



# Burning News from the Ipswich Incinerator Theatre

The **CHRISTMAS 2006** newsletter of Ipswich Little Theatre

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**Merry Christmas**  
to all our members & a safe &  
**Happy New Year**

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

At the recent ILT Annual General Meeting, **Di Johnston** and **Desley Cronon** were rewarded for their hard work and commitment to the Ipswich Little Theatre Society by being made **ILT Life Members**.

We thank them for their willing contributions to the ongoing success and smooth running of our theatre.

Well done and thank you, Di and Desley!

### News from the Speed Poets

Word Food hits the 2006/2007 Woodford folk festival with a blender full of fresh words & beats.

Every night at The Empire watch some of Australia's finest spoken word performers mix it up live.

It also features the inaugural Word Food Poetry Slam Deluxe - where hot word chefs slam new recipes into the mike, competing for \$1000 cash and more.

If you would like the Speed Poets to return to ILT in 2007, let Suzanne know 3281 4748 and we can organise a Theatre Activity Night.



### Quick Christmas Quiz

Question: Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

Because he had low elf esteem.

Question: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Answer: Snowflakes.



## Special Christmas message from our ILT President

Christmas Greetings!

It has been a great honour and a privilege for me to be President of Ipswich Little Theatre Society in our 61<sup>st</sup> year

What a wonderful year of celebrating we have had in 2006, with the highlight being our 60th birthday celebrations.

There was more celebrating for us at our AGM with the awarding of Life Memberships to two very special people, Desley Cronon and Di Johnston. The common qualities that these two valued members share is their love of our theatre and its members, their loyalty, and their willingness to chip in and lend a hand in any way they can to keep our theatre functioning efficiently. What more could we expect of our Life Members!

I wish all members and their families joy for the Festive Season. I thank all those who contributed to our 2006 theatre year for their loyalty and support and welcome new members who wish to be part of our vibrant team in 2007. You will be contributing to a leading community organisation which will most definitely be celebrating its successes for at least the next 60 years!

Judy Grant



A very belated message from Lipstick Dreams Director  
(sincere apologies from your editor for not including it earlier)

**RAFFLE RESULTS:** The winner of the makeup case was Brenda Rackham of Redbank Plains.  
Brenda comes to all of our plays.

And a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the theatre by buying tickets.

Jan Paterson, Director

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### Attention: cast members of Wyrd Sisters.

Some of the plain black t-shirts that made up the base costume for Wyrd Sisters are missing. There are 7 missing from the remains of the set of twenty which has now been washed, folded and put away for future productions.

If you are one of the 7 who either forgot to leave your t-shirt behind, or wore it home, please arrange to return it, clean and folded to me as soon as possible so that it doesn't get lost or you don't forget about in the rush to begin term 1 2007. Email [suzanne@matulich.org](mailto:suzanne@matulich.org) to let me know and arrange its return please.

Thanks, Suzanne

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## SOME ILT TICKET PRICE CHANGES FOR 2007

**NEW General Admission Prices:** Adults \$18 Concession: \$14 Groups of 20+: \$15 per head

**Membership: still \$25** ( Anyone involved in any theatre activity must become a member.)

Members are entitled to buy a booklet of 4 theatre tickets for \$50 and receive a monthly newsletter.

Each member is also entitled to buy one ticket per play at the concession rate of \$14.

**Group Nights** remain at \$800 for a full night or \$400 a half night to be reviewed at the end of 2007.

### New subscription system.

Adults: \$60 Booklet of 4 tickets + Newsletter sent either electronically or by mail. (\$12 saving)

Concession: \$44 Booklet of 4 + Newsletter (\$12 saving)

**Great gift  
idea!**

BOOKINGS - Jean Pratt Building- Desley Cronon

If you want to use the Jean Pratt Building at any time at all, for rehearsals or any other reason, you must contact Desley 3288 8754 to make a booking.

S-Troupe - director Di Johnston

Don't forget to look out for an article on S-Troupe in this quarter's issue of "Connect" magazine.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas production "What's in the Box?"

A sign-on day will be held on Saturday 20th January at the theatre from 3-4.30 pm. This will be combined with a parents/helpers info session and afternoon tea.

Students will then be contacted re successful entry for first class to be held on Saturday 3rd February 2-4 pm.

A special Christmas joke for you:                      *How do Chihuahuas say Merry Christmas?  
Fleas Navidog!*

Crossfyre Young Theatricals - director Suzanne Matulich

Congratulations to all Crossfyre students on the wonderful performances that they gave on all four nights of Wyrd Sisters. And a huge thank you to Alan Brown and Tony Erhardt for their assistance with Crossfyre through 2006. A special thank you to ILT members Phil Holmes (Lighting and Sound), Liz Boekholt (Lighting Operator) and Lorraine Kitching (Makeup) and all the parents who helped with tickets and supper each night.

**New for 2007:** The Crossfyre class numbers will be limited to 16 in 2007 and auditions will be held in the third week of first term to determine which students will be accepted into the class for the first Semester. Full details will be handed out at the first class in term 1, Tuesday 6 February, 5.30 pm.

Smart Arts - Junior Theatre - co-ordinator Liz Boekholt

Merry Christmas to all Smart Arts members.

Daytime Theatre Troupe - convenor Kay McAllan

Happy Christmas to all Daytimers.

Librarians - Patti Pratt

Patti 32812427 is looking after the library again for 2007. If you want to borrow a script or have any questions, please contact her.

Properties Manager - Alan Brown

Contact Alan on 3282 1269 for all queries re props and stage settings.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT - DECKCHAIRS SEASON

As Business Manager for "Deckchairs" I would like to extend a huge thank you to each and every member who has worked in the bar, kitchen or front of house. The enthusiastic welcome and friendly service they have provided has ensured that our audiences are made to feel very comfortable and relaxed and has added to their enjoyment of the plays.

**Fundraising?**

Group Nights are selling well for 2006. Only 2 nights remaining for "Post Horn Gallop" If members belong to a community organization that needs to fundraise you can expect to raise \$1000 on one of these nights. Ring Robyn 3812 3450.

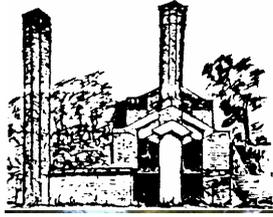
Robyn Flashman

**WANTED!**

Our first production for 2007, "Post Horn Gallop", is set in the baronial hall of an English castle.

Whilst we appreciate that not too many people who don't live in English castles have decor consisting of moose heads, assegai spears, armour or shields ... one never knows what "arty theatrical folk", might just happen to have lying around!

If any ILT members have items of decor which might be useful for this production, the director would be delighted to borrow them - phone Jane Sheppard on 54645363.



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## 2007 Ipswich Little Theatre committee and Group Directors

<b>President</b>	Judy Grant	3288 0717
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<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Pam Floris	3288 6159
<b>Treasurer</b>	Pauline Brayford	3294 6730
<b>Secretary</b>	Helen Pullar	32814437
<b>Admin Members</b>	Dianne Adams Alan Brown Anthony Erhardt Robyn Flashman Sandra Harle Phil Holmes Di Johnston	Liz Boekholt Doug Moses Suzanne Matulich Rebecca Noble Jim Orr Melinda Park
<b>Selection Committee</b>	Members serving 2 years Dianne Adams Desley Cronon Patricia Pratt	Members serving 1 year Alan Brown Doug Moses Ian Pullar
<b>Building Committee</b>	Robyn Flashman Lorna Longston Ian Pullar	Suzanne Matulich Helen Pullar Allan Walsh
<b>Smart Arts</b>	Liz Boekholt	3282 3407
<b>S-Troupe</b>	Di Johnston	3812 9141
<b>Crossfyr</b>	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748
<b>Daytime Theatre Troupe</b>	Kay McAllan	5464 3965
<b>ILT One Act Play Festival</b>	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748

Knock Knock  
Who's there ?  
Wenceslas  
Wenceslas who ?  
Wenceslas train home ?

Knock Knock  
Who's there ?  
Snow  
Snow who ?  
Snow business like  
show business !

Knock Knock  
Who's there ?  
Wayne  
Wayne who ?  
Wayne in a manger...

Knock Knock  
Who's there ?  
Mary  
Mary who ?  
Mary Christmas !

Next ILT meeting  
2006  
Tuesday 9 January  
7.30 pm

## AGM NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the Ipswich Little Theatre Society was held on 3 December with 29 members and interested people attending.

A tribute was paid to Colin Payne, organised by Helen Pullar, with Margaret Wellings, George & Lil Ashby, Kevin Hallewell, Jane Sheppard, Robyn Flashman and Ian Pullar all contributing. We were very pleased to welcome Judy Payne and a group of friends and family to our theatre for that tribute.



Nine Golden Griffin Awards, a new initiative introduced this year to allow admin committee members to recognise special contributions to ILT were awarded.

Patricia Pratt - Contribution to Daytimers Production

Bev Ralph - Services to S-Troupe

Callum Campbell - Performance in *President Wilson in Paris*

Alan Brown - Services to the Theatre & Daytimers

Relle Scott, Jim Orr, Di Johnston, Liz Boekholt - Directors of *Shakespeare Unleashed*

Jodie Madsen, Michelle Williams, and Sarah Noy - *Lady Macbeth*

Next Annual General Meeting: 9 December 2007 (TBC)