



Ipswich Little Theatre  
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**NEXT ILT  
MEETING  
AGM  
3pm  
Sunday  
10 December**

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*Just a reminder that following the AGM, the Griffin Awards will be presented.*

*Our Christmas Party will follow.*

## Annual General Meeting for 2017

Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Incinerator  
**at 3 pm on Sunday 10 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 2018. The President will also present this year's Griffin Awards and Griffin Incentive Awards at 5:30 pm. The awards presentation will be followed by a Christmas Party to which all attendees are invited. However, if you intend to come to that please let Ann Collyer (3288 7053) know so that you can be catered for.

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 (Jim Orr and Billy Lowe to stand down); and three vacancies on Selection Committee for two years (Les Chappell, Ann Collyer and Tony Erhardt to stand down) but all may renominate.

A nomination form can be obtained by contacting the Secretary Helen Pullar (hpullar@bigpond.net.au). Anyone nominating for one or more of the positions is required 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 Helen 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.

## 2018 Season Launch

A very successful launch of our exciting 2018 Season was held on 8 November in the Jean Pratt Building.

An account of the event, along with the details of the programme can be found on page 2.

Our final major production for the year opened on Wednesday 22 November for the usual three week season.

Substantial bookings have already been made, but there are limited seats available on some public nights for what promises to be a very entertaining evening.

### Season

**22 November – 9 December**

**Public Performances**

Gala Night 24 November

Wine & Cheese 25 November

1, 2, 8, 9 December at 8pm

Matinee 3 December at 2 pm

**Bookings: [www.ilt.org.au](http://www.ilt.org.au) or Visitor Information Centre 3281 0555**





## From the President

It is getting to that time of the year when most people start to wind down and think about Christmas, New Year and a well-earned break. Here at Ipswich Little Theatre, we look at ramping up the action with our final main house production "Committed Quiche" opening on 22 November and playing to 9 December, our Junior Theatre group with their end of year production "A Space Oddity" on 1 and 2 December and our Young Theatricals launching their showcase on 15 and 16 December. I highly recommend that you catch these performances as ILT has many talented young actors in our sub-groups. S-troupe's production of "A Man for All Seasons" was a huge success and Di Johnston

and her band of helpers are now in recess until 2018. Congratulations to our S-troupe performers for a truly wonderful show. We recently hosted the Ipswich Thistle Pipe band in our theatre complex and those who attended were treated to a glorious competition and entertainment.

What a wonderful time to be at the theatre! Be sure that you book your tickets for 'Committed Quiche' on line or at the VIC now to avoid disappointment as we are at 80% sold out status!

We have a wonderful program planned for you in 2018, so keep in touch via our newsletter, website and Facebook page.

See you at the Theatre

*David*

## 2018 Season Launch

More than 80 people attended the launch of our 2018 Season on 8 November, comprising (mostly) members of groups interested in booking nights at our plays and budding thespians keen to know what parts will be available for audition next year. The evening commenced with wine and cheese and once people were seated inside, each of next year's directors outlined his or her planned production.



*Chris Austin-Greenhill talking about his production*

We believe it is a very exciting programme with a great variety of genres to suit all tastes. Quite a few groups made bookings on the spot while others needed to go back to their respective committees before committing. It was a most enjoyable night and will become a regular event each year.

The year's programme is as follows:



*The audience with bated breath.*

### Season 1: 7 — 24 March

#### Wait Until Dark

by Frederick Knott

Director: Aaron Evans; Assistant Director: Timothy Wynn

### Season 2: 9 — 26 May

#### Dirty Dusting

by Ed Waugh and Trevor Wood

Director: Chris Austin-Greenhill; Assistant Director: Robyn Flashman

### Season 3: 11 July — 28 July

#### The Lion in Winter

by James Goldman

Director: David Austin; Assistant Director: Sam Hoepner

### Season 4: 19 September — 6 October

#### Sleuth

by Anthony Schaffer

Director: Les Chappell; Assistant Director: Desley Cronon

### Festival 2018

10 –12 August

### Season 5: 21 November — 8 December

#### A Piece of Cake (subject to confirmation)

by Lucy Bennett

Directors: Helen Pullar and Jane Sheppard



## Young Theatricals

The presentation of *Camp Euphoria* will take place in the Jean Pratt Building on 15 December at 7:30 pm with matinees at 2 pm on 16 & 17 December.

Tickets are available from directors Kyle Breese (0423 278 833 ) or Courtney Murrin (0457 734 433 ). Prices are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students.

The youngsters would certainly appreciate support from members of Senior Theatre and the public.

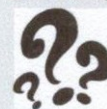
Why not make it a *Grand Day Out*, watching the YTs matinee and staying on for the Music and Munchies Trivia night on 16 December?

## Junior Theatre

Don't forget to get your tickets to come and see the Junior Theatre production of *A Space Oddity*, written and directed by Deirdre Lowe on 1 & 2 December.



**REMEMBER!!**  
Music and Munchies  
Trivia Night.  
16<sup>th</sup> December



*We hope to see you there.*  
*Book your table now!*  
*See Ann or Deirdre*

Phone numbers on page 4

## Wait Until Dark

Our first production in 2018 will be *Wait Until Dark* by Frederick Knott, to be directed by Aaron Evans.

Auditions were held on 13 November, with the following cast being selected:

Stephanie Elliot, Nick Burton, James Miles, Andrew Alley, Candice Statham, Cooper Nunn, Kerri-Ann Macdonald and Cody Muller

This is a great thriller, which will prove very popular with our audiences. ILT presented it in 1979 with great success. Directed by Les Chappell, it featured Helen Pullar in the principal role with Geoff Burns as the arch-villain..

The plays of 1979 were, very interestingly, *There Goes the Bride*, *Not Now Darling*, *Wait Until Dark*, *Go Bang Your Tamborine* (though not actually in that order!)

## Programme for Sub-Groups

Our sub-groups have planned for a very full year too, with the Jean Pratt Building in constant use for rehearsals and performances.

**Junior Theatre & Little Players** will have two seasons:

27, 28 April and 7, 8 December

**Young Theatricals**, two seasons:

1, 2 June and 12, 13 October

**Daytime Theatre Troupe**, two seasons:

5, 6, 8, 9, 12,13,15 June and 23,24, 26,27,30 31October 2 November

**S-Troupe**, one season:

7,8,9, 14, 15,16 September (plus Easter, Eisteddfod and Christmas extras)

and **Tourific Troupers** will host visiting groups, as per bookings



## 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

*Fully Committed* by Becky Mode

Director Shane Mallory. Assistant Kate Mallory

Rated M: Occasional coarse language

*Five Lesbians Eating a Quiche* by Evan

Linder & Andrew Hobgood

Director Kate Mallory. Assistant Shane Mallory

Rated M: Adult themes

## DIARY DATES

22 November	Opening night for <i>Committed Quiche</i>
1, 2 December	Junior Theatre <i>A Space Oddity</i> (see page 3)
10 December 3 pm	Annual General Meeting
16 December 7 pm	Junior Trivia Night
15, 16, 17 December	Young Theatricals presentations (see page 3)

## An Uninvited Attendee

At the November Admin Meeting, held in the Jean Pratt Building, it was reported that a possum had been seen the night before in the building. Did anyone know where it had gone? At that point, President David Austin answered, "I know where it is. There." And he pointed to the loft where the possum had emerged, clearly unimpressed that all these people and their lights had ventured on to its territory. There it remained for the rest of the evening with some members of committee equally upset.

Next day Peter the Possum Man was engaged to remove the unwelcome intruder and to ensure that its mode of ingress was permanently barred. "Peter" deduced that, because one of the Whirly Birds was not whirling, this was the most likely point of access and closed it off. The possum obliged by venturing into the bin in the kitchen where Di Johnston found him and taped off the lid until "Peter" arrived and removed the animal. Hopefully, the possum has now found a new residence and will cause us no further damage.

### 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

President	David Austin	3812 9431 (ah) / 0422 620 851
Vice President	Ann Collyer	3288 7053/ 0400 997 365
Past President	Jim Orr	0402 377 258
Secretary	Helen Pullar	3281 4437
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	Di Johnston	0447 191 954
Group Liaison/ Publicity Co-Coordination	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	Kyle Breese Courtney Murrin	3201 6758/ 0423 278 833 3424 6629/ 0457 734 433
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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