



Ipswich Little Theatre
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**NEXT ILT
COMMITTEE
MEETING
7pm
Tuesday
15 January**

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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 2018

Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Incinerator

at 3 pm on Sunday 9 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 25). Nominations are also called for the two vacancies on Building Committee for three year terms (Robyn Flashman and Ian Pullar to stand down); and three vacancies on Selection Committee for two years (Aaron Evans, Desley Cronon and Rebecca Noble 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 securi-

Ipswich Little Theatre Society Presents
A Piece of Cake
By Lucy Bennett
Directors Helen Pullar & Jane Sheppard

... before the season even opens!

Directors Jane Sheppard and Helen Pullar cooking up a menu.

Michael (Steven Carmichael) offers to help Penelope (Stephanie Groves) ... or himself!

A Piece of Cake opens on 21 November and runs to 8 December.



From the President

Is it really November? I really do feel that this year has gone too quickly. While most organisations are starting to slow down, ILT is still delighting audiences with our performances. The last shows for this year are from our Junior Theatre and our Little Players. The Juniors are performing in “A Cats-trophy”. I have a feeling it may have something to do with cats. Our Little Players are performing in a show called “Adventure in Far Far Away Land”, which is either about fairytale characters or about characters in a galaxy far far away. We will just have to go and find out.

Our last mainhouse production for this year is “A Piece of Cake”, in which I’m sure has something to do with cake. And great news – it is sold out! Another sell out production for ILT. We have been so lucky that a majority of our shows have been sold out this year, and that is due to our great Publicity and IT members, and the wonderful support we receive from you, our patrons. Thank you!

See you at the theatre!

David

From the Administrative Committee

The 2018 Administrative Committee has met for the last time after a busy year of decision making and nominations are now coming in for 2019.

Over the years our Committee has evolved in line with the constant demands of our increasingly complex organisation. Where once people were seconded onto a small Committee to take responsibility for a specific area of interest, now all 25 Admin members are expected to fulfil responsibilities across the board. This involves attending working bees, working front of house, assisting in any aspect of our activities as well as carrying out their specific roles.

We welcome “new blood”. There is no better way to find out how our organisation works and why decisions are made but, as the Committee is the constant working body of the Society, Membership comes with responsibilities. Without a strong Committee we cannot function as we do. What have you got to offer?

See you at the AGM.

2019 Season Launch

A very successful launch of our 2019 was held in the Jean Pratt Building on 2 November with more than 70 people attending. The directors for each of next year’s plays gave a synopsis of their pieces and the opportunities for budding thespians to audition.

The majority of the available Group Nights were booked there and then.

The program for 2019 can be found on page 4.

It is a wonderful varied program, certain to please our audiences.



Above: Ann Collyer opens proceedings

Below: Jim Orr & Sam Hoepner take up the Challenges.



Young Theatricals

The YTs presented their *Love and Loss Showcase* in the Incinerator on 3 November in an afternoon and evening session.

Much of the material was self-written and appreciated by the audiences.

YTs are now in recess until next year with Kyle Breese continuing on as Director, but now in conjunction with Samantha Johnston.

Improvements

Immediately following the AGM, the driveway to the Jean Pratt Building will be asphalted. This will greatly assist access to the building, particularly for wheel chairs. In addition, the alignment of the roadway will be modified to make car access to the entrance easier.

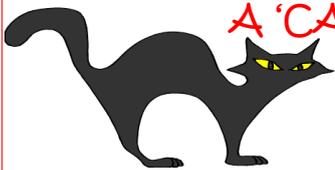
We also plan to reroof the JP pergola with insulated roofing to make it cooler for waiting audiences.

Junior Theatre & Little Players

Juniors and Little Players presentation is on 7 and 8 December. Friday night performance will begin at 7.00 pm and Saturday morning will begin at 10.00 am.

Tickets are now on sale: \$10 for adults and \$6 for students. Pre-schoolers are free.

JUNIOR THEATRE PRESENTS



A 'CATS-TROPHY'



Both plays written and directed by Deirdre Lowe.

Little Players present

ADVENTURE IN FAR, FAR AWAY LAND'



Auditions

Auditions will be held on Monday 3 December for a one act play which will be entered in a number of Festivals. The play written and to be directed by Tony Erhardt, *Christopher Who?* is based on the Christopher Robin stories.

We all think we know the story, but what if what we thought was a story was a nightmare that you cannot escape from. What if what we thought was fact and what we were told was fiction was wrong - so wrong?



Cast required is 7 people aged 16-60. For more information please contact Tony Erhardt at tony.erhardt@gmail.com

S-Troupe

On 11 November, the S-Troupers installed a plaque and laid flowers in memory of Vicki Verrall. Vicki was an original member of S-Troupe appearing in their first production of "The Wizard of Oz" in 1992. She went on to perform in over 40 shows, plus Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas concerts.

Sadly she passed away recently but will be fondly remembered by her theatre "family". It is wonderful to know that she is not far away from her friend Michele.

S-Troupe held their break-up party on Sunday 18 November and are now in recess until 2019.



Daytime Theatre Troupe

This energetic group completed their successful season of *Santa's Christmas Story*.

In recognition of the group's milestone of 35 continuous years of operation, the ladies were invited to join members of the Administrative Committee for morning tea in the courtyard after their matinee performance on 27 October.

The group further celebrated their 35th anniversary with a dinner at CSI Club at North Ipswich on Saturday 17 November. This was a joyous occasions with lots of opportunities for reminiscing by current members with former participants who had returned for this special occasion.

The Daytimers are now in recess until next year, but they will, as is their custom, find opportunities to share lunch at various venues.

They are planning two shows again in 2019.



2019 Season in Brief
Season 1: 28 February — 16 March
Quartet
 by Ronald Harwood

Director: Ann Collyer; Assistant Directors:
 Desley Cronon and Rebecca Noble

[Rated M: Some Coarse Language, Sexual References and Adult Themes.]

Season 2: 2 — 18 May

Challenges — A One Act Play Season

by Tara Routley (Adams), Robert Scott & Hugh O'Brien

Directors: Jim Orr and Sam Hoepner

[Rated M: Sexual references and Adult Themes]

Season 3: 11 July — 27 July

The Cemetery Club

by Ivan Menchel

Director: Chris Greenhill; Assistant Director:
 Steven Carmichael

[Rated PG: Mild Sexual References]

Season 4: 19 September — 5 October

A Bunch of Amateurs

by Ivan Hislop and Nick Newman

Director: Shane Mallory; Assistant Director:
 Aaron Evans

[Rated M: Coarse Language, Sexual References and Adult Themes.]

Season 5: 14 — 30 November

Boeing Boeing

by Marc Camoletti

(Translated by Beverley Cross and Francis Evans)

Directors: Helen Pullar and Robyn Flashman

[Rated PG : Mild Adult Themes]

DIARY DATES

21 November	Opening Night for <i>A Piece of Cake</i>
Monday 3 December 7:30 pm	Auditions for one act play <i>Chris Who?</i>
7 December 7 pm	Juniors & Little Players present <i>A Cat's Trophy</i> and <i>Adventure in Far Far Awayland</i>
8 December 10 am	
9 December 3 pm	AGM

National Trust Convention

Ipswich Little Theatre played host to the National Trust Annual Convention at the Incinerator on 17 and 18 November. Our members provided the facilities, support and refreshments for the 65 delegates who attended what was judged by them to be a most successful event. Trust President Ipswich Regional Branch, Arthur Frame, was effusive in his thanks.

The organisation was undertaken by a dedicated group of volunteers with Helen Pullar as the co-ordinator. Not surprisingly, as she and Jane Sheppard are also the directors of the play due to open the next week, they were both somewhat tired as shown by Helen's request to Jane that she "slicely thin" fruit for a platter! Rev. Spooner would have been delighted!

Bougainvillea

Observant members will have noticed that the rampant bougainvillea on our boundary fences has been heavily pruned by the Ipswich Council. There had been no major pruning for many years and the experts tell us that this was essential to control what was once Ipswich's floral emblem. Reshooting is already very evident and our colour and protection will quickly be restored.

2018 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	Chris Greenhill	0427 977 007

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-Coordinators	Robyn Flashman/ Robyn Harm	3812 3450/ 3812 3516
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
S-Troupe	Di Johnston	0447 191 954
Daytime Theatre Troupe	Kay McAllan	5464 3965/0439 305 658
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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