



# Burning News

from the Ipswich Incinerator Theatre  
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## RAFFLE

As you know, we are trying to raise as much money as we can this year to offset the huge cost of the major changes to the Jean Pratt Building. If you can donate items suitable for raffle prizes, that would be a great help. Raffles are being held each Wine and Cheese night. Contact Jan Paterson—see page 4 for contact details

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Ipswich Little Theatre Newsletter

## ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST

Our second play for 2010 is the very popular One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. Tickets are available now for purchase at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre from 22 February but don't delay or you might miss out.

Our famous Wine and Cheese Night will be the first Friday of the public season Friday 16 April.

Other public performances are: Sunday matinees 11, 18 April at 2pm and evening performances on 16, 23 and 24 April.

Most of us who saw the film remember strongly the lead role played by Jack Nicholson. In the ILT production this part is taken by Shane Mallory and he will be equally memorable. Don't miss his performance and those of the strong supporting cast, ably directed by Jan Paterson, assisted by Desley Cronon, in April.

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### Ipswich Little Theatre Working Bee

An amazing amount of work was achieved at the 2010 ILT Working Bee—many thanks to those members who worked so willingly and so hard.

*Joan and Chris celebrate finishing a task in the kitchen and Cedric looks on .....*



*David shows us how to get things ship-shape.*



*Majella and Samantha get the chairs really clean.*

### WANT A FREE DRINK ?

Did you find your ILT membership number hidden in this issue of Burning News? It will look like this only with a different number.

Membership number 047  
If you did, then bring your membership card with you next time you come to a play and you will be rewarded with a Free Drink!

Quote to consider: "Theatre going is a communal act, movie going a solitary one."

## News from the groups within Ipswich Little Theatre .... four groups all based in the Jean Pratt Building

**AUDITION  
RESULTS  
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### NEW FEATURE ON YOUR ILT MEMBERSHIP CARD

*In 2010 all membership cards will have a unique membership number on the reverse side.*

*And to encourage you to read your newsletter thoroughly, each month one lucky member's membership number will be hidden somewhere in the newsletter.*

*If you find your number in the newsletter, bring your membership card with you next time you come to a production and show your card at the Courtyard Bar to claim a free drink.*

*First lucky number is in this issue of Burning News*



**This is the last  
NEWSLETTER that will  
be sent to you ...**

**if you have not paid  
your ILT membership!**

**See page 3 for details of  
how to avoid such a  
tragedy!**

**We don't want to lose  
you, so please don't  
leave us.**

### S-Troupe

S-Troupe welcomed back many familiar faces at the Sign On day on Sunday 7 February & had a wonderful turnout of return students and helpers. We are all looking forward to our first class for 2010 on Sunday 7 March 2010 commencing at 3:00 pm & finishing at 5:00pm. Sadly Nic Mohr & Deirdre Lowe will not be continuing as helpers this year & we would just like to let them know they will be dearly missed each week & we look forward to seeing them at the shows later in the year, we would also like to welcome a new helper Lily Turner to our ranks and we would like to thank Lily for taking on the rewarding role of being an S-Troupe Helper. 2010 will also see Di Johnston returning to the enjoyable role of being an S-Troupe helper after many wonderful & successful years as Director. Her continued involvement with S-Troupe is invaluable to us all & we hope she enjoys her time back on the "front line".

*Melinda Park*

### Daytime Theatre Troupe

The first meeting for 2010 was held on Wednesday 17 February. Daytimers are only doing one show this year because of the renovations to the Jean Pratt Building. That play will be Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs with the season being 17 August to 3 September. Flyers will go out to schools very soon.

*Jan Paterson*

### Young Theatricals

Classes for term 1 are up and running.

*Tony Erhardt*

### Junior Theatre

Don't forget: we are postponing the beginning of Junior Theatre for this year until the first Saturday of term 2. That will be 17 April. Please contact the new director Matt Shield on [i\\_got\\_moxy@hotmail.com](mailto:i_got_moxy@hotmail.com) or phone him on 3496 1271 or 0404 409 125 for details of times etc.

*Matt Shield*

## Sunday Playreadings

The next Sunday Playreading will be held on Sunday 14 March for members and all people interested in theatre.

These events offer you the chance to hear, and to be involved in the reading of, the script of an upcoming play in the ILT program, prior to auditions. There will also be comments about each play from the directors. No previous experience is needed, you can participate in the reading if you choose and join in the informal discussion afterwards.

Playreadings are also a great chance to socialize with people involved in the theatre.

These events are not auditions, they will be held on later dates. Afternoon tea is included and the Courtyard Bar will be open to purchase other drinks.

The second in the series will be held on Sunday 14 March at 2pm at the ILT theatre complex. The play being read is another play from popular playwright David Tristram. *Hypnosis* is to be directed by Doug Moses with Anne England assisting.

Make sure you put this date in your diary as it is a great social event.

The full series of Sunday Playreadings is available on our website.

## Can you help?

Ipswich Little Theatre is going to have an information and sales tent as part of the 2010 Ipswich Festival in **Queens Park on Sunday 25 April.**

This is the special annual family focused Kids Kingdom event and this year it is being expanded to have major community involvement to help celebrate Ipswich being 150 years old.

We would love you to give a couple of hours of your time on that day to help spread the word about our wonderful theatre and maybe sell some of our promotional merchandise—mugs, pens, stubby holders etc.

If you can give us some time between 11am and 4pm please let Suzanne know (page 4 for contact details). Should be fun!

# NEWS that YOU need to KNOW

## AUDITION RESULTS

An audition was held on Tuesday 2 February for the third play of 2010: **Scenes from a Separation** by Andrew Bovell and Hannie Rayson.

Thank you to all those who came along. Hopefully we will see you again at the next Sunday Playreading on 14 March.

Selection Committee members along with the director, Suzanne Matulich and assistant director Kyle Breese are happy to announce the complete cast:

- Nina:* Majella Gee
- Mathew:* Lance Stewart
- Darcy:* David Shapcott
- Sarah:* Sarah Vanli
- Margaret:* Shirlee Burns
- Siobhan:* Anya van Hunnik and
- Lawrence:* Geoff Andrews

Sophie Stewart is to be the Stage Manager for the season with Suzanne's assistance.

Rehearsals are now in progress for the season 26 May to 12 June.



## WARNING: BUILDING SITE!

The exterior of the Jean Pratt Building is currently undergoing extensive renovations and it will be just wonderful once they are completed later this year.

However, until this time the area, clearly marked with signage and orange mesh fencing, is an official building site.

If you venture into this prohibited area without authorisation, be aware that you are not covered by our insurance should you suffer an injury.



Membership number 072

## Do you hold a position in ILT?

If you do, please be at the meeting to discuss position descriptions, **Sunday 21 February 2pm.**

## And the winner was .... ILT

The celebrations for the "40th Anniversary of ILT Society Inc's relocation to the Incinerator Theatre" won a Highly Commended certificate at the Ipswich City Council 2010 Australia Day Awards in the Community Event of the Year section.



*Rehearsal picture from One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*

**REMINDER: Ipswich Little Theatre MEMBERSHIP**—has yours been renewed this year? Don't forget that you can now pay for 5 years membership for only \$100. That is a saving to you of \$25 and the theatre welcomes your commitment to being a part of the fun for the next 5 years. Contact Judy Grant 3288 0717 or download a membership form available online [www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au](http://www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au)

## Jean Pratt Building extensions

After all the inevitable delays while we worked our way through a seemingly endless set of building requirements, we have finally been granted all the necessary approvals for our Jean Pratt building upgrade. All was ready for building commencement on 4 February and then, inevitably, the rains arrived.

Over the next few weeks we should see real progress as the extension takes shape.

## Funding

We commenced the project with \$110,000 in our Building Fund – an extraordinary achievement for an amateur group. A greater proportion of these funds was subsumed in pre-build costs than anticipated, but the decision was

made to proceed as far as possible and then finish the interior as funds became available. This, however, could result in our sub-groups having less rather than more in the short term, so we are now committed to completing the project to a stage that will gain the necessary approvals for us to use it.

## Member Loans

While we are still actively pursuing grant funding, there has been a tremendous amount of support shown for member-loans which has worked very successfully for us on two previous occasions. It is very heartening that our own members have such trust, enthusiasm and dedication that those who can are prepared to assist financially in this way.

## Potential benefactors (or, can you help us)

Once again there will be contracts drawn up between lenders and the Society with interest, repayments and lengths of loans being carefully negotiated.

We would like now to have confirmation from those people who have previously suggested that they would be prepared to assist by lending the Society money for the completion of this project.

Please contact the Secretary, Helen Pullar, (3281 4437) or Treasurer Jan Paterson (38105884) to confirm your willingness so that these contracts can be drawn up as quickly as possible.

Thank you!

Helen Pullar, Building Committee



## CONTACT DETAILS

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The Ipswich Little Theatre complex, including the historic Incinerator Theatre designed by Walter Burley Griffin, is located in Burley Griffin Drive off Griffiths Road Ipswich.

To ring the theatre when there is a class or rehearsal PHONE 3812 2389.

NOTE: this phone is not staffed at other times.

**NEXT ILT  
COMMITTEE MEETING:  
7.00 pm 10 MARCH '10**

## 2010 DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

<b>End February</b>	Submissions to direct a Festival Play to be received by Selection Committee before the end of February Phone Ian on 3281 4437
<b>Sunday 14 March 2pm</b>	<b>Sunday Playreading:</b> featured play <i>Hypnosis</i> by David Tristram. Members and friends all welcome. Free and including afternoon tea.
<b>Tuesday 23 March 7.30 pm</b>	<b>AUDITION : <i>Hypnosis</i></b> by David Tristram, director Doug Moses. For more information contact Doug on 3281 2846

## 56th Ipswich One Act Play Festival

The first meeting of the Festival sub-committee was held recently and what an experienced and enthusiastic group they are, too. Mark the Festival dates in your diary now—13-15 August. One major change this year is that the two sections in the Festival—Youth and Open will have their own sessions and their own Award ceremonies. The Youth entries will be performed on Friday evening and Saturday morning followed by their Awards ceremony and the Open entries will be seen on Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday morning and afternoon followed as usual by the Awards ceremony (Open entries only).

We are very lucky to have secured the popular and much respected **Kurt Lerps** as our adjudicator again this year. Our Festival is the only one that he is doing so we are much honoured.

**We have offered to billet visiting actors and crew** if they choose to accept and would now like to hear from any members who would be willing to offer the use of a spare bedroom etc for our visitors. Please let Suzanne (Festival director) know if you are keen to do this, [Suzanne@matulich.org](mailto:Suzanne@matulich.org) or phone her (see below for numbers)

## 2010 Contact details for Exec. Committee Members

<b>President</b>	Jim Orr	0447 20 00 06
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<b>Past President</b>	Judy Grant	3288 0717
<b>Secretary</b>	Helen Pullar	3281 4437
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jan Paterson	3810 5884 0417 787 130

## Contact details for group directors and co-ordinators

<b>Junior Theatre Director</b>	Matt Shield	3496 1271 or 04 0440 9125
<b>S-Troupe Director</b>	Melinda Park	0419 650 441
<b>Young Theatricals Director</b>	Tony Erhardt	0408 058 706
<b>Daytime Theatre Troupe Convenor</b>	Anne England	32817654 or 0413 676 049
<b>ILT One Act Play Festival Director</b>	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748 or 0412 79 22 64
<b>Front of House Management Coordinator</b>	Majella Gee	38127821 or 0415 258 162
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