

# ≡ *Burning News* from the Incinerator Theatre

## November 2023 *Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc Newsletter*



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**NEXT ILT  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING**  
7pm  
Tuesday  
9 January 2024

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Jess Pitman, Liz Ball, Michael Civitano and the rest of the star-studded cast are ready to serve and entertain you and you still have a chance to meet them.



Limited tickets are still available for the exciting Theatre Restaurant season. You too could be swinging along like the patrons who have already enjoyed the show written and directed by David Austin-Greenhill.

Remaining evening performances will be on 24, 25 November and 2 December from 7:30 pm with a matinee on 26 November from 1:30 pm.

Tickets @ \$55 per head for a three course meal plus entertainment can be booked at

**ilt.org.au (for preference) or  
VIC 3281 0555**

The Daytime Theatre Troupe have completed their colourful and entertaining

### *Santa's Aussie Bush Christmas Surprise*

written and directed by Kay McAllan.



Jane Brown, Ann Maree Ling and Kerri Jones



Santa and the Woop Woop creatures



Cockatoo: Sarah Currie



Above: the entire cast

Right' Ticket Office Chic

Photos Robyn Harm & Robyn Flashman



Lizards: Cleo Smith and Margaret Martin



*If you're attacked by a bunch of circus thugs, always go for the juggler.*



## From the President

Daytimers have just finished. Well done Kay, Marg and everyone for a show that demonstrated the Daytimers' ethos – 'Too much makeup is never enough'. It was a fun time for the cast and audiences.

On to the Theatre Restaurant. To judge by the sounds coming from the theatre, the audiences are having a great time. Thanks David and the cast and also to the team in the kitchen and bar who are providing service to everyone – at times under difficult circumstances. Lots of hard work and teamwork, both inside and outside the auditorium, but still not quite as much make up as the Daytimers.

*Jim*

## Ageing Disgracefully!

The first season of 2024, produced by Helen Pullar, will comprise a collection of short plays which were successfully cast on 23 October as follows:

**Slow Dating** –by Adam Szudrich Directed By Jane Sheppard  
Assistant Director Julie-Anne Wright  
Ester - Vicki Dwyer

**Dotty's Inheritance** by Debra Chalmers- Directed by Jim Orr  
Assistant Director Sandy Greer

Dotty - Jane Sheppard  
Richard - Glen Smith  
Robbie Dylan Clevens  
Joan - Relle Scott  
Rachel - Vicki Murray  
Trevor - Brad Phillips  
Candy - Jess Pitman

**Ashes to Ashes** by Jill Curran- Directed by Di Johnston  
Fiona - Catherine Edwards  
Bronwyn - Kerri Jones  
Barry—Jim Orr

**Heading for Home** by Ian Pullar- Directed by Helen Pullar  
Steve - Ian Pullar  
Amanda –Julie-Anne Wright

**Say Something Happened** by Alan Bennett- Directed by Robyn Flashman  
Mam - Gillian Simpson  
Dad - Bob Polowyj  
June - Audrey Raine

**Away from Home** by Ian Pullar- Directed by Helen Pullar  
Steve - Ian Pullar  
Roland - Peter Marshall

The season will be presented in both the Incinerator Theatre and the Jean Pratt Auditorium with the audience transferring venues after interval.

Bookings open on 4 December at

**ilt.org.au or VIC 3281 0555**

## Season 2024 Launch

On Saturday 4 November 2023, the 2024 Season launch was held in the Jean Pratt building to a HUGE crowd. Almost 60 people attended the event, including the directors of the 2024 season along with Admin Committee members, potential actors for 2024 and most importantly, our theatre groups looking to book a fundraising night with ILT.

See photographs on page 3.

There was so much interest from groups that within a few days of the launch (and a great deal of negotiation by Robyn Flashman) virtually every slot was filled. As a result, the Committee has decided to include a fourteenth performance in each season. Seasons will now begin on Wednesdays with a group night. Wine and cheese nights for the general public will be held on the first Friday.

The 2024 programme in brief can be found on page 4.

## Young Theatricals

Term 4 for Young Theatricals has been cruising along well with subject focused lessons. These so far have covered :

- Conveying Emotions
- How to be spooky
- Two lessons of stage combat

A number of the students also volunteered as actors for the Haunted House at the Ipswich Show Society's Halloween Spooktacular The group will be wrapping up for the year on 29 November with a "disco dress up party" as requested by the students.

## Junior Theatre

All aboard for *Marlins Great Ocean Adventure*, now well into preparation for the performances by the Juniors in the Incinerator on **Thursday 30 November at 7 pm and Saturday 2 December at 10 am and 12 noon.**

## Sad News

Allana Noyes, our adjudicator for the Festival this year, was hospitalised with pneumonia recently, but passed away unexpectedly.

### 2024 Season Launch



The assembly



Shane Mallory kicking the event off

### Daytimers Celebrate 40 Years

On 14 October, the Metropole Hotel resounded with conversation, laughter, quizzes and a sing-along as the Daytime Theatre Troupe celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday in style. About 60 Daytimers past and present attended. A birthday cake, wonderful decorations, lucky door prizes, photo displays, and a slide show of memories made it a night of good company and fond reminiscence.



Photos by Robyn Harm.  
Captions omitted in favour of photos.



## DIARY DATES

## 2024 Season in Brief

Season 1: 28February — 17 March

**Ageing Disgracefully**

Producer Helen Pullar  
Six short plays staged in the Incinerator Theatre and the Jean Pratt Auditorium

*Rated: PG Some adult themes .*

Season 2: 15 May — 1 June

**Stepping Out** by Richard Harris

Director: Tracey Spence  
Assistant Director: Kim Frohloff

*Rated: PG .*

**Annual Drama Festival**

Director : Di Johnston  
**9, 10, 11 August**

Season 3: 18September — 5 October

**Clue: On Stage** adapted from the Paramount Pictures film written by Jonathan Lynn and the board game from Hansbro, Inc written by Sandy Rustin, based upon the works by Jonathan Lynn, Hunter Foster, Eric Price

Director: Tony Erhardt:  
Assistant Director: Phil Holmes.

*Rated PG: Adult Themes.*

Season 4: 20 November — 7 December

**Bondi Legal** by Tony Laumberg

Director : Chris Austin-Greenhill  
Assistant Director: Liz Ball

*Rated: PG*

30 November, 2 December	Junior Theatre <i>Marlins Great Ocean Adventure</i>
4 December	Bookings open for <i>Ageing Disgracefully</i>
10 December from 4 pm	Christmas Party
Sunday 21 January 2024	Annual General Meeting
28 February	Opening Night <i>Ageing Disgracefully</i>

## Garden Seats

At some point around the turn of the century, ILT purchased a batch of wooden seats to be used at a Theatre Restaurant. Later these were repurposed as outdoor furniture. Despite two complete refurbishings and annual re-staining, they have now pretty much succumbed to the rigours of the weather.

We put out an appeal for members to help us replace them in return for the chance to have their name immortalised through the addition of a plaque.

We are delighted to be able to report that twelve members have taken up the offer and others are also considering. There would still be room for another one or two if others would like to seize the opportunity. If so, contact Helen Pullar.



Very soon the new additions will be on display with their plaques.

## 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

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