



Burning News

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CHRISTMAS IS A COMING SOON ...

Now, this is not to scare you or try to sell you anything but, our next issue of Burning News will have a Christmas focus and it would be fun to share ILT members' jokes, recipes, memories with a Christmas theme in that issue.

Please send them to Suzanne, the editor, by 10 December to ensure that they are considered for inclusion.

Christmas is for sharing with friends after all!

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2008 PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Exciting news for our members, subscribers and loyal supporters!

The four major plays for next year are set (so long as we get the performing rights for one of them)

Once again, Selection Committee has deliberated long and hard to make sure that the program is varied in content and style and that most of our audiences play type preferences are met.

We begin the year with ***This Way Up* by Elizabeth Coleman, directed by Jane Sheppard and Melinda Park**. This is a modern, fast paced Australian comedy by the writer of the hilarious and successful play *Secret Bridesmaids Business*. Season dates are 27 February—13 March

Our second offering is ***Enter a Free Man* by Tom Stoppard**,

INTERESTED IN A FUN NIGHT OUT?

There will be a reading of the script for *Enter a Free Man* by Tom Stoppard next month. Apart from being a fun night out, this will give the director, Suzanne Matulich the opportunity to hear how the script sounds when read aloud.

Tom Stoppard is known for his crisp insightful writing and the play certainly reads well so it will be interesting to some of our actors bring it to life.

This is not an audition, but, obviously if you love a particular part and read well, it will serve you well come audition

directed by **Suzanne Matulich**. From the writer of *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, this is a light hearted look at the trials and tribulations of an endearing, slightly eccentric man and his affect on his family and friends. From the director of *ART* and *President Wilson in Paris*. Season dates 30 April—17 May.

Play number three is ***Sex Drugs and Rick 'n' Noel* by David Tristram, directed by Doug Moses**. This is an hilarious yet poignant study of two students studying history, and a whole lot else, at University from the author of *Ghost Writer*. Season dates 2—19 July.

Following this is our **54th One Act Play Festival**, once again inviting theatre groups from all over South East Queensland to enter their one act plays for adjudication and hopefully well deserved prizes. The adjudica-

tor is yet to be confirmed but the director is Suzanne Matulich and the dates are 8 - 10 August.

There is a short season available from 24—26 August for an experimental play but this has not yet been finalized.

Our next play is ***Three Days of Rain* by Richard Greenburgh, directed by Lee Gerchow**. This touching and intriguing Pulitzer Prize nominated play is brought to you by the director of *After the Ball, Money and Friends* and *Honour*. Season dates are 1-18 October.

The last play in our 2008 program is ***Rumors* by Neil Simon, director Robyn Flashman**. This mad farce, written by Neil Simon, America's most prolific and successful comedy playwright will provide an end of year night of laughs.

COME ALONG TO A PLAY READING

time at the end of January '08.

There are eight characters in the play: **George Riley**—about 50 years old;

His wife **Persephone**—same age—vaguely distracted; their daughter

Linda—18 years old (approx) and feisty; **Harry**—30 odd and a flashy salesman

Able—a callow young sailor; **Carmen**—the barman (or woman) tough but curiously ineffectual; **Florence**—

almost a good time girl, interested in Harry; and last and least **Brown**—the 'typical man in the pub'.

If you would like to talk about the play reading please call Suzanne 3281 4748 ah.

DATE and time: **Tuesday 4 December** in the Jean Pratt Building, in the Ipswich Little Theatre complex, at 7.30 pm. Please note that the performance rights have not yet been secured.

CALLING ALL MEN well, youngish ones anyway

There are still some great roles available for the first play next year—This Way Up
Call Jane if you are interested—PLEASE—5464 5363

News from the groups within Ipswich Little Theatre four groups all based in the Jean Pratt Building

S-Troupe News

from Di Johnston
What a great way to end the year with our production of Okla-homer. I have had some wonderful feedback from audience. Congratulations to all S-Troupers – Oh what a beautiful show!

S-Troupe attended the daytimers pantomime on Saturday 17 September and had their end of year breakup. We farewell one of our helpers Sharyn Twigg as she leaves Ipswich to take up her job elsewhere. Best wishes to her.

S-Troupe are now in recess until late January 2008.

Smart Arts News

Smart Arts is now in recess until early next year. Watch this space in the January issue for details of term dates etc.

Daytime Theatre Troupe News

from Jan Paterson
Now in recess till next year—don't forget the big Silver Reunion celebrations on 16 February 2008 at the Ipswich Golf Club. Phone Jan Paterson to book your place 3201 7974.

Crossfyre Young Theatricals

from Suzanne Matulich
Thanks to the students and Tony and Kyle for another fun night of performance at *Its Coarse .. Of Course*.

Crossfyre Young Theatricals are now in recess until Tuesday 5 February. Please note that new class times are 5.00—7.00 pm (1/2 hr earlier)

The Crossfyre class numbers will again be limited in 2008.

Returning students must attend the first class to be considered for a place in the new term.

LAST REMINDER Ipswich Little Theatre Annual General Meeting 2007

As outlined in last month's Burning News, this year's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Incinerator Theatre

3pm Sunday 9 December

and, as usual, all positions will be declared vacant.

As well as the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and Admin C'tee which will be decided at the AGM, the following positions will be considered by the 2008 Administrative Committee at the first meeting following the AGM to be held on Tuesday 11 December at 7.30 pm.

Please note change of name for some of the positions

Group Liaison Secretary
(currently Assistant Secretary)
Assistant Secretary (a possible new position)

Subscription Secretary

Bar Manager

Front of House Manager

(currently Business Manager)

Crossfyre Young Theatricals Co-ordinator

Smartarts Junior Theatre Co-ordinator

Daytime Theatre Troupe Liaison

S Troupe Co-ordinator

Librarian

Lighting & Sound Co-ordinator

Newsletter Editor

Programme Co-ordinator

Publicity Co-ordinator

Properties Manager

Theatre Activities Co-ordinator

Wardrobe Co-ordinator

Wardrobe Assistants

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 downloadable from the ILT website:

www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au
ALL MEMBERS: Please consider volunteering for one of these positions—we always need new active members.

You need to have your nomination to the Secretary 48 hours before the AGM.
Phone Helen on 3281 4437



If you give a report to the Admin Committee each month the you need to have an Annual Report ready for the AGM.

Does your Organisation want to raise \$1000?

Tour groups really appreciate our historic home—the Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator Theatre

Do you belong to an organization that is looking for a simple and entertaining means of fundraising?

An Ipswich Little Theatre Group Theatre Night may be your answer.

Our very popular Theatre Nights for the 2008 seasons are now on sale with 8 nights made available for each play.

Your organization pays a lump sum to Ipswich Little Theatre, provides a supper and charges your patrons an appropriate admission. Theatre members staff the bar and kitchen and the organizers of the night are free to enjoy the evening.

If you charge \$20 per head for the 80 seats available in the Incinerator and have a raffle your organization can raise up to \$1000 in one night.

If you feel selling 80 seats is beyond your organization you may like to book a Shared Night which means selling 40 tickets.

For further information on pricing and a copy of the 2008 Program of Plays contact Robyn Flashman 3812 3450.

Some groups find this fundraising idea so easy and so attractive to their members that they book 2 nights each year and use these as their only fundraising ventures in the year.

Do pass this idea on to your friends who may belong to other organisations or social groups who don't already know about it.



This picture was taken during the 'refreshment stop' at one of the many Guided Tours that our volunteer members managed this year.

It takes about half a dozen of our members to manage a group and those members who have offered assistance say that it is quite a hard session but well worth it to see the interest and amazement on the faces of visitors, usually from outside Ipswich, when they learn about our home and its history.

A Message from ILT President—Judy Grant

I urge all members to attend our AGM, on Sunday 9 December at 3:00pm. It is the only time during the year that all members of our society have the opportunity to come together, exercise their democratic right to elect the Administrative team for the next twelve months and hear about all our great achievements during 2007.

This year we are proposing minor changes to the constitution which follow the *Model Rules* recommended under *The Associations Incorporation Act (1981)*. As an added incentive to encourage you to attend, we will be serving a delicious afternoon tea, and our bar will be open for you to purchase drinks.

We will also be presenting our **Golden Griffin Awards**. All members of the current Admin Committee were invited to nominate members for the "short list" and it is my job to make the final decision on

which members (or groups) are to receive these much coveted and prestigious awards. I will contact all who have been short listed, but, only nominees who attend the AGM will be presented with these awards.

Please consider nominating for any position that you feel you could commit to in 2008. It is always good to have a balance of experienced members and new members, who may bring some fresh ideas with them. Remember that, making a commitment to serve on our Administrative Committee involves, not only taking on the responsibility for your particular area, but also attending and actively participating in our monthly meetings. These are held on the second Tuesday of each month, commencing on Tuesday 11 December.

Congratulations to our Daytimers, Smart Arts Junior, CYTS and S-troupers, who have presented their final productions for the year. We have had very good feedback regard-

ing the quality of their work from parents, carers and our audiences. These groups would not function without the commitment of our members who have taken on the co-ordination or helper roles within these groups – thank you.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the dedication of our editor, Suzanne Matulich to her job of producing this very high quality, professional publication each month. With some encouragement, many of our members contribute, but the responsibility and reaching of deadlines, rests in Suzanne's capable hands. I wish also to thank, Cr Charlie Pisasale, Chair of Arts, Community and Cultural Services Committee and his staff, Di and Sandy for printing the newsletter each month.

Looking forward to catching up with you all on Sunday, 9 December.

Judy.



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The Ipswich Little Theatre complex including the historic Incinerator Theatre designed by Walter Burley Griffin is in Burley Griffin Drive, off Griffiths Road, Ipswich.
To ring the theatre when there is a class or rehearsal **PHONE 3812 2389**.
NOTE: this phone is not staffed all the time.



2007 DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

23 November—15 December	<i>Mystery on the Orient Express</i> End of year Theatre Restaurant fun Book a table of 14 with the Director Di Johnston 3812 9141
4 December	<i>Enter a Free Man</i> — play reading at the Jean Pratt building 7.30 pm. Suzanne 3281 4748
9 December	3pm Ipswich Little Theatre Annual General Meeting —see page 2 for positions vacant



For those members who love our theatre building, this may be of interest. Essendon Municipal Incinerator, Walter Burley Griffin and Eric Nicholls, 1929–30.
Photograph from *The Architecture of Walter Burley Griffin* by Donald Leslie Johnson.

Contact details that you might need to know

President	Judy Grant	3288 0717
Vice President	Desley Cronon	3288 8754
Immediate Past President	Pam Floris	3288 6159
Secretary	Helen Pullar	3281 4437
Smart Arts	Liz Boekholt	0413 235 028
S-Troupe	Di Johnston	3812 9141
Crossfyre	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748
Daytime Theatre Troupe	Kay McAllan	5464 3965
ILT One Act Play Festival	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748

NEXT ILT COMMITTEE-MEETING:
THE AGM
Sunday 9 December
at 3pm.

End of Year Library Reminder

To all those directors from the ILT 2007 program, don't forget that if you have borrowed scripts from the ILT library, they need to be returned as soon as you can please.

This also applies to members who have borrowed scripts to read with a view to directing in

the future or just because you enjoy reading scripts!

For those of you who have not ever borrowed from our library, do consider doing so in the future.

The books are there for all members to enjoy, just so long as you remember, as in any library, they do need to be returned.