



Burning News & Christmas Greetings

The special Christmas 2008
Ipswich Little Theatre Newsletter

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ILT AGM RESULTS

Following the ILT AGM held on Sunday 7 December we are pleased to announce the members who have been elected to positions on the Committee.

Executive

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| President | Judy Grant |
| Past President | Craig Taylor |
| Vice-President | Jim Orr |
| Treasurer | Jan Paterson |
| Secretary | Helen Pullar |

Admin Committee

Leanne Bamford
 Alan Brown
 Robbie Campbell
 Desley Cronon
 Tony Erhardt
 Robyn Flashman
 Sandra Harle
 Phil Holmes
 Di Johnston
 Kerri-Ann Macdonald
 Suzanne Matulich
 Doug Moses
 Melinda Park
 Col Paterson
 Jane Sheppard

And those members who have been elected to fulfill the other

areas of responsibility within the theatre program are:

Building Committee

Alan Brown
 Suzanne Matulich
 Robyn Flashman
 Colin Paterson
 Helen Pullar
 Ian Pullar

Selection Committee

Alan Brown
 Desley Cronon
 Shane Mallory
 Ian Pullar
 Jan Paterson
 Jane Sheppard

Subscription Sec Sandra Harle
Bar Manager Jim Orr

Crossfyre Young

Theatricals Co-ordinator

Tony Erhardt

Daytime Theatre Troupe Liaison Jan Paterson

Festival Director

Suzanne Matulich

Front of House Management Co-ordinator

Desley Cronon

Group Liaison Secretary

Robyn Flashman

Librarian Jan Paterson

Lighting & Sound Director

Phil Holmes

Newsletter Editor

Suzanne Matulich

Properties Manager

Alan Brown

Publicity Sub- Committee

Robyn Flashman, Yvonne Gardiner, Shane Mallory, Deidre Lowe

SmartArts Junior Theatre

Kerri-Ann Macdonald

S-Troupe Director

Di Johnston

Subscription Secretary

Sandra Harle

Theatre Activities Co-ordinator

Kyle Breese

Wardrobe Manager

Kay McAllan

Wardrobe Assistants

Di Johnston, Jan Paterson

Please support all these willing and dedicated members who have put their hands up to take on these responsibilities in the coming year. We couldn't exist without them.

AUDITIONS—THE RESULTS

The results of the auditions held on Monday 8 December for the three one act plays that will make up **A Stage of Life** are:

IMPROMPTU: writer Tad

Mosel

Director Suzanne Matulich

Ernest Lance Stewart

Winifred Majella Gee

Lora Sophie Stewart

Tony Kyle Breese

HOTSPOTS: writer Pauline

Davies

Director Jim Orr

Jen Alison Mohr

Lisa Kahli Williams

Kat Relle Scott

Lorraine Carlene Primmer

ESTABLISHING NEW RELATIONS: writer Ian Pullar

Director Ian Pullar

Tom Craig Taylor

Cat Michele Williams

Craig Simon Taylor

Bronwyn Venessa Stoeve

A Stage of Life performances are 25 February to 14 March 2009.

Bookings as usual at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre.

Ipswich Little Theatre Membership - fees nearly due!

Don't forget that membership of ILT is annual, that is, the fees are due on 1st January each year. If you would like to pay by direct deposit, contact Treasurer, Jan, on 0417 787 130 for details of how to do this. All membership fees are \$25 and the forms are available on our website www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au



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



Jan and Col Paterson have moved house and from February '09 will be at VILLA 84 THE SPRINGS 45 SEALY STREET SILKSTONE 4304

There are four groups which cater for specific groups within Ipswich Little Theatre.

These groups meet in the Jean Pratt Building on a regular basis and all work hard towards their own productions, sometimes twice a year.

They are **S Troupe**: a wonderful Saturday drama team for people with special needs

Smartarts who also meet on Saturdays and is for primary school aged children

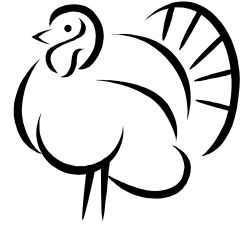
Crossfire Young Theatricals meet each Tuesday, late afternoon, and caters for teenage thespians and

the **Daytime Theatre Troupe** which meets during the day on Wednesdays and puts on amazing pantomimes for little people.

If you would like to know more about these groups the relevant contact people are listed on the back page of the newsletter and there is also more information on our website

www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au

All the groups are currently in recess for a much deserved break and recharge but they will all be active again in February 2009



Did you know this

fact about the Christmas Turkey

Turkeys came into England from Mexico in 1526, when Yorkshire man William Strickland bought six from American Indian traders and sold them in Bristol for two pence each.

Edward VII made eating turkey at Christmas fashionable, but it remained a luxury until the 1950's..

Two Special Christmas Cartoons



Reports for Admin Committee

Jane Sheppard has volunteered to be the Minutes Secretary next year so all monthly reports can be emailed to her, please shepahoy@bigpond.net.au as well as to Helen as usual. Thanks



Christmas Present?

Why not give someone a 2009 Ipswich Little Theatre Subscriber ticket as a special Christmas present this year? See page 1 for details



A Christmas Message from your President

We have had a very successful year of theatre in 2008, with productions of a very high standard and audience attendance at record levels at a time when other professional and amateur groups are reportedly suffering a downturn both financially and with audience numbers.

We have made major improvements to the auditorium of our Incinerator Theatre this year with the comfort of patrons a top priority. Modifications have also been made to the Jean Pratt building, and our bar and kitchen area has undergone renovation. Ipswich City Council, from whom we lease the building, has put a great deal of work into improving the driveway area and we have installed new lighting. Again, the primary aim of the external work has been to target the safety of our audiences and visitors.

What is most exciting is that, despite the expenditure, we finished the year in a positive position, financially.

The work of our Ipswich Little Theatre volunteers, and their outstanding contribution to the cultural development and promotion of Ipswich has been recognised at a community and state level in 2008, with awards for individuals and sub groups within our theatre structure.

The majority of members are carrying on in their 2008 roles for the 2009 theatre year. I thank those people for their commitment to the theatre and welcome new members to administrative and organisational roles.

After 20 years of working with the Crossfryre group, which caters for youth, Suzanne Matulich has decided that it is time to move on. In recent years Suzanne has worked, with the group, under our Young Theatricals banner. I thank Suzanne for her dedication to our youth and congratulate her on her

achievements. Her end of year production of *Metamorphoses* was a moving production in which the students showcased their work and claimed ownership.

We celebrated our year, following our AGM on Sunday, 7 December, with the awarding of our Golden Griffin Awards. Congratulations to who those who were recognised, with an award, for their outstanding contribution to our theatre functioning. I sincerely thank all members who have contributed, in any area, to our success in 2008. 2009 will be another exciting year for our society, as we celebrate the fortieth birthday of our move to and conversion of the Burley Griffin Incinerator Theatre and pride ourselves in saving the building from destruction.

Have a wonderful festive season with your families and come back refreshed, ready to face the challenges and reap the rewards of our 2009 theatre year.

Judy Grant

Golden Griffin Awards



Congratulations to the following theatre members who made special contributions to the Ipswich Little Theatre program in 2008 and were recognised and nominated by members of our Admin Committee:

- Kyle Breese
- Margo Wall
- Robyn Flashman
- Melinda Park
- Desley Cronon
- Kay McAllan
- Majella Gee
- Phil Holmes
- Robbie Campbell

Social News

ILT member, Melinda Park is very keen to develop a social aspect of our theatre membership and to that end she frequently organizes block bookings for performances at the Ipswich Civic Hall.

Being a part of the groups that attend the varied shows is a great way to meet other members and to avoid the stress of going alone if you don't have a partner available on the night.

The next group booking is to see David Campbell on Wednesday 15 April.

He is described as the finest entertainer in the country, David Campbell, is back with his best show to date - "The Good Loving' Tour 2009".

This hot new show features in full his brand new album "Good Loving" which is a thundering collection of classic '60's blue eyed soul.

On top of this David will also be performing material from his multi-platinum "Swing Sessions" albums so expect classic Dean Martin, Bobby Darin, Sammy Davis Jr and of course Sinatra tunes all night long. Tickets for this concert are \$69.

Some of you have already taken up the opportunity to be a part of the crazy audience for the Rocky Horror Musical in February.

Watch your newsletter for more social news including the Theatre Activity Nights to be organised by one of our younger members, Kyle Breese.

Also, if you have any ideas for other social gatherings, do let us know.



The Aussie spirit of Christmas.



CONTACT DETAILS

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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.



2009 DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

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| 25 December | Christmas Day - have a wonderful and relaxing time with your family and friends |
| 31 December | New Year's Eve - hope your party is a good one and your resolutions easy to keep! |
| 13 January 7pm | 1st ILT Admin meeting for 2009. |
| 19 January 7.30 pm | AUDITIONS: for <i>Sex Drugs rick'n'noel</i> . Director Doug Moses |

Vale: Joyce Rogers

Joyce Rogers (1934-2008) was born in Ipswich. Throughout her early years Joyce showed a talent for and love of, all things musical and her singing voice and acting talent were recognised from her teens, when she was affectionately known as 'Ipswich's Deanna Durbin', through to her latter years with her legendary performances as Bloody Mary in South Pacific and roles in amateur and professional theatre, films, TV drama and commercials.

A dedicated, loving mother to Dani, Joyce reveled in her parent role. She achieved success in everything she put her heart into, singing teacher, retail consultant, professional actress, fashion model and internationally recognised Toastmaster. Joyce loved to laugh, she loved a glass (or two) of cold champagne and the odd plate of oysters.

Joyce was a major part of Ipswich Little Theatre in the early years in the Incinerator Theatre and her warmth, generosity, sense of humour and forthrightness will be missed.

In good ol' show biz spirit, we will follow her lead

"The show must go on!"

Contact details that you might need to know

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| President | Judy Grant | 3288 0717 |
| Vice President | Jim Orr | 3812 9141 |
| Past President | Craig Taylor | 3201 4444 |
| Secretary | Helen Pullar | 3281 4437 |
| Smart Arts | Kerri-Ann McDonald | 3812 7368 |
| S-Troupe | Di Johnston | 3812 9141 |
| Crossfyr | Tony Erhardt | 5464 2662 |
| Daytime Theatre Troupe | Jan Paterson | 0417 787 130. |
| ILT One Act Play Festival | Suzanne Matulich | 3281 4748 |

Tourific Troupers Recruitment Drive

Last year this group had a wonderfully successful year hosting 16 tours and undertaking a short season – *Scene but Briefly* – in August.

Our efforts resulted in an additional \$15,310 in the ILT coffers!!

Obviously, we want to continue our activities and next year be part of the

40th Birthday celebrations.

All interested members (new and continuing) who are available during week days are asked to contact Helen by phone (3281 4437) or email

hpullar@bigpond.net.au

to confirm availability.

A meeting will be held early in 2009.

*Merry Christmas to
all ILT members
from the editor of
Burning News*