



Burning News from the Ipswich

The OCTOBER 2006 newsletter of Ipswich Little Theatre

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AUDITIONS
for the first
play in 2007
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Lipstick Dreams

Don't miss
the last
performances

MUST FINISH
Saturday
28 October

BOOK NOW
at the Ipswich Visitor
Information Centre
3281 0555

For an end of year night of laughs !

IPSWICH LITTLE THEATRE
presents
A THEATRE SUPPER SEASON

Deckchairs

By Jean McConnell



A selection of 4 comedies set on an English seaside promenade.

November 29 – December 16 at 8pm

Directors: Melinda Park & Robyn Flashman

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN for

8th, 9th, 15th, 16th December.

Phone 3812 3450

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM ROBYN FLASHMAN CO-DIRECTOR:

I am looking for a tape recording or CD of the old song "Dance in the Old-fashioned Way" for the *Deckchairs* season. Anyone who can assist please contact Robyn on 3812 3450

Deckchairs - A Theatre Supper Season.

Bookings for Public Nights of the *Deckchairs* season (8pm December 8,9,15,16) opened **Sunday 1 October**. These nights will take the form of Supper Nights with delicious hot and cold finger food served to your table in the theatre courtyard at interval to be followed by finger food, sweets, tea and coffee at the conclusion of the plays.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be booked by ringing Robyn on 3812 3450.

Deckchairs is a selection from Jean McConnell's 3 volumes of plays all set on the promenade of an English seaside town. The four comedies chosen each have a cast of two women and explore the relationship between them and how their lives have become entwined.

Each play also has "sting in the tail" or surprising twist at the end and promises to be great entertainment with lots of laughs.

The audition showcased the depth of talented actresses Ipswich Little Theatre enjoys.

Casts of the plays are:

Dancers – Dianne Adams and Judy Grant

Theatrical Digs – Patti Pratt and Fran Campbell

Doggies – Di Johnston and Deidre Lowe

Day Trippers – Deb Wilson and Jane Sheppard



For an end of year get-together for your organization or a chance for friends to share a fun night out *Deckchairs* may be just the answer.

WANTED – preferably alive!

If you are feeling guilty 'cos you haven't helped out at Ipswich Little Theatre much this year, we have the perfect opportunity for you to feel good about yourself again.

As so many of our staunch, dependable workers are involved in the cast of *Deckchairs*, we are desperately needing you to volunteer to be Business Manager for one or more of the weeks that it is in performance.

Desley has offered to develop a group of willing workers for this position, so ring her to volunteer your services before she rings you! Her number is 3288 8754



Ideal Christmas Present Ideas

Yes! We know that it is far too early to be talking about Christmas presents, however, when you do start thinking about it – don't forget that the range of Ipswich Little Theatre 'souvenirs' would make great presents for those theatre loving family and friends of yours.

There are mugs (black and white versions!) key rings, pens and stubby holders – what more could you want?

Check out the range in the Courtyard Bar when you go to see *Lipstick Dreams* or *Deckchairs*.



New in the Ipswich Little Theatre Courtyard Bar

Freshly brewed Abrisca coffee for your drinking pleasure – only \$2 cup or mug

BOOKINGS - Jean Pratt Building- Desley Cronon

If you want to use the Jean Pratt Building at any time at all, for rehearsals or any other reason, you must contact Desley 3288 8754 to make a booking.

S-Troupe - director Di Johnston

S-Troupe's next show *What's in the Box?* will be performed in the Jean Pratt Building on Friday 24 November at 6pm and 8pm and Saturday 25 November 3pm, 6pm and 8 pm. Tickets at the Visitor Information Centre, Queen's Park from 23 October and cost \$6. limited seats will be available at the door for each performance. *What's in the Box?* features Christmas scenes such as a traditional Nativity, toyland, Christmas on a cruise ship and an Aussie scene.

Crossfyre Young Theatricals - director Suzanne Matulich

Wyrd Sisters is in full rehearsal now and the cast are looking forward to your attendance in the Jean Pratt Building -7.30 pm each night - 6,7,8,9 December. Tickets at the door from 7.00 pm each night. Parents are all asked to volunteer for the supper roster for one night of the season.

Smart Arts - Junior Theatre - co-ordinator Liz Boekholt

Smart Arts are now in recess till 2007 following their performances at the 2006 Kaleidoscope Festival and at Woodlands. Keep watching your newsletter for news of how to enrol your child early in 2007.

Daytime Theatre Troupe - convenor Kay McAllan

Once the last performance of a Grouch's Christmas finishes on 28 October, Daytimers will be enjoying a well earned rest until 2007.

Librarians - Patti Pratt

Patti 32812427 is looking after the library for 2006. If you want to borrow a script or have any questions, please contact her.

Properties Manager - Alan Brown

Contact Alan on 3282 1269 for all queries re props and stage settings.

Calling all 2007 Directors - Phil Holmes wants you!

Would all Directors, for all Groups in the 2007 Season Contact Phil in the lighting & sound dept via email - paholmes@optusnet.com.au - or mobile 0410 401 220, regarding important changes to lighting and sound that will take effect from Jan 1st. 2007.

Borrowing of Equipment from Theatre - Judy Grant

Members are reminded that if they wish to borrow any equipment from the theatre (chairs, tables, urns etc) they need to seek approval from the President, Judy Grant, and inform her of details, dates etc. Her contact details are: Home: 32880717 Mobile: 0349 786 683

Ipswich Little Theatre Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held at **3pm on Sunday 3 December** and, as usual, all positions will be declared vacant.

As well as the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, which will be decided at the AGM, the following positions will be considered by the 2006 Administrative Committee at the first meeting following the AGM (*Tuesday 12 December 2005*).

Assistant secretary	Bar Manager
Business Manager	Crossfyre Young Theatricals Director
Smartarts Junior Theatre Co-ordinator	Librarian
Lighting and Sound Co-ordinator	Newsletter Editor
Program Co-ordinator	Publicity Co-ordinator
Selection Committee - 5 members (In writing at AGM please)	S Troupe Co-ordinator
Subscriptions Secretary	Theatre Activities Co-ordinator
Wardrobe Co-ordinator & Wardrobe Assistant	

NOTE: Written Expressions of Interest for all positions are to be received by the ILT secretary 48 hours prior to the AGM. An Expression of Interest form is inserted in this newsletter (if posted) or downloadable from the ILT website: www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au

➔ **Do plan to stay after the AGM for a drink and some nibblies and to listen to some relaxed live music.**



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4-28 October - *Lipstick Dreams* – director Jan Paterson

7 November – AUDITION ⇒
Post Horn Gallop – director Jane Sheppard

3 December – ILT AGM – mark it in your diary

6,7,8,9 December – *Wyrld Sisters* – Crossfyre Young Theatricals 7.30 pm in the Jean Pratt Building

8,9,15,16 December *Deckchairs* – directors Melinda Park and Robyn Flashman – theatre supper nights \$25 8pm

Theatrical Quote

It is a hopeless endeavour to attract people to a theatre unless they can be first brought to believe that they will never get in.

CHARLES DICKENS,
Nicholas Nickleby

Next ILT meeting

2006

Tuesday 14 November

7.30 pm

Ipswich Little Theatre Executive Committee 2006

Name	Position	Phone number
President	Judith Grant	3288 0717
Vice president	Pam Floris	3288 6159
Secretary	Helen Pullar	New number 3201 4068
Treasurer	Pauline Brayford	3294 6730

Groups within ILT - directors 2006

Group	Director	Phone number
<i>Smart Arts Junior Theatre</i>	Liz Boekholt	3282 3407
<i>Crossfyre Young Theatricals</i>	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748
<i>S-Troupe</i>	Di Johnston	3812 9141
<i>Daytime Theatre Troupe</i>	Kay McAllan	54643965

AUDITIONS

Tuesday 7 November 2006 at 7.30pm

at the Jean Pratt Building, Ipswich Little Theatre.

For our first production for 2007

Post Horn Gallop (by Derek Benfield)

To be directed by Jane Sheppard

Performances Feb 28, March 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17

Auditions are being held early to allow for flexibility of rehearsals during the December, January holiday period. The director is performing a role in our December production of "Deckchairs" and will need to schedule initial rehearsals around that commitment, including some rehearsals from 7-9pm whilst that season is running.

Post Horn Gallop is an old fashioned fast paced farce. Snobbish Lady Elrood has opened the castle to tourists in order to make ends meet, assisted by heritage guide, Miss Partridge. Their daughter arrives with her wimpy husband who is being pursued by gangsters. Fifty boy scouts set up camp on the front lawn with their Scout Leader, George, while tourists, Bert and Maggie are charged admission by everyone who meets them. Add balmy Lord Elrood who shoots everyone on sight, stolen paintings, secret passages and an amorous maid, for total chaos.

Cast 5 women, 6 men, varying ages. (though the guide and gangsters could be either gender)

Lord Elrood crazy, thinks he's still in the army and shoots rifle indiscriminately.
Lady Elrood snobbish Lady of the Manor
Patricia their daughter
Chester Patricia's wimpy husband.
Ada amorous maid, lusting after Chester.
Miss Partridge guide employed for castle tours.
Bert tourist
Maggie tourist, Bert's wife.
Mr Capone gangster
Mr Wedgwood gangster who doesn't speak, perhaps repeats Mr Capone's lines.
George Willis scout leader.

For further information, phone Director, Jane Sheppard, 54645363