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## Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc Newsletter



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**NEXT ILT  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**7pm  
Tuesday  
19 January 2021  
(THIRD Tuesday)**

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The programme for 2021 will be announced at the Trivia nights — another good reason to make your booking!  
It will also be live streamed.

### Back in Business

Having been in lock down since March with apparently no possibility of mounting productions by any of our groups in either of our buildings, we were at the point of despair. This situation has of course, been wreaking havoc on our finances and on the well-being of members of our society and of our broader community. Our Executive and Selection Committee had given a great deal of thought to what could possibly be done to redress this situation and had come up with a number of innovative ideas. We were determined that we would be in a position to hit the ground running if, and when, the situation improved.

And then on Friday 13 November, the Government announced a major relaxation of the COVID restrictions. As a result, the Executive and Selection Committee held an emergency meeting and completely revised the programme for 2021 which is revealed on Page 2.

**Hurrah!!!!**

One of the events which had been scheduled prior to this news is still going ahead, but will now be combined with our 2021 Launch Night.

**Friday 4 and Saturday 5 December** we will be hosting

### **TRIVIA NIGHTS & Season Launch**

in the courtyard.

Here is a wonderful opportunity to join with your friends, to socialise (within the COVID restrictions) to compete for wonderful prizes using your knowledge of trivia to cope with the miscellany of questions posed by Quizmaster Aaron Evans and to join in other games. So don't forget to bring a supply of coins. All members and friends are invited to join Aaron and crew.

There are however, a few conditions which have been imposed on us by government regulation. Firstly we can only accept bookings via our website for **social groups** which will be seated at tables of four, or tables of five to eight, socially separated from adjacent tables. **Each group booking must be made by one person who will need to supply the names and addresses, email and mobile numbers of all members of the group.**

Secondly, we are **not permitted to serve food**, so it would be a good idea if each group provided food to be shared on their table, but not with any other table. Drinks will still be available from the bar.

The charge for the evening will be \$15 per head. The gate check-in will be opened at 6:30 for commencement of the quiz at 7 pm. It would be appreciated if each group entered the grounds together as a group,

**BOOKINGS are NOW available ONLINE only.**

Do come and reunite with the ILT Family.

Patrons in public places are required to provide details of their name and address. To this end, we have placed sign-on registers in both the Jean Pratt Building and the courtyard kitchen. Would any member going on to the premises please sign on and off.



## Our first production for 2021

will be a riotous comedy, directed by Shane Mallory, to bring a smile to your face and an ache in your sides from laughter.

Final details to be provided once royalties are obtained.

**Watch web site for details.**

**The season will run from 3 to 20 March with matinees on 7 and 14 March**

**AUDITIONS**

**will be held in the Jean Pratt Building  
on Monday 30 November at 7:30 pm**

Our second production for 2021 will be

### *The Savannah Sipping Society*

by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten

The play will be directed by Chris Greenhill and Robyn Flashman

*In this delightful, laugh-a-minute comedy, four unique Southern women, all needing to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines, are drawn together by Fate – and an impromptu happy hour – and decide it's high time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years.*

**The season will run from 28 April to 15 May**

**Dates for auditions will be advised later**

Our third major production for 2021 will be

### *Ladies Day*

by Amanda Whittington

to be directed by Jane Sheppard and Di Johnston

Dates have yet to be finalised but will be advised..

Ipswich Little Theatre would like to express our extreme gratitude to Ipswich City Council for their assistance during these months when we have been unable to generate income. The Council has generously foregone our lease payments and has paid for much needed repairs to the Jean Pratt Building roof to prevent ingress of rainwater.

We have also applied to other bodies for financial assistance and are very hopeful of success.

We would also like to thank our members for their restraint and Treasurer Chris Greenhill for his prudent financial management.

## Positions for 2021

The positions listed below have been filled by our usual Expressions of Interest process.

Positions listed in the Constitution will be filled at the AGM

Position	Name	Position	Name
Assistant Treasurer		Junior Theatre Conven-	Deirdre Lowe
Minutes Secretary	decided at AGM	Assistant Junior Theatre Convener	Ann Collyer
Subscription Secretary	Di Johnston	Daytime Theatre Con-	Kay McAllan TBC
Assistant Subscription Secretary	Deirdre Lowe, Jane Sheppard	Assistant Daytime Theatre Convener	Jane Sheppard TBC
Group Liaison Secretary	Robyn Flashman	S-Troupe Convener	
Assistant Group Liaison Secretary	Robyn Harm	Assistant S-Troupe Convener	
Bar Manager	Ann Collyer	Tourific Troupers Convener	Jane Sheppard
Assistant Bar Manager	Jim Orr	Tourific Troupers Assistant Convener	
Catering Manager	Ann Collyer	Raffles Convener	Helen Greenhill
Assistant Catering Manager	Sandie Henwood	Assistant Raffles Convener	Bev Ralph
Festival Director	Craig Taylor	Librarian	Aaron Evans
Assistant Festival Director	Chris Greenhill	Assistant Librarian	
Festival Secretary	Sandie Henwood	Lighting & Sound Man-	Tony Erhardt
Front of House Manager		Assistant Lighting & Sound Manager	Phil Holmes
Assistant FOH Manager		Newsletter Editor	Ian Pullar
ICT Manager	Shane Mallory	Assistant Newsletter	Robyn Harm
Assistant ICT Manager	Sam Hoepner	Publicity Convener	Robyn Harm
Social Media Manager	Kate Mallory	Assistant Publicity Convener	Robyn Flashman
Young Theatricals Co-Convener	<b>TBC A team of 3 minimum required</b>	Wardrobe Manager	Kay McAllan
Young Theatricals Co- Convener	<b>TBC A team of 3 minimum required</b>	Assistant Wardrobe Manager	Team
Jean Pratt & Incinerator Booking Officer	Desley Cronon	Fire Regulation Officer	Jim Orr
Archives Team	Helen Pullar etc	Production, Properties Maintenance,	Ian Pullar/Chris Greenhill etc

## DIARY DATES

Now that the Covid restrictions have been eased, our sub-groups will develop plans for 2021. These will be advised in future Newsletters and on our website.

4 December at 7 pm 5 December at 7 pm	Trivia Nights
Monday 30 November Jean Pratt Building 7:30	Auditions <i>Season 1</i>
Sunday 13 December at 3 pm	Annual General Meeting
3—30 March	<i>Season 1 TBA</i>
28 April—15 May	<i>The Savannah Sipping Society</i>
Future dates	To be advised

## Annual General Meeting for 2020

Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Jean Pratt Building  
**at 3 pm on Sunday 13 December**

All are invited to attend and to hear reports on the extraordinary year of 2020 and to elect the Office Bearers for 2021. The President will also present this year's Griffin Awards and Griffin Incentive Awards. Unfortunately, owing to the current COVID restrictions, it will not be possible for us to provide the usual meal after the meeting. Serving of food is not permitted. The bar will be open.

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 (Jim Orr and Billy Lowe to stand down); and three vacancies on Selection Committee for two years (Aaron Evans, David Austin 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.

### 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

President	Jim Orr	0402 377 258
Vice President	Ann Collyer	3288 7053/ 0400 997 365
Past President	David Austin	3812 9431 / 0413 636 249
Secretary	Helen Pullar	3281 4437/0400 801 443
Treasurer	Chris Greenhill	0427 977 007

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR OTHER IMPORTANT POSITIONS (2020 only)

Front of House Management Coordinator	Courtney Murrin	0457 734 433
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 / 0435 309 352
Junior Theatre/Little Players	Deirdre Lowe	0409 202 380
Young Theatricals	Kyle Breese Samantha Johnson	0423 278 833 0415 453 952
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