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## Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc Newsletter



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**NEXT ILT  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
7pm  
Tuesday  
18 January 2022**

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**FOH volunteers  
URGENTLY  
required for our 16  
performances of  
"The 39 Steps".**

## Annual General Meeting for 2021

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the  
Incinerator

**at 3 pm on Sunday 12 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 2022. 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 three vacancies on Building Committee and three vacancies on Selection Committee.

The AGM will be followed by ticketed-only celebrations for the 75th birthday of Ipswich Little Theatre in the **grounds of the Jean Pratt Building at 5.30pm** (see also page 3)



Incredible News! The scheduled 13 performance season was booked out within a week, so it was extended by an extra three performances which were also virtually booked out in no time flat.

And there can be no doubt that all those expectant theatre goers will be hugely entertained by this very popular piece of theatre.

And as an extra bonus, the Government has lifted restrictions on the wearing of face masks just in time for the season.

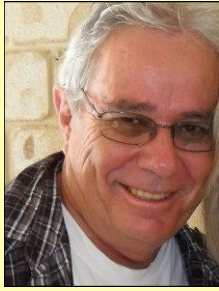


Sam Johnson, Sam Hoepner, Caitlin Moffatt and Kyle Breese

We are extremely grateful to Amanda Waschevski of Ipswich Photography Studio for her continued support and her wonderful photography.

Appointments: [ipswichphotographystudio.com.au](http://ipswichphotographystudio.com.au). Phone: 0466 992 134

There are still vacancies in the Front of House roster for *The 39 Steps*. Please volunteer. This can easily be done by using this link  
<http://www.admin.ilt.org.au/foh-roster/>



## From the President

Wow what a fantastic end to the year – *39 Steps* sold out with three extra performances. Congratulations to all involved. Pressure is now on to give the audiences what they have been craving.

Remember the AGM is approaching fast. If you want to nominate to be on committee or help in any way in 2022 please attend the AGM. Some difficult issues are to be addressed which may affect you or the ongoing operation of ILT. Please show your interest and help us bring live theatre to Ipswich for years to come.

Speaking of years, this was our 75<sup>th</sup> Year. What an amazing success ILT has been. Congratulations and thank you to Past and Current Members who have worked so hard and given outstanding performances both on stage and behind the scenes to provide fantastic entertainment to the people of Ipswich and to theatre lovers from around the State.

*Jim*

## The Games People Play

Our exciting first season for 2021 will comprise two one act plays

### ***“Golf, Marriage and Other Murderous Matters” by Debra Chalmers***

Director: Aaron Evans Assistant Director: David Austin

Jenny suffers the usual stress of modern Aussie life, juggling a successful career, social commitments with friends and her self-centred husband, John. One Friday night Jenny is pushed to the brink. She's tired, she's flustered, and she's getting more and more upset that John isn't noticing her efforts. So... while holding onto John's true love, his 9 Iron, she snaps!

Jenny soon discovers that murder might be relatively easy, but when all of their friends come round for a dinner she thought had been cancelled, she finds that disposing of the body may be challenging, but explaining it to their friends... is a nightmare.

The cast of this hilarious farce comprises Georgie Page, Joseph Savage, Vicki Dwyer, Jamie Spence, Tracey Spence and Christopher Smith

### ***“Murder Play” by Brian J Burton***

Director: Ann Collyer: Assistant Directors: Desley Cronon and Gillian Simpson

When Peter and Robyn wake up the morning after a dinner party at the home of their friends and employers David and Jane Valentine, they are still shocked at having been sacked by David the night before. More shocks are to come however, for David now appears to be dead, and Jane calmly announces that she killed him. *Has Jane really killed David or is it all an elaborate hoax?*

The following players were selected for this play: Martie Blanchett, Kahli Williams, Jack Barrett and Alan Brown.

**The season runs from 3 to 19 March**

**Please note: Bookings will open on 17 January when COVID decisions will be clearer.**

## A Wish Granted

Federal Member for Blair, Shayne Neumann MP has announced that ILT is to receive a \$ for \$ subsidy from his Communities Fund to allow us to upgrade the lighting in the Incinerator to LED technology. In addition to providing even better lighting, the power costs and the carbon imprint will be significantly reduced. Many thanks to Shayne.

Shayne Neumann with Treasurer Chris Greenhill, Secretary and Building Committee Convener Helen Pullar and President Jim Orr.



## Junior Theatre & Little Players

The Juniors' production of *Things That Go Bump in the Night* took place in the Jean Pratt Building on 12 and 13 November. Director Deirdre Lowe was very happy with the work of the youngsters which the audience thoroughly enjoyed. The production featured a cameo appearance by Chris Greenhill as the equally terrifying and endearing, Big Boss Man.

Deirdre is particularly grateful to Ann Collyer, Gillian Simpson, Tracey Spence, Eythan Arama and Kim Frohloff for their assistance this year and a big thank you to all the parents who helped out in one way or another.



The group will be holding its Break Up Breakfast on 27 November in the Courtyard. A number of students will be leaving the group and will be presented with certificates and one with an encouragement award.

The Little Players are also in rehearsal for their production of *The Wizard's Apprentices* to be staged on Thursday 9 December at 7.00 pm. Tickets are available from Deirdre 0409 202 380.

## Vaccinated Venue

Owing to the Mandate from the Queensland Government, all theatres are required to only permit double vaccinated patrons, performers and service staff to attend or participate in productions. At the AGM, members need to confirm that they wish the Theatre to conform with this mandate and also a ruling that all members and conveyors of all sub-groups must also be double vaccinated.

## Young Theatricals

YTs will be under new management next year with Kate Hoepner and Stephanie Groves joining Aaron Evans as directors. These three are all former YTs. There will also be a significant turnover of youngsters with half of this year's students reaching their "best by date" and becoming too old to stay.

What is really exciting though is that two of this year's students, Joseph Savage and Jack Barratt have progressed to the "Big Stage" having been cast in *The Games People Play*.

We welcome them to Senior Theatre.

RSVP  
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## 75th Birthday Party ILT: 1946–2021

Commencing on Sunday 12 December at 5.30pm outside the Jean Pratt Building

(following the AGM)

**RSVP ESSENTIAL** as this is a ticketed function.

Payment of \$10.00 can be made on the day by all who have indicated they wish to attend.

This will allow all ticket holders to join us for the BBQ Dinner.

**Unfortunately walk-ins cannot be accommodated.**

Please advise anyone who might be interested. All welcome.



## 2022 Season in Brief

Season 1: 3 March -19 March

### **The Games People Play**

Two short comedies:

**"Golf, Marriage and Other Murderous Matters"** by Debra Chalmers

Director: Aaron Evans, Assistant Director: David Austin

Rated: M Adult themes and some coarse language.

**"Murder Play"** by Brian J Burton

Director: Ann Collyer, Assistant Directors: Desley Cronon and Gillian Simpson

Rated: M Adult themes and some coarse language.

Season 2: 12 May — 28May

**Once in a Blue Moon** by John Dole

Directors: Tony Erhardt & Dave Dunkerly

Rated: PG Some adult themes

### **Annual Drama Festival**

12, 13, 14 August

Season 3: 22 September — 8 October

**Deliver us from Mama** by Jesse Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten

Director: Chris Austin-Greenhill:

Assistant Directors: Robyn Flashman and Martie Blanchett

[Rated PG: Mild Adult Themes.]

Season 4: 17 November — 3 December

**Breaker Morant** by Kenneth G Ross

Director: David Austin: Assistant Director: Aaron Evans

Rated: PG Adult themes

## DIARY DATES

17 November	Opening Night for <i>The 39 Steps</i>
Thursday 9 December 7 pm	Little Players <i>The Wizard's Apprentices'</i>
Sunday 12 December at 3pm 5:30 pm	AGM <i>75th Birthday Party</i>
Monday 17 January 2022	Bookings open for <i>The Games People Play</i>

## BBW's Christmas

Ipswich Little Theatre has been asked by Ipswich City Council to provide a Christmas entertainment at the Springfield Library on 15 December. Jane Sheppard has abridged her Daytimers script and the cast is now into rehearsal. Members and friends attending the 75th Birthday celebrations will also have the opportunity to see the cast in action: Jim Orr, Jane Sheppard, Margaret Martin, Di Johnston, Robyn Harm, Sue Van Der Meer and Ian Pullar with Mrs Music Chic Currie.

All good fun and jolly good company!  
If you are looking for a Christmas treat for children at the Springfield Library you may book tickets online through the Ipswich Library .



Margaret (Russell Crow), Sue (Priscilla Pig), Ian (Rudolph), Robyn (Prudence Pig) and Jim (BBW)

### 2021 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

Front of House Management Coordinator	Courtney Murrin	0457 734 433
Subscription Secretary	Di Johnston	0447 191 954
Group Liaison/ Publicity Co-Coordination	Robyn Flashman/ Robyn Harm	3812 3450/ 0413 742 116
Building Bookings	Desley Cronon	3288 8754 / 0435 309 352
Junior Theatre/Little Players	Deirdre Lowe	0409 202 380
Young Theatricals	Kyle Breese Samantha Johnson Aaron Evans	0423 278 833 0415 453 952 0431 041 068
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

For more details about Ipswich Little Theatre: [www.ilt.org.au](http://www.ilt.org.au)