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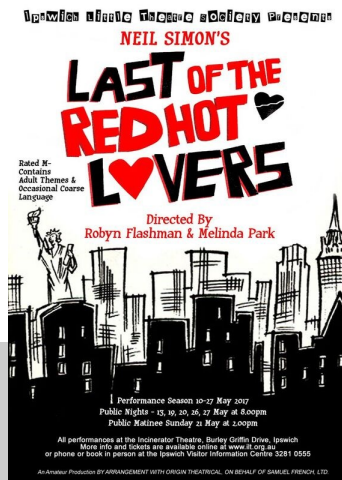
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**NEXT ILT
COMMITTEE
MEETING**
7pm
Tuesday
9 May

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If you can assist with the loan or donation of some classic 1980's furniture for our upcoming season of "The Sum of Us" please contact Chris Austin-Greenhill on 0427977007. The play is set in the 80's. We need a 2 ½ or 3 seater couch, a cocktail trolley and assorted bric a brac. Thanks!!



A classic Neil Simon comedy set in the 1960's will hit the stage of the Incinerator Theatre during May. Barney is happily married but is facing a mid-life crisis- his 'nice' life simply isn't enough in the swinging 60's. He arranges a romantic afternoon with a woman but with no experience in seduction this liaison proves disastrous. But has he learnt from this endeavour? **Tickets are selling fast at www.ilt.org.au or VIC on 3281 0555.**



A Very Welcome Paint Job

Although over the past couple of years we have managed to paint most of our premises, the high gable end of the incinerator (which has not been painted in living memory) has proved beyond our capacity, both physically and financially. But Councillor Andrew Antonioli made representations on our behalf and the Works Department of the Ipswich Council engaged contractors to clean, seal and paint all the rendered surfaces of the building. We are extremely grateful for this contribution which makes our beautiful building even more beautiful.

Footnote: the foreman painter admitted that he had lived in Ipswich for all the 60 years or so of his life and never knew the building existed.



Cleaning the gable end from a cherry picker



From the President

For all of you who didn't get to see our first production of the year, "An Inspector Calls", directed by Les Chappell, then you have missed out on a wonderful production. Congratulations to Les and the cast and crew of "An Inspector Calls".

By all reports, tickets for Neil Simon's hilarious play, "Last of the Red-Hot Lovers" directed by Robyn Flashman and Melinda Park, are selling out quickly, so make sure you purchase ticket online or at the VIC to avoid disappointment. Remember that if you have your member vouchers, that you need to purchase your tickets from the VIC.

All our subgroups are busy rehearsing their first plays for the year and ILT's incredibly talented S-Troupers visited not only one, but two aged residential villages with their Easter Show this month. Well done Di Johnson, the S-troupers and helpers! Thanks to the Ipswich City Council and Cr Andrew Antonelli, our Main House theatre got a spruce up with a fresh coat of paint and is looking beautiful. We did incur some water damage to the Green Room kitchen because of the post Hurricane Debbie deluge and I would like to thank, Sandi Henwood, for your speedy response and cleaning this up. On a positive note, the gardens and grounds seem to have benefitted from all the rain after our extended Ipswich summer.

Keep an eye out for all that's happening at ILT by logging onto our website <http://www.ilt.org.au> or visiting our Facebook page.

See you at the theatre!

David

Junior Theatre

Nina in Numberland

Rehearsals are going along smoothly for the next play which will be staged on Friday night 28 April and Saturday morning 29 April. The children are very excited to be acting in "Lena in Numberland" which has been written by Director of the Juniors, Deirdre Lowe. Ticket sales are going nicely with some rows are sold out already. To book, phone Ann on 0400 997 365 or Deirdre 0409 202 380.

Soup Trivia Night

After a very successful trivia night last year, the Juniors are holding another soup trivia night. **June 17** is the date, so book your tables for this yummy mind stretching experience. Phones and I-pads will be off-limits. To book, phone Deirdre on 0409 202 380.



S-Troupe

S-Troupe recently performed some small Easter concerts (yes on the road again!) at some retirement villages.

First they went to "The Springs" and were very well received. Then they shared afternoon tea with the residents, before packing up and hitting the road again.

Next stop "Elim Village", where Life member Beryl Johnston resides, with a surprise visit from Helen and Ian Pullar for Beryl. There was, of course, some audience participation for the residents to get in on the act and everyone received a home-made cross made from palm fronds.

A big thank you to all the S-Troupe helpers and parents who transported students.

Students and helpers all received an Easter egg reward for their hard work before packing up and heading back to theatre.



S-Troupers performing at "The Springs"

Life members Beryl Johnston, Helen Pullar and Ian Pullar at "Elim Village"



Late news: Long-term S-Trouper Michele Besgrove passed away on 3 April. Very sad news.

Daytime Theatre Troupe



**Ipswich Little Theatre Society
Daytime Theatre Troupe
Presents**

The Cute Little Bear From Peru

Directed by Jan Paterson

May/June 2017

Tues 30 May, Wed 31 May, Fri 2 June, Sat 3 June,

Tues 6 June, Wed 7 June, Fri 9 June

Performances are at 10am and 12 noon, Sat 10am

at The Incinerator Theatre, Burley Griffin Drive, Ipswich



L: Annette Kitching as Paddington

Above: Annette (Paddington) and Di Cook (Nurse)

Bookings are available through Chic Currie 3288 9783 or 0409 725 315

Festival 2017

The finishing touches have been put in place for Festival 2017. The Festival will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11, 12 and 13 August. The Youth plays will be held on Friday Night and Saturday Morning with the awards ceremony after the last play. The Open section will be on Saturday afternoon and night and Sunday morning with the awards ceremony held Sunday afternoon. A 10-Minute Play Section will be held for the first time on Sunday afternoon with the awards ceremony after the last play. The Festival Barbecue will be held on Sunday at lunchtime and everyone is invited to attend.

Our Adjudicator this year is Sunshine Coast Theatre identity, John McMahon. John is an award-winning director and is well known to most Festival goers. He will provide some useful insights for actors and directors. I look forward to seeing you sometime over the Festival weekend.

Craig Taylor

The Sum of Us

Well attended auditions were held for our third major production of the year, *The Sum of Us*, to be directed by Doug Moses and Chris Austin-Greenhill.

The successful auditionees were: David Austin, Simon Drew, Catherine Taylor and Mal Farrow.

It was very encouraging to have a pool of budding performers to select from.

More news as it becomes available.

Young Theatricals

Term 1 has been amazing and the students have been conquering the challenges set for them. They have taken on board the concepts of theatre and performance and applied it to their own performances. Shane Mallory held a workshop on characterisation and everyone really enjoyed it and were keen to use the techniques. Our mid year production (yet to be named) will be on June 23 and 24 at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available at the door. YTs have been rehearsing their play called 'Exit Stage Left'. It is an entry in the Youth section of our One Act Play Festival to be held on 11, 12 and 13 August. The cast are as follows: Jeremy Melhor, Joseph Leiseman, Candice Statham, Emily Sweet, Ethan Hill and Hannah Scibemas.

Kyle and Courtney

FRONT OF HOUSE Would you like to volunteer helping out at theatre but don't have the time to commit to a full play season? How about a couple of hours volunteering to help at the Bar or Front of House this year? Ipswich Little Theatre relies upon volunteers to help in our Front of House functions. Know someone who is interested in theatre and wants to volunteer, even better?! Volunteer to help during our productions in 2017 and bring along a friend and know that you have made a difference. If you are interested in helping at the bar or kitchen or usher our patrons to their seats, please contact our Front of House Co-ordinators Anne England at danngles@optusnet.com.au or call Anne's mobile phone: 0413676049 or Chris Austin-Greenhill at fastdash70@hotmail.com or call Chris' mobile phone: 0427977007. Looking forward to hearing from you!

2017 Major Productions

Season 1: 8 March – 25 March

An Inspector Calls by J B Priestley

Director Les Chappell. Assistant Desley Cronon

Rated PG: Mild adult themes

Season 2: 10 May – 27 May

Last of the Red-Hot Lovers by Neil Simon

Directors Robyn Flashman & Melinda Park

Rated M: Adult themes and occasional coarse language

Season 3: 12 July – 29 July

The Sum of Us by David Stevens

Directors Doug Moses & Chris Austin-Greenhill

Assistant Lucia Grant

Rated M 15+: Adult themes and coarse language

Season 4: 20 September – 7 October

Stage Directions by Aaron Evans

Director Aaron Evans. Assistant Jo Robins

Rated M: Occasional coarse language

Season 5: 22 November – 9 December

Committed Quiche

Fully Committed by Becky Mode

Director Shane Mallory. Assistant Kate Mallory (TBC)

Rated M: Occasional coarse language

Five Lesbians Eating a Quiche by Evan

Linder & Andrew Hopgood

Director Kate Mallory. Assistant Shane Mallory

Rated M: Adult themes

DIARY DATES

28 April 6:30 pm 29 April 10 am	Juniors present <i>Nina in Numberland</i>
10 May	Opening night of <i>Last of the Red Hot Lovers</i>
29 May	Bookings open for <i>The Sum of Us</i>
30 May – 9 June	Daytime Theatre Troupe presents <i>A Cute Little Bear from Peru</i>
5 June	Auditions for <i>Stage Directions</i>

The Ephemeral Lake Burley Griffin

Ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie which wreaked such devastation on parts of south-east Queensland, poured rain on our grounds. As usual,



water backed up behind the obstruction in the animal enclosure. But a few days later the water was gone and our lawn re-emerged, newly top-dressed!

Water entered in the back stage kitchen area and we hired in cleaners. After a weekend of dehumidifying, we're back to normal.

The scheduled tour of 29 March was cancelled because of access problems and the fact that there was no fresh produce in the supermarkets to feed the tourists.

But the good news was that after another generous application of silicon to the weak points in the roof just a few days before, there was no further leakage. Hooray!

Our Lake Burley Griffin photo - Di Johnston

2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

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Jean Pratt Building Bookings	Desley Cronon	3288 8754
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STroupe	Di Johnston	0447 191 954
Daytime Theatre Troupe	Sandie Henwood	0439 744 641
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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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