaison Secretary	<i>Robyn Flashman</i>	Assistant Daytime Theatre Co-	<i>Anne England</i>
Assistant Group Liaison Secretary	<i>Robyn Harm</i>	S-Troupe Co-ordinator	<i>Di Johnston</i>
Bar Manager	<i>Ann Collyer</i>	Assistant S-Troupe Co-ordinator	<i>Melinda Park</i>
Assistant Bar Manager	<i>Jim Orr</i>	Tourific Troupers Co-ordinators	<i>Helen Pullar, Jane Sheppard</i>
Catering Manager	<i>Ann Collyer</i>		
Assistant Catering Manag-	<i>Deirdre Lowe</i>	Librarian	<i>Jan Paterson</i>
Liquor Licence Nominee	<i>Ann Collyer</i>	Assistant Librarian	<i>Doug Moses</i>
Festival Director	<i>Craig Taylor</i>	Lighting & Sound Manager	<i>Rob Bendell</i>
Assistant Festival Director	<i>Chris Greenhill</i>	Assistant Lighting & Sound Manager	<i>Nadine England</i>
Front of House Manager	<i>Ann England</i>	Newsletter Editor	<i>Ian Pullar</i>
ICT Manager	<i>Shane Mallory</i>	Assistant Newsletter Editor	<i>Karen Peart</i>
Assistant ICT Manager	<i>Karen Peart</i>	Publicity Convener	<i>Robyn Harm</i>
Properties Manager	<i>Ian Pullar</i>	Assistant Publicity Convener	<i>Robyn Flashman</i>
Assistant Properties Man-	<i>Chris Greenhill</i>	Wardrobe Manager	<i>Kay McAllan</i>
Young Theatricals Co-ordinators	<i>Liz Ball, Rebecca Noble</i>	Assistant Wardrobe Manager	<i>Di Johnston</i>
Jean Pratt Booking Of-	<i>Desley Cronon</i>	Fire Regulation Officer	<i>Jim Orr</i>