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COMMITTEE
MEETING
7pm
Tuesday
8 November**

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We still need all the support we can get to pay off our debt.

Please come to our plays and bring all your family and friends.

Bookings are now open for ...

The Final Test

By Chris Paling

A touching and poignant comedy about marriage, cricket, and the dangerous lure of a beach-side retreat

Directed by Jane Sheppard



Sam Hoepner, Kate Mallory and Ian Pullar in rehearsal



Peter and Ruth are happily married – or so Peter believes. They each have their own interests – he loves listening to cricket on the radio and she loves to travel. But not everything in the garden is rosy as Peter discovers one afternoon. And not only because the final Test from the Oval is going badly.

Season

23 November – 10 December

Wine & Cheese Night 26 November

Bookings at www.ilt.org.au

or Visitor Information Centre 3281 0555

A Big Celebration Coming Up

2016 has been a major milestone year for Ipswich Little Theatre. It is 80 years since our beloved Incinerator was built; 70 years since Ipswich Little Theatre Society was founded; and the year in which we “raised the roof.”

To celebrate, we are holding a function at which all our many facets – Senior Theatre, Junior Theatre, Young Theatricals, Daytime Theatre Troupe, S-Troupe and Tourific Troupers – will be displaying their activities. Attendees will include current members, Life Members, Past Presidents and those responsible for the new roof which will be admired and celebrated.

A great time is expected, which will be reported on next issue.





From the President

Things are certainly underway for our 70th year celebrations. At the helm of a great team is our wonderful Secretary, Helen Pullar, who is putting all the finishing touches to make the night a great one. People are travelling from afar to be a part of this celebration, so it will also be a night of catching up with old friends. I am really looking forward to the showcase of all our subgroups that we are so lucky to have within our Community Theatre.

Please be quick to get tickets for our final show, "The Final Test" as tickets are selling very fast. If you want your favourite seat in the theatre, get your tickets online through our website, or go to the Visitor Information Centre at Queens Park.

For all those members that are chomping at the bit to do your bit for your theatre, please contact Anne England, to do the bar and kitchen for one (or two) nights for our final season. All help is appreciated.

That's me for another month and see you at the theatre.

David

Programme for 2017

The following programme has been approved for next year, subject to availability.

Season 1: 8 March – 25 March

An Inspector Calls by J B Priestley

Director Les Chappell. Assistant Desley Cronon

Season 2: 10 May – 27 May

The Last of the Red-hot Lovers by Neil Simon

Director Robyn Flashman. Assistant Melinda Park

Season 3: 12 July – 29 July

The Sum of Us by David Stevens

Director Doug Moses

Season 4: 20 September – 7 October

Stage Directions by Aaron Evans

Director Aaron Evans. Assistant Jo Robins

Season 5: 22 November – 9 December

Fully Committed by Becky Mode

Director Shane Mallory. Assistant Kate Mallory

Five Lesbians Eating a Quiche by Evan Linder & Andrew Hopgood

Director Kate Mallory. Assistant Shane Mallory

2017 Seasons Launch

The 2017 Seasons will be launched at a special event on

5 November from 6:30 pm in the Jean Pratt Building

This will provide an opportunity for any performers interested in auditioning for a part next year to learn what parts will be available. It also provides community groups to have a preview of the programme to help them to decide which plays would suit them to make group bookings.

Deck Chairs

A successful season of *Deck Chairs* is now history.

Congratulations to the casts and three first-time directors – Ann Collyer, Aaron Evans and Chris Austin-Greenhill – for their efforts which were well received by the audiences. A number of groups contacted us to congratulate the performers and the willing workers who dealt with their suppers. One group who, like all the others, were using the venue for fund-raising, saw fit to make a donation towards our roof debt. Many thanks.

Our thanks also to the "workers".

Junior Theatre

The two Junior productions to close 2017 are 'Circus Circus' and 'Ali Bubba and the Risky Rascals'. Both are well on their way as can be seen in the photograph of the players in rehearsal.



Director and author Deirdre Lowe is again at the helm with her regular reliable assistants Ann Collyer and Jacqui De Villiers.

Performances on 18 and 19 November

Don't miss it!

Key Positions for 2017

Minutes Secretary:: Aaron Evans
 Group Liaison Secretary: Robyn Flashman/Robyn Harm
 Subscription Secretary: Di Johnston/Doug Moses
 Bar Manager: Ann Collyer/Jim Orr
 Catering Manager: Ann Collyer/ Sandie Henwood
 Publicity Convener:: Robyn Harm/Robyn Flashman
 Newsletter Editor: Ian Pullar/Karen Peart/Josh Nixon
 Festival Director: Craig Taylor/Chris Austin-Greenhill
 Lighting and Sound Director: Rob Bendell
 Junior Theatre Director: Deirdre Lowe/Ann
 S-Troupe Director: Di Johnston/Melinda Park
 Daytime Theatre Troupe: Sandie Henwood/Anne England

Tourific Troupers: Helen Pullar & Jane Sheppard
 ICT: Shane Mallory/Karen Peart/Kate Mallory/Josh Nixon
 JP Building Booking Officer: Desley Cronon
 Librarian: Doug Moses/Karen Peart/Deirdre Lowe
 Archives: Robyn Flashman/Helen& Ian Pullar/Craig Taylor
 Wardrobe Manager: Kay McAllan/Di Johnston/Rebecca Noble
 Production/Properties Team: Ian Pullar/Chris Greenhill/Tony Erhardt/Billy Lowe/Aaron Evans
 Fire Regulation Officer: Josh Nixon
 Front of House Manager: Anne England/Chris Austin-Greenhill
 Raffles: Helen Greenhill/Robyn Harm/Bev Ralph

Young Theatricals Directors: **VACANT**

Members are reminded that positions on the Executive, Administrative Committee, Building Committee and Selection Committee are filled at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with our Constitution.

It is very gratifying to have all these willing workers. There are, however, important positions unfilled and further Expressions of Interest are sought for them. These positions are:

Young Theatricals Director

Photographer and Videographer

Please contact the Secretary if you are interested in taking on either role.

A Very Generous Donation

Long-standing members Geoff and Shirlee Burns have made an exceedingly generous donation to ILT for which we are extremely grateful. On being thanked, Shirlee added, "It is the least we could do when we have ILT to thank and so much to be grateful for. We never would have met but for Mrs Pratt's "Admirable Crichton" and the marvellous years that followed have given us friends, contacts, interests, and happiness that cannot be bought or sold.. Glad we could do something even if it took a while to get it ready."

S-Troupe

S-Troupe poetry students recently competed in the Silkstone Eisteddfod. Teacher Di Johnston was thrilled with their performances as was the audience.

Andrea Dundas took out first place but the adjudicator Mrs Kathie Hendon from Toowoomba, couldn't decide amongst the others, so gave Matthew Bowen, Damon Osborne, Michele Besgrove, Leesa Besgrove, Toyah Cox, and David Spain-Mostina all second place.

S-Troupe students are shortly off to visit residents of Seasons and Milford Grange retirement village and perform a small Christmas concert for them.

And, of course, the S-Troupers will be performing at the celebrations on 22 October.



Still to come –

Season 5: 23 November — 10 December

Public Performances 26 November 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 December

The Final Test

by Chris Paling

Director: Jane Sheppard

Assistant Director: Anne England

Rated G - Suitable for all audiences

Craig Taylor has now completed his mammoth task of listing every play presented by Ipswich Little Theatre and its sub-groups – an incredible and incredibly valuable task. Our gratitude knows no bounds.

DIARY DATES

5 November	2017 Seasons Launch Jean Pratt Building 6:30 pm
14 November	Auditions for <i>An Inspector Calls</i> at 7:30 pm
18 & 19 November	Junior Theatre
23 November – 10 December	<i>The Final Test</i> season
28 November	Auditions for <i>The Asylum</i> Jean Pratt Building at 7:30 pm
11 December	Annual General Meeting Incinerator 3 pm

AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS! AUDITIONS!

Auditions will be held for our first major production of 2017

An Inspector Calls by JB Priestley, to be directed by Les Chappell, assisted by Desley Cronon

on **Monday 14 November at 7:30pm**

When Inspector Goole arrives unexpectedly at the prosperous Birling family home, their peaceful dinner party is shattered by his investigations into the death of a young woman. His startling revelations shake the very foundations of their lives and challenge us all to examine our consciences. It emerges that each member of the family has a guilty secret. Each is partly responsible for the woman's death.

Characters:-1 female 45-55; 1 female 20-25; 1 female 20-60; 1 male 45-55; 1 male 20-25; 1 male 25-30; 1 male 40-60

Auditions will also be held for a One Act Play to be entered on the 2017 Festival circuit

The Asylum by Tony Erhardt to be directed by Tony Erhardt assisted by Craig Taylor

on **Monday 28 November at 7:30pm**

This is the Dark and more Truthful look at four of your favorite childhood Storybook characters. You will meet the girls behind the sugar coating, behind the lies, behind the happy stories that have been told. You will get to see the dark and horrific history that leads these girls to be who they are and why they are here. Who has what it takes to survive THE ASYLUM?

Characters: - 4 females 18-30 (Alice, Wendy, Goldilocks and Red Riding Hood); 1 female 40-70 (Miss James)

2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

President	David Austin	3812 9431 (ah) 0422 620 851
Vice President	Doug Moses	3281 2846
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Treasurer	Josh Nixon	0448 067 170

CONTACT DETAILS FOR OTHER IMPORTANT POSITIONS

Front of House Management Coordinator	Anne England	3281 7654 0413 676 049
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	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

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

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