

Burning News from the Ipswich Incinerator

The September 2005 newsletter of Ipswich Little Theatre

PLENTY OF FRIENDS



Funny Times

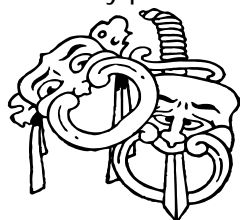
Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during root canal? He wanted to transcend dental medication.



There are only four public nights for Money and Friends so don't leave it too late to book your tickets for this really popular play

Front Page Joke

A three-legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He slides up to the bar and announces: "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."



WOULD you lend a friend \$10,000?

That question emerges in the latest play by Ipswich Little Theatre where a clash between materialism and ideals comes to the surface.

This is playwright David Williamson at his best, says director Lee Gerchow.

In Money and Friend\$, mathematician Peter strikes financial trouble because of his brother's bankruptcy.

His friend and neighbour Margaret decides that he needs help from his wealthy friends.

Margaret can't keep quiet and spills the story of Peter's financial trouble, suggesting the 'friends' should loan him \$40,000.

"This is a wickedly clever and witty Australian play," Lee said.

"I see Money and Friend\$ as a subtly confronting play, a classic text delving into the clash between materialism and moral responsibility and a fitting follow-up to the experience of directing After the Ball. Contemporary theatre is a wonderful mirror to everyday life."

The ILT season runs from September 28 to October 22, with performances at Ipswich's Incinerator theatre, Burley Griffin Drive, 8pm.

Public nights are October 14, 15, 21 and 22.

To book, call the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre on 3281 0555. email leeros@optusnet.com.au or on mobile 041 771 3086.

Pictured above:
Director Lee Gerchow with his cast and crew _ Peter Luxton, Anne Tannock, Ken Verrall, Linda Shapcott, Gary Denman, Callum Campbell, Majella Gee, Catherine Taylor, Ryan Tucker, Ros Gerchow and Liz Boekholt _ create a party scene for Money and Friend\$.



Ipswich Little Theatre
Presents
Highland Fling
A Theatre Restaurant
by Timothy Tuck

Director: Gavin Turner
Assistant Director: Relle Scott

Performance Nights:
18, 19, 25, 26 November
2, 3, 9, 10 December

Tickets \$35.00
for Nibbles, 3 Course Meal,
Coffee or Tea and Theatre

What a fun way to spend your
end of year break up, Christmas
Party or get together with
friends for a fun night of dining,
drinking, laughing, singing.

Get in early to avoid disappointment.

Bookings available by phoning:
Robyn Flashman: 3812 3450



Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!
*Only 87 seats left at the last count -
up to 3 October contact Helen
Pullar for tickets and then it is
Robyn as the contact person again.*

A Special Message from Pauline

On life's journey, changes suddenly take place and one finds themselves on a path which was quite unexpected. Recently this happened to me and my family, so then I looked for a positive and it is to belong to a community family as I do and it is the Ipswich Little Theatre.

You have nourished us by giving a moment in thought, or contributed in a larger way by emotionally supporting us, giving me clothes or even sending flowers and cards. We as a family would really love to thank you for all your love and kindness. I personally shall never be able to repay you all.

Please give each other love and kindness in thought as this will have a ripple effect on the community as a whole.

Thank you for being in our lives.

Pauline Brayford.

Money & Friends Season Roster

Thanks to the following members who have offered
to assist in the kitchen/bar/front of house in the next season

28 September Business Manager - Desley Cronon	Zonta Club	Bette Rose Bev Ralph
29 September Business Manager - Desley Cronon	Jacaranda St Kindy	Carmel Kendrick Sara Cowan
30 September Business Manager - Desley Cronon	Glamorganvale QCWA Mutdapilly SS P&C	Bronwyn Bryant Suzanne Matulich
1 October Business Manager - Desley Cronon	Ipswich N Anglican Parish	Trish Porter Christine Stanning
5 October Business Manager - Desley Cronon	Nowlanvil Res Care Social Club	Jane Sheppard Jenny Kubler
6 October Business Manager - Desley Cronon	IGGS Old Girls	Judy Grant Chic Currie
7 October Business Manager - Desley Cronon	E Ipswich Apostolic Church	Margaret Martin Kerry Ann McDonald
8 October Business Manager - Desley Cronon	WMAC P&F	Rob and Kim Jones
12 October Business Manager - Di Johnston	Legacy Torchbearers	Jim Orr Judy Driscoll
13 October Business Manager - Di Johnston	Ipswich West Special School Ipswich Evening View	Jim Orr Melinda Park
14 October Business Manager - Di Johnston	Public night	Robyn Flashman Barbara Scott
15 October Business Manager - Di Johnston	Public night	Helen and Ian Pullar
19 October Business Manager - Rosemary Lyons	Redbank/Goodna Lioness	Robyn Flashman Bronwen Cottman
20 October Business Manager - Rosemary Lyons	Ipswich and W Moreton Tennis	Nadine Gannon Patti Pratt
21 October Business Manager - Rosemary Lyons	Public night	Relle Scott Kerri Ann McDonald
22 October Business Manager - Rosemary Lyons	Public night	Janelle Carsons Dianne Adams

S-Troupe - director Di Johnston

All smiles recently at S-Troupe when they had their photos done for their celebrity calendar - keep your eyes open for when they go on sale- an ideal Christmas present.

Many thanks to Cr Charlie Pisasale and fellow councillors for a donation that will be used to pay for our new T-shirts and for the photography.

Father's Day came and went - S-Troupe (after all their Theatre Restaurant experience) were very confident with performing some small items, serving afternoon tea and presenting a gift. Thanks also to Jim for doing the pouring. We will be attending the Daytimers Panto soon also.

Tickets will go on sale on 17 October for our next production "*Christmas Through the Ages*" Friday 11 and Saturday 12 November.

Crossfyre Young Theatricals - director Suzanne Matulich

Crossfyre Young Theatricals is on holidays until 27 September and then will start frantic rehearsals to ensure that *Absurd* will be another wonderful slightly off beat production from these talented teenage thespians. The first class of term will be the only opportunity for new members to join Crossfyre, after that they will have to wait until 2006.

SmartArts - Junior Theatre - director Liz Boekholt, assistant Lana Gishgariany

Smart Arts is in recess till 2006.

Daytime Theatre Troupe -director for Christmas production Jan Paterson

DAYTIME THEATRE TROUPE REPORT - *Santa's Christmas Story* opens on Monday 24th October until Friday 4th November and is almost sold out. We have cut back performances to two shows per day except for Wednesday 2nd November where there will be three performances, and on Saturday 29th October the matinee performances will be at 1pm and 3pm Bookings through Chic Currie on 32889783 [h] 0409725315 [m] or on Wednesdays between 12-2pm at the theatre 38122389. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

Kay McAllen has had to step down from her position as Director due to the fact that she has to go into hospital for an operation and will be out of action for about 2 months. Kay assures us she will be fine and has asked me to take on the position. Chic Currie will also be out of action for about six weeks as she is in hospital at this very moment having surgery on her wrist. The doctor assures her she will still be able to play the piano - just not right away. We wish them both a very speedy recovery.

So many things happening with DAYTIMERS at present [some good, some not so good] but just like the TROUPERS they are, everyone has rallied to make sure the "SHOW WILL GO ON".

Librarians - Relle Scott and Patti Pratt

Attention Directors: don't forget to return all cast scripts when your play is finished.

Theatre Activity Nights - 7.30 pm - all welcome

October's Theatre Activity Night will be specially interesting for those of you who saw the Front Row Theatre production of *Under Milkwood* at our festival this year. Relle Scott is going to have a reading of the play with the possibility of it resulting in a production next year. So, if you love the language of Dylan Thomas, make sure that you come along to that night on Tuesday 4 October, 7.30pm.

Don't forget those other lovers of language, The Speedpoets, will be back with us for a crazy last Theatre Activity Night for the year on 1 November at 7.30pm. Thanks to Gavin, director of Highland Fling, we are able to use the Incinerator Theatre for this fun night and the bar will be open to help you celebrate another year of Theatre Activity Nights. Don't forget that if you would love to help organise next year's calendar of events, don't be shy, let Suzanne know.

Last of the One Act Play Festival circuit news -

Congratulations go to Majella Gee for her role as Sgt Griffin in *Wolf Lullaby*. She won the Best Supporting Actress at the Sunshine Coast Drama Festival last month.

MEMO TO: All Cast

DESPITE A REQUEST FROM YOUR UNION REPRESENTATIVE I AM SORRY TO SAY THAT I CANNOT AGREE TO CALLING THE 'CHORUS', THE 'ENSEMBLE'. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD BE PROUD TO BE KNOWN BY A NOBLE GREEK TITLE THAT HAS EXISTED IN THE THEATRE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, IN PREFERENCE TO SOMETHING CREATED BY NORMAN HARTNELL FOR A BADLY DRESSED QUEEN. THANKING YOU: G.G. [Greg Gesch is an ex-director and occasional writer]

Extract from A LITTLE GOSSIP! - VOL 57 - QUEENSLAND'S ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT E-BULLETIN from Paul Dellit

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Regional Arts Development Fund next round closes 7 October

If you have a project that you think fits the criteria for RADF funding please don't hesitate to contact Ingrid Hedgcock, RADF secretary 3810 7222.

Get Well Soon!

More sad news regarding the health of an ILT member. Joh Matulich, who has been in a One Act Play each year for the last three years, recently fell and broke her hip. She definitely doesn't want any visitors until she is home and literally back on her feet. We wish this feisty, fun lady the very speediest of recoveries! And, yes, she is the mother of the newsletter editor as well as a very keen new thespian.

Have you seen the beautiful new blue carpet backstage?

What luxury – a carpeted back stage and green room area. See it, love it, look after it! It might be a good idea to take extra care during set building and rehearsals not to walk dirt or muck into the theatre. We would hate to have it looking less than wonderful, wouldn't we?

Special 2006 One Act Play Festival News

Our stalwarts of the festival sub-committee, Lorna Longston and Yvonne Gardiner have both indicated that they won't be available to be on the sub-committee for 2006.

To make the task of the new sub-committee members easier, by giving them a long planning time for the 2006 One Act Play festival, the admin committee has asked that anyone who is interested in being either the festival director or the secretary should attend the next ILT admin meeting on 11 October to put forward their expression of interest or let Helen, ILT secretary, know of their interest. All expressions of interest will be discussed at that meeting.

Thanks go to Lorna and Yvonne for the sterling work that they have given to planning and programming the One Act Play festival in the last few years.

from the Walter Burley Griffin Society newsletter ...

The Essendon Municipal Incinerator had its third official opening last year. It first opened in 1930 as an incinerator. Its second opening was in the 1980s as a drama theatre for the Wests Theatre Company who by their success have now outgrown the Incinerator building, except for rehearsals.

The Essendon Incinerator and adjoining Council Stores Building have now been sympathetically refurbished into a community-based visual arts complex, with art studio workspace for hire and gallery space for the exhibition and/or sale of local artists' work.

and this is true

Irish police are being handicapped in a search for a stolen van, because they cannot issue a description. It's a Special Branch vehicle and they don't want the public to know what it looks like. [\(The Guardian\)](#)

THANKS!

Cr Charlie Pisasale proudly supports Ipswich Little Theatre by printing the Burning News for ILT. Thanks Charlie!

UPCOMING DATES @ ILT

4 October Theatre Activity Night
Under Milkwood
Dylan Thomas – a reading

28 September/22 October
Money and Friends



1 November Theatre Activity Night
Speed Poets!

18 November/10 December
Highland Fling

Next ILT meeting
for 2005
Tuesday 11 October
7.30 pm