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 Ipswich Little Theatre Newsletter

NEXT at ILT

Our last play for 2008 ...

Want to know what to do for your work Christmas Party?

Here is the perfect answer and it gives you entertainment, catering and lots of fun all in a heritage venue.



Ipswich Little Theatre presents an hilarious comedy

RUMORS

by Neil Simon

Theatre Supper Season



...An end of year night of laughs!

Performance Season: 26th November - 13th December

Incinerator Theatre, Burley Griffin Drive, Ipswich

Public Nights: 5, 6, 12, 13 December 2008

Tickets: \$27 per head

Bookings: 3812 3450



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Do you remember 1969?
 Do you remember Chase Me Comrade or Boeing Boeing?
 40 years after our first productions of those plays, we are revisiting them in 2009.



Christmas Gift Idea

Here is an unusual idea for a Christmas gift for a friend or relative.

You can purchase Gift Tickets for plays at the Incinerator Theatre \$30 for two and \$60 for four. Contact Robyn 3812 3450 for more details

2009 ILT PROGRAM

Coming in the November issue of Burning News Don't miss it!

NOMINATION FORM FOR '09

If you want to take on a role in the running of ILT next year, a nomination form is available on our website (see back page)

One will be emailed to all members who receive this via email or included in the posted copies.

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

S-Troupe

The students have had their photo taken for the Disability Calendar 2009 and all are waiting eagerly to see themselves in print. The next performances for STroupe will be held in a range of nursing homes around Ipswich.

Di Johnston

Daytime Theatre Troupe

Daytime Theatre Troupe presented its final show for 2008 on Friday 23 October and is now in recess until 2009. We have had a very successful year with more than 3000 children attending shows despite the fact that we were short of performers. We welcomed back Yolanda, Elizabeth, Jenny and Celestine earlier this year which was fabulous but we are always looking for new members. Come on, girls and

boys give it some thought, maybe bring a friend and come along and join our merry band of Daytime Theatre Troupers. We really do have lots of fun. Call Kay 5464 3965 or Jan 3201 7974 – you don't need any acting experience, its been 'on the job' training for most of us. Hope to see you in the New Year.

Jan Paterson

Crossfyre Young Theatricals

Don't miss seeing *Metamorphoses* on 13, 14, 15 November. Tickets are able to be pre-booked this year, with reserved seating, by phoning Suzanne on 0412 79 22 64. Payment must be made, \$10 and \$8, prior to performances to secure your seats.

Suzanne Matulich

Smart Arts

Smart Arts is now in recess till 2009.

Kerri-ann McDonald

More information about *Rumors*

What do we mean when we say that the *Rumors* production is a Theatre Supper Season?

Lots of people who want to come along are asking this question.

The public nights will have food served in the courtyard with tables and chairs for patrons' convenience. The play, however, will be in the air conditioned Incinerator Theatre.

You can buy any number of tickets, you don't have book a large number to fill a table as you would for a theatre restaurant.

There is a half group night

left on Wednesday 10 December if you would like to book 40 tickets for you and your friends or maybe work colleagues for a Christmas function.

Also, there is a preview night on Monday 24 November for people who may wish to see the play and can not come to the Theatre Supper Nights.

All tickets are available by phoning Robyn 33812 3450 and pay at the door.

Late notice: Patricia Porter has had to drop out as she has moved to Darwin for a while—her place has been ably filled by Leanne Bamford.

ILT AGM

Mark this date in your diary -
**Sunday
7 December**

The AGM will be held at 2pm in the Incinerator Theatre and will be followed at 4pm by the

ILT Christmas Party including the becoming famous **Golden Griffin Awards** for amazing contributions to the theatre in 2008.

ALL actors involved in plays this year are encouraged to come along to both events.

Please RSVP to Helen for catering 32814437

Vale: Carmel Holahan
A tribute from her friend, Di Johnston

Sadly we farewell our friend Carmel Holahan.

I first met Carmel in 1996 through my work at Booval Community Service and Carmel was working at the Ipswich Womens Shelter.

The work there as you can imagine was often very traumatic, but Carmel was always cheerful, helping the women get back on their feet and find their own way in life. She took many of the ladies and children under her wing and became friends with them outside of work.

I left the shelter in 1999 and by that time had “conned” Carmel into joining Ipswich Little Theatre. We both had granddaughters named Brittnee so the 4 of us would take the kids to see a panto down at Bris Arts, but everyone knows ILT pantos are famous!

Carmel joined Daytimers in 1999 – I was directing Priscilla the Performing Pig and convinced Carmel it would be fun and to come along. She loved it – although nervous – and has been in just about every Daytimer’s production since.

In 2001, she started coming along to S-Troupe. She had been to the shows but wanted to do more and become a helper. She found a real niche here working with people with disabilities, her caring nature again shining through.

Unfortunately with a few health problems she stopped being a helper at the end of 2003 but still of course supported all our shows.

As a tribute to Carmel, the Daytimers are collecting to purchase a bird bath for the theatre grounds – Carmel would have loved that. So, if Carmel touched your life, feel free to contribute to Kay, Jan or Di.

Di Johnston (fellow actor, friend, work-mate of Carmel Holahan)



The most recent photo I have of Carmel.

For those of you who love the English language...

The syllable ‘ough’ can be pronounced nine different ways. One sentence that contains them all is:

“A rough-coated, dough-faced thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough and, after falling into his slough, he coughed and hiccoughed” (hiccupped) Whew!

40 Years in the Incinerator
Now that IS hot news!

2008

As part of the planning for our 40th year in the Incinerator in 2009, a **Morning Tea starting at 10am is to be held on Friday 21 November** at the Theatre for any members of ILT and the general public to share memories of the very early Incinerator days.

Of particular interest are facts about the working Incinerator and the conversion. Through our Tourific Trouper Tours we have gleaned some fascinating stories.

If you yourself, or anyone you know, could further our knowledge we would welcome you to join us.

For catering purposes an RSVP would be appreciated. Please call Helen on 3281 4437 if you or your friends are going to join us that day.

2009

The first formal activity in 2009, to celebrate our 40 years at the Incinerator, will be the inclusion of the April play in the **Ipswich Festival**.

Secondly, we are very excited to have been given the use of **Ipswich Art Gallery** space from 30 July to 28 August. During this time we can mount a static display and also use the stage for performance.

Another event is planned for the weekend after the Ipswich One Act Play Festival in **August**. We hope to have a special function to **unveil our interpretative panel** for which we have received a Cultural Initiative Grant.

The following weekend we plan an **Open Day and PARTY**. It is hoped that all our groups can be involved in both the Art Gallery and Open Day activities.

In 2009 there will be something for everyone as we reflect on our good fortune to be the lessees of the Ipswich Burley Griffin Incinerator and pride ourselves on our part in saving it from destruction.



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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:
 11 NOVEMBER
 7.00 PM**

2008 DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

13, 14, 15 November	Metamorphoses - Director Suzanne Matulich, Crossfyre Young Theatricals 7.30 pm. Bookings Suzanne 0412 79 22 64
26 November - 13 December	Rumors - Director Robyn Flashman. Bookings from 1 October ring Robyn 3812 3450
7 December 2pm	Ipswich Little Theatre Annual General Meeting
7 December 4pm	Immediately after the AGM is our Griffin Award ceremony and ILT Christmas Party . EVERYONE who has acted on our stages this year is specially invited to come! Please rsvp to Helen for catering 32814437



POSITIONS VACANT

The positions below will be declared vacant at our Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 7 December at 2pm.

If you are interested in being considered you will need to complete a Nomination Form and submit it to Helen, our secretary no less than 48 hours before the AGM.

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Member of the Administration Committee, Building Committee, Selection Committee

You can also fill in the Expression of Interest part of the form if you are interested in taking on any of the positions below:

Group Liaison Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Subscription Secretary, Bar Manager, Front of House Manager, Librarian, Lighting & Sound Co-ordinator, Newsletter Editor, Programme and/or Publicity Co-ordinator, Properties Manager, Theatre Activities Co-ordinator, Wardrobe Co-ordinator, Wardrobe Assistant or Director / Coordinator of Crossfyre Young Theatricals, Smartarts, Daytime Theatre Troupe or S Troupe.

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
Treasurer	Jan Paterson	3201 7974

Smart Arts Director	Kerri-ann MacDonald	3812 7368
S-Troupe Director	Di Johnston	3812 9141
Crossfyre Director	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748
Daytime Theatre Troupe Coordinator	Jan Paterson	3201 7974
ILT One Act Play Festival Director	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748
Front of House Management Coordinator	Desley Cronon	3288 8754
Group Liaison Secretary	Robyn Flashman	3812 3450