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Ipswich Little Theatre Newsletter

A Stage of Life

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ILT Members share 2009 Ipswich Australia Day Cultural Award!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Major congratulations must go to our 2 special members Helen Pullar and Di Johnston who shared the Cultural Award at this year's Ipswich Australia Day Awards.

Well done, ladies, we all appreciate your wonderful work and are happy to see it recognised.



Working Bee Outcomes

Thanks to all those keen ILT members who turned up in their oldest clothes ready to scrub, sweep and vacuum etc. on Sunday 15 February.

The gurney was put to good use cleaning down the exterior surfaces and floors in the kitchen and toilets and all the fridges were scrubbed to a gleaming shine.

Even the poor old spiders who thought that they had found an ideal undisturbed

home in the auditorium were given a thorough shake up.

You wouldn't believe just how much dust can accumulate on surfaces above eye level, but it isn't there any more.

We all now know how to operate the glass washer and to set the lights at the gate. Bar training has been postponed as Craig was ill.

Many members shudder at the thought of doing more cleaning than they might consider for their own home,

but there was a great feeling of camaraderie and pride in getting the beautiful historic venue ready for another year of exciting plays and performances.

If you missed being able to contribute to your Society on that day, please don't feel bad. We need your help to fill front of house rosters for all the plays this year. Don't wait to be asked, phone Desley to offer your assistance 3288 8754. See you at ILT soon!

Mark it in your diary

Saturday 22 August - Ipswich Little Theatre 40th celebrations



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

Do you have an email address?

If you are an ILT member and have an email address but you are not receiving updates and news via that address, it could be that it was difficult to decipher and has been written incorrectly in our database.

PLEASE (a special request from Sandra who manages this database) PLEASE can you print very carefully and make sure that dots and numerals are very clearly marked.

If you would like to check that we have your address correctly, please send an email to us at info@ipswichlittletheatre.com.au

Thank you

INFORMATION PLEASE

Craig Taylor is compiling a list of plays (including cast and crew) performed in the Incinerator Theatre from 1969 to present. He would be most interested if anyone has any programs, particularly Young Theatricals and Juniors. Contact Craig 3201 4444

S-Troupe

Welcome to our new members Marcus, Janice, Christine, Carmen and Kane and a big welcome back to Bernice and Toyah. Also welcome on board to new helper Gloria Cox. Parents/carers, in very hot weather it is important that students bring along a small drink. Please also keep your eyes open for black clothes – there is no reason not to shop at an op shop if you can find some. Students only need to wear casual clothes to class, but for all shows they are required to wear long sleeve (light weight for summer, heavy for winter) shirt and long black pants.

Di Johnston

Daytime Theatre Troupe

Daytime Theatre Troupe meets in the Jean Pratt Building on Wednesdays from 11.30am. We are always looking for new members and if you would like to come along and check us out, please do so. You can ring Kay on

54643965 or Jan on 38105884 for more information. Your time and involvement with us can be as little and as flexible as you want. We guarantee you will have a fun time.
Jan Paterson

Crossfyre Young Theatricals

Crossfyre started again on 3 February with 18 returning and 7 new students. Thanks to Dave Dunkerley and Matt Shield for their assistance with Crossfyre this year.
Tony Erhardt

Smart Arts

Thank you and hello to all our new members. Sign on went well, many thanks to Jan who took time out of her day to come along and handle the financial aspect of things. We are now getting into the mood of our contribution for the youth week performances at the Ipswich Incinerator theatre to take place on the first weekend of April and the children are having fun. Unfortunately, we are now fully booked and have no more spaces available. If your child is still keen, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Leanne. I can be reached on 0411 298 858, and Leanne on 0412 104 863.
Kyle Breese

Sleeping Beauty

This year the Daytime Theatre Troupe are proud to present another play written specially for young audiences by local writer, Kay McAllan.

Sleeping Beauty will be presented 19, 20, 22, 26, 27, and 29 May with two shows daily, 9.30 and 11.30 am. There will also be 2 matinee performances on 23 May at 10am and 12pm. Book your tickets (all \$5) with Chic Currie on 3288 9783.

“Come one, come all to the wonderful kingdom of Bling and meet King Bing and Queen Celestine and their new baby Princess. Meet the lovely fairy sisters and, of course, the wicked fairy Elvira and her pet dragon Dribble. Be amazed at the 100 year

old living, dancing, singing forest. Watch as the gallant Prince William fights to save the Sleeping Princess Aurora.

Lots of laughs along the way to brighten your day!



Help desperately needed for Tourific Troupers

Our advertising, in the capable hands of Melinda and Robyn, is so successful that Helen is receiving constant calls about **Tourific Troupers Lunch-eons**.

We are almost at the point of being fully booked for the year unless more volunteers come forward to help in the kitchen, cook lasagne and take a turn at the shopping for salad items.

If you are interested in helping during the day for a period of approximately 4 hours at any time through the year please contact Helen immediately 3281 4437

NEWS that YOU need to KNOW



Alternative route to the Theatre

Access to the Incinerator from Griffith Road via Burley Griffin Drive will be blocked from 16 March to 20 April (and perhaps beyond). This will allow the Ipswich City Council to improve the entry point from Griffiths Road and install kerbing and channeling to try to remedy the ongoing problem of seepage in Burley Griffin Drive.

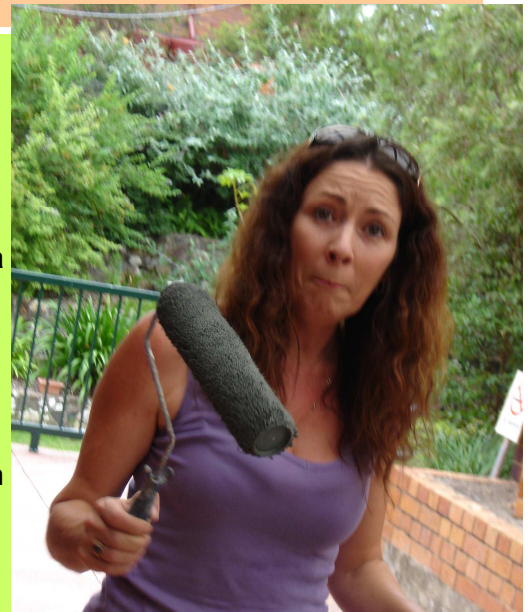
During the roadworks, our Theatre can only be reached via Goleby Avenue in Queen's Park, round Nerima Gardens and then down to the back of the Incinerator. Ipswich City Council has indicated that there will be signage to remind and direct you. We are hoping that the work will be finished well before our second play of the 2009 season begins!

Majella wields the big roller...

Majella Gee, playing the role of Winifred in *Im-promptu*, also gets to use a roller at a set painting day held recently.

She is keen for you to know that she can also play a very different role on stage and is looking forward to the season of *A Stage of Life* which opens on Friday 27 February.

Don't forget that there are three one act plays in the production with a total of 12 cast members so there is plenty of action and a great variety of story lines to captivate you.



Our very popular Wine and Cheese night will be offered on Friday 6 March. Many members book on this night so they have become a good chance to catch up with members you may not have seen for a while.

Robin Hood Auditions

Yes, the next round of auditions is being held on **Monday 9 March** for the Theatre Restaurant which is our major mid year production for 2009.

Di Johnston is directing **Robin Hood** which sounds like it is going to be a lot of fun.

The cast required is:

8 men (prepared to wear tights, we know who you are!) and at least 6 women who can cope with working with men who wear tights!

Also, we need a back-up group of singers and dancers.

All shapes, sizes and colours are encouraged, just be willing to sing, dance, act the fool and have some fun.

Contact Di 3812 9141 for a script or more information. If you are not able to attend the audition, please do ring to register your interest in being involved.

TRIVIA TIME

And here is some trivial information that might or might not be of interest to you:

Cellophane is not made of plastic. It is made from a plant fibre, cellulose, which has been shredded and aged. The hair of an adult man or woman can stretch 25 percent of its length without breaking.

The Yo-Yo originated as a weapon in the Philippine Islands during the sixteenth century.

Karaoke means "empty orchestra" in Japanese.

Odontophobia is the fear of teeth. The first known contraceptive was crocodile dung, used by Egyptians in 2000 B.C.

The sound of ET walking was made by someone squishing her hands in jelly.

There are 10 human body parts that are only 3 letters long (eye hip arm leg ear toe jaw rib lip gum).

The word lethologica describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want.

Try using that information some time in the next week!



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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 at other times.

**NEXT ILT
 COMMITTEE MEETING:
 10 MARCH '09
 7.00 pm**

2009 DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

20 February	7.30 pm Theatre Activity Night —see below
25 February to 14 March	8.00 pm A Stage of Life . Play 1 in the 2009 season. Three one act plays, tickets at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre
6 March	7.15 pm Wine 'n cheese night at A Stage of Life . Tickets at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre
9 March	7.30pm AUDITIONS for Robin the Hood —Theatre Restaurant. Contact Di 3812 9141
22 August	Saturday details to follow but keep it free for the Ipswich Little Theatre 40 years in the Incinerator celebrations

Sticky Beaks & Scrapbookers Take Note!

Would you enjoy perusing photographs of current ILT members when they were much younger? Do you have an interest in scrapbooking? Are you interested in the history of ILT?

Volunteers are needed to re-organise our scrapbooks of photographs, programs, etc.

We are attempting to copy our archives for display in the Ipswich City Council Library for our 40th birthday celebrations, however the condition of the book makes this difficult.

It has been suggested we re-collate our records into small groupings of 10-year intervals. These can then be scanned by staff at Ipswich City Council Library and recorded onto disc, which would be of great advantage in preserving our historical records for safekeeping.

If you are able to assist, please contact Judith Grant or Di Johnston (phone numbers below)

'09 Contact details that you might need

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