



Burning News

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Ipswich Little Theatre Newsletter

This Way Up

All ILT members who are keen to see our first play for 2008 need to remember the Public Night Dates.

They are **March 7, 8, 14, 15** and bookings are open at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre now!

So, you only have four nights to choose from and you don't want to miss out, do you?

Phone 3281 0555 to book

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ARE YOU A FINANCIAL MEMBER OF IPSWICH LITTLE THEATRE?

Unless you are a life member of Ipswich Little Theatre, all annual **membership fees are due on 1 January each year.**

Have you renewed your membership yet?

Membership of Ipswich Little Theatre (ILT) is \$25 per year. You must be a member of ILT to take part in any production throughout the year.

Special Offer

For an additional cost of **\$50.00** (a saving of \$22.00), Members and Life Members can also purchase, when renewing their membership, a book of **FOUR Vouchers** to be exchanged at the Visitors' Information Centre for tickets for the 2008 Major Productions.

You can see outstanding theatre for just \$12.50 per ticket!!

Other information relating to Membership is located on the Membership form. If you would like to join ILT or renew your membership please download the Member Application form from the website

www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au or pick one up from the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre or the Incinerator Theatre.

Subscriber Membership

For those who are not ILT members and to reward our faithful supporters, ILT has introduced a Subscriber Membership which entitles you to a book of FOUR Vouchers to be exchanged at the Visitors' Information Centre for tickets for the 2008 Major Productions at a cost of \$60.00 (\$44.00 Concession) a total saving of \$12.00 on our normal ticket price of \$18.00 (\$14.00 Concession).

Please see page 3 for information from the ILT Treasurer re payment of monies owing.

Just a reminder - here is **the ILT 2008 Program**

(major productions underlined)
27 Feb - 15 Mar This Way Up by Elizabeth Coleman
Directed by Jane Sheppard and Melinda Park

30 April - 17 May Enter a Free Man by Tom Stoppard
Directed by Suzanne Matulich

2 - 19 July Sex, Drugs and Rick 'n' Noel
by David Tristram
Directed by Doug Moses

8 - 10 August Festival 2008
Our 54th One Act Play Festival
Festival Director: Suzanne Matulich

20 - 24 August A collation of 10 minute plays with a variety of wining and dining experiences (TBC)
Directed by Ian & Helen Pullar

1 - 18 October Three Days of Rain

by Richard Greenburgh
Directed by Lee Gerchow

26 Nov - 13 Dec Rumors
by Neil Simon

Directed by Robyn Flashman

AUDITIONS... AUDITIONS... AUDITIONS...

Auditions for *Enter a Free Man* by Tom Stoppard to be directed by Suzanne Matulich
Monday 21 January, Jean Pratt Building, 7.30 pm.

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.

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

Carmen: the barman tough but curiously ineffectual

Florence: almost a good time girl, interested in Harry

Brown: the 'typical man in the pub'.

Able: a callow young sailor

If you would like to talk about the play or have a look at a script please call Suzanne 3281 4748 ah.

See you on 21 January !

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

→ DON'T FORGET!

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Do you belong to a social club, community, church or sporting organization?

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Would you like to fundraise \$1000 for that organization and enjoy an entertaining night of live theatre?

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Ring Robyn (3812 3450) for full details of Group Theatre Nights at the Incinerator Theatre.

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S-Troupe News

Happy New Year to all S-Troupers. 2007 was a great year with our shows *Red White and Blue* and of course our theatre restaurant *Okla-homer*. I have had wonderful feedback from both shows.

All current S-Troupers (and intending new members if you know of anyone) are advised that **sign-on day** will be on **Saturday 2 February from 3-4.30 pm** at Ipswich Little Theatre Jean Pratt Building. Parents/carers are able to pay the \$75 annual fee at that time.

Di Johnston

Smart Arts News

Smart Arts has a new coordinator. Following Liz's great lead, Kerri-ann MacDonald will be in charge of Smart Arts in 2008 along with the wonderful Lana. See page 3 for a welcome statement from Kerri-ann. **February 2 is SIGN ON day** from 10am to 12pm at the Jean Pratt building. Please note there will be no workshops on that day. Term fees are \$25 a term and membership is \$25.

Kerri-ann MacDonald

Daytime Theatre Troupe News

Daytime theatre troupe re-commences on **Wednesday 30 January, 2008** at 11.30am in the Jean Pratt building. Our first production will be based on "storybook characters and their adventures" and the script is in the process of being written by Kay Mc Allan and will be directed by Jan Paterson.

The dates for our first production are as follows:- 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21 and 23 May, 2008 with shows at 9.30am and 11.30am weekdays and at 10am and 12noon for the matinee. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Jan on 3201-7974 or just turn up at the theatre on Wednesday 30 January.

Jan Paterson

Crossfyre Young Theatricals News

Term 1 starts **Tuesday 5 February** at 5.00pm. Returning students must attend the first class to retain their position and if there are more than 18 students then an audition process will be held on Tuesday 19 February.

Term fees of \$50 are due at the first class and include \$25 ILT membership.

Suzanne Matulich



Relay For Life

What is Relay For Life?

Relay For Life is an overnight team event to raise funds for cancer research, education and patient support programs. **How does it work?**

It's a team challenge!

The challenge is for teams of 10 or more to complete a relay-style walk or run at venues throughout Australia. Team members take turns to keep their baton moving overnight, enjoying the sensational festive atmosphere created through entertainment, camping, spot prizes and, most importantly, the vibrancy of the hundreds of lively people on the track!

Who can participate?

It is hours of fun and everyone is welcome.

Expressions of Interest for an Ipswich Little Theatre Relay for Life team

Melinda Park is hoping to be able to get a *Relay For Life* team together made up of ILT members or supporters.

Basically it is a walkathon concept. You raise money by gaining sponsors for the amount of laps your team completes in an 18 hour period of time.

It is a great night that includes live bands, music, entertainment and is a fabulous chance to socialise with other organisations in Ipswich.

For further details on any of the above info please contact Melinda Park on mpark@ipswich.qld.gov.au or phone 0419 650 441

One Act Play-Festival News

Our 54th One Act Play Festival will be held over the weekend of 8, 9, 10 August this year.

To make sure that we maintain our reputation for hosting a welcoming and well organised Festival, we need a keen and committed sub-committee to work together.

Suzanne Matulich has agreed to be the Director of the Festival again this year and she would love to meet with those people who are wanting to be a part of this team.

A meeting in the Jean Pratt Building will be held on **Sunday 10 February at 4pm**. If you are keen to be on the team but can't attend, please contact Suzanne on 3281 4748.

Building Committee News

Members should be very excited by new developments when the year's activities commence in earnest from the end of January.

By then, we hope, the driveway will have been relaid and new railings installed; tanks should be in place adjacent to the Jean Pratt Building; the new platforms and seats in the Incinerator should be nearing completion; the bar area will have been refitted and the interior of the Jean Pratt Building significantly upgraded and the wardrobe sorted and reorganised. (see page 2) Please take time to see these developments for yourself.

It is our great fortune to have the facilities we enjoy and the income to maintain and improve them. We have been greatly assisted in recent months by the Ipswich City Council for which we are very grateful.

Major extensions to the above building which require much planning and organisation are in the pipeline and will be the major focus for 2008. Details will be outlined in future editions of *Burning News*.

Many members have devoted a significant number of hours to the above projects, in particular Alan, Col, Jan and Phil. If you would like to contribute ideas for future development or learn more about what we are planning please phone me (3281 4437). The next meeting of the **Building Committee** will be **Monday 4 February** and members may attend if they notify the Convener of this intention.

Helen Pullar
Building Committee Convener

A Special Message from the new Smart Arts Coordinator

Here is my first attempt at writing something for the news letter concerning Smart Arts. Firstly I would love to thank Liz for many wonderful years at the helm of Smart Arts and I hope to do a good job. Big Shoes to fill!

I would like to welcome back all past members and look forward to meeting new students who are keen to learn about the wonderful world of theatre.

February 2 is SIGN ON day from 10am to 12pm at the Jean Pratt building. Please note there will be no workshops on that day.

Term fees are \$25 a term and membership is \$25. It is most important for the children to become members as in case of an accident, the theatre's insurance will cover you.

Thank you and I look forward to sharing the Jean Pratt Building with the other groups and enjoying our children enjoying theatre.

Kerri-ann MacDonald

Wardrobe Report

Regular readers of Burning News will know that we don't usually have a Wardrobe Report but there has been an amazing amount of work and reorganisation done over the holidays to this area in the Jean Pratt Building and we feel that members need to know about it.

The wardrobe has been culled and is still in the process of being culled further. The fact is that we just don't have the room to keep *everything*.

Some things that are too good to be thrown away are being put aside and maybe put on ebay for sale. We may also contact some of the vintage stores to see if they are interested in buying the items. If not they will be passed on to someone/or other group that can use them.

Some things we are giving to Lifeline and Ipswich West Special School via Lee Fullarton.

New boxes have been purchased and, thanks to Col and Alan building new shelves in and above the wardrobes, we have been able to have more storage space where we can clearly see what we have

PLEASE NOTE: Kay McAllan

(wardrobe convener) doesn't want anyone just going into the boxes "willy-nilly" without first contacting her [and that includes the wardrobe assistants].....and make sure that things are put back where they are found. She will elaborate more in her next wardrobe report.

If you want to access the wardrobe for any purpose, please contact Kay on 5464 3965

From the Treasurer ...

If you wish to pay your membership/and or subscriber's tickets straight into Ipswich Little Theatre's account by electronic transfer via the internet, please contact me on 3201-7974 or email me patto130@primusonline.com.au and I will give you a personal reference number (which you can use for years to come) and ILT's banking details.

Don't forget to give me your full name, address, phone number and email address so that I can pass these details on to the Subscription Secretary.

You can also pay your membership in the normal way by either cheque or money order (which can be purchased from the Post Office). Please do not send cash through the mail.

Here's to a great year of theatre.

Jan Paterson

Are you a 'Tourific Trouper'?

Recently ILT received an RADF Grant with which to commission 10 x ten minute plays from Ian Pullar.

The idea behind this is to enable us to form a small repertory company which can perform short plays for the Tour Groups who have been booking lunches and tours.

Initially, preference will be given to those members who have been involved in this venture already, subject to their availability. If there is sufficient interest, however, it is possible that the venture might extend beyond the tours.

A meeting of interested participants will be held on **Friday 1 February at noon** at the Incinerator, followed by play readings in the afternoon. A light lunch will be provided (at cost). Please let Ian and Helen know if you plan to attend (or if you are interested but unable to attend) and if you would like to have lunch.

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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.

**NEXT ILT
COMMITTEE MEETING:
12 FEBRUARY
7.00 PM**

2008 DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

21 January 7.30 pm	AUDITION - <i>Enter a Free Man</i> by Tom Stoppard. Director - Suzanne Matulich Info about the play 3281 4748
Friday 1 February 12pm	Meeting of interested Tourific Troupers - see page 3 for details
Sunday 4 February 4pm	Meeting of One Act Play Festival sub-committee - Jean Pratt Building see page 2 for details
27 February to 15 March	<i>This Way Up</i> - by Elizabeth Coleman Directors, Jane Sheppard and Melinda Park. Bookings at Visitor Info Centre 3281 0555

ILT Theatre Activities Nights ...

or social nights, fun nights out, play readings, information nights, opportunities to meet new people etc, etc.

If you love being involved in the theatre but maybe don't have the time to commit yourself to a full length play, or just weren't successful at an audition, don't despair!

ILT member, Tony Erhardt can feel your pain and is working hard to find a remedy. Watch this space for details of fun nights out at the theatre - as well as attending a performance of a play, of course.

Another ILT member, Melinda Park has your best interests at heart too and is organising a social night out for ILT members to see ***Menopause the Musical*** at the Ipswich Civic Hall. The performances are **Wednesday 4 June 7.30pm, Thursday 5 June 1.30pm & 7.30pm**. Contact Melinda on 0419 650 441 for more details.

Other performances at the Ipswich Civic Hall you might be interested in are:

David Campbell - Swing Sessions 2 - Saturday 10 May
7.30pm A Reserve \$77 (front 5 rows) B Reserve \$66

Heroes - A comedy play starring Max Gillies, Robert Alexander and Dennis Olsen Tuesday 27 & Wednesday 28 May
7.30pm Adults \$29.50 Conc. \$27.50 VIP & QAC \$26 Groups \$26

Contact details that you might need to know

President	Judy Grant	3288 0717
Vice President	Desley Cronon	3288 8754
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Secretary	Helen Pullar	3281 4437
Treasurer	Jan Paterson	3201 7974

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S-Troupe Director	Di Johnston	3812 9141
Crossfyre Director	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748
Daytime Theatre Troupe Coordinator	Jan Paterson	3201 7974
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