



Burning News

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Ipswich Little Theatre Newsletter

VOICES

Public night tickets still available.
Wine and cheese night is Saturday
6 February

Bookings at the
Visitor Info Centre
3281 0555

*Happy New Year
to all of Ipswich
Little Theatre's
members and
friends!*



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There are still a few
Group Nights
available for your
group, club or
organization in 2010.
Great if you want a
fun and wonderfully
easy fundraiser.
Contact Robyn for
details 3812 3450

VOICES: THREE ONE ACT PLAYS

VOICES: three one act plays on one night—what a great way to begin the Ipswich Little Theatre 2010 program of plays. As usual the public night bookings are available at the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre, don't leave it too late to book your tickets. To thank our supporters and to encourage a new audience, we are inviting selected people to come along to a Launch Night to be held in conjunction with a performance of VOICES. This is an interesting new initiative and it will be fun to introduce possible new audiences to our wonderful theatre.

What fun. The Annual ILT Working Bee!

Sunday 31 January from 9.30am

Working Bee

We need ALL members to attend this important event on Sunday 31 January; the Annual ILT Working Bee.

This is the day, starting at **9.30am**, when all of the ILT Theatre complex gets its annual scrub up to make sure

that it is as beautiful as can be for the new season of plays about to begin.

We are incredibly proud of our wonderful buildings and grounds and want our audiences to see them at their best.

As a reward, workers will be given a free lunch for

their labours. Be there, if only for the fun of working with your fellow ILT members!

If you can come along and contribute to the upkeep of your theatre please contact Helen 3281 4437.

Remember, even a couple of hours will make a major difference.

Quote to consider: "Everyone is entitled to be stupid. Some abuse the privilege"

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

**AUDITION
NOTICE**
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NEW FEATURE ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

In 2010 all membership cards will have a unique membership number on the reverse side.

And to encourage you to read your newsletter thoroughly, each month one lucky member's membership number will be hidden somewhere in the newsletter.

If you find your number in the newsletter, bring your membership card with you next time you come to a production and show your card at the Courtyard Bar to claim a free drink.

First lucky number will be in the February issue of *Burning News*

THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

will be the last one sent to un-financial members. Do make sure that you keep in touch with what is happening in your theatre by renewing your membership.

A membership form is available on our website www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au or call Judy; see page 3 for her number.

S-Troupe

Melinda Park is the new co-ordinator for S Troupe in 2010. There is a change also in the day that the group meets. It will now be on Sunday afternoons with the 'sign on' day being Sunday 7 February at 2pm. Contact Melinda 0419 650 441 for more info.

Melinda Park

Daytime Theatre Troupe

Daytime Theatre Troupe will have its first get together on Wednesday 17th February at 11.30am in the Jean Pratt Building. We look forward to catching up with all Daytimers to discuss the program for the year.

If you are interested in being involved in some way or have any friends who are interested, please email the Convenor Anne England and let her know asap. dangles@optushome.com.au She is really looking forward to hearing from you. Happy New Year Everyone

Jan Paterson

Young Theatricals

Young Theatricals starts back on 2 February at 5pm. It is open to students aged between 13 and 18 and we have a cap of 25 students this year. We have a big year ahead with performances in the middle of the year as well as at the end of the year.

We are also looking at putting 3 plays in the festival this year. If you need more info please call the director Tony Erhardt on 0408 058 706 or email aerhardt@gil.com.au.

Although there is building work being done outside the Jean Pratt Building it is thought that the teenagers are mature enough to take care.

Tony Erhardt

Junior Theatre

This year the name has been changed back to Junior Theatre. Because of the disruption at the Jean Pratt Building we are postponing the beginning of Junior Theatre for this year until the first Saturday of term 2. That will be 17 April. Please contact the new director Matt Shield on i_got_moxy@hotmail.com or phone him on 3496 1271 or 0404 409 125 for details of times etc.

Matt Shield

Sunday Playreadings

Ipswich Little Theatre is offering five Sunday Playreadings in 2010 for members and all people interested in theatre.

These events offer you the chance to hear, and to be involved in the reading of, the script of an upcoming play in the ILT program, prior to auditions. There will also be comments about each play from the directors. No previous experience is needed, you can participate in the reading if you choose and join in the informal discussion afterwards.

Playreadings are also a great chance to socialize with people involved in the theatre.

These events are not auditions, they will be held on later dates. Afternoon tea is included and the Courtyard Bar will be open to purchase other drinks.

The second in the series will be held on Sunday 14 March at 2pm at the ILT theatre complex. The play being read is another play from popular playwright David Tristram. *Hypnosis* is to be directed by Doug Moses with Anne England assisting.

Make sure you put this date in your diary as it is a great social event.

The full series of Sunday Playreadings is available on our website.

Tourific Troupers

Are you a frustrated Thespian? Do you know someone who is wanting to give acting a go but is not quite ready for the 'big stage'?

Ten minute plays with daytime rehearsals and performances may be the answer.

If you are interested please contact Helen or Ian Pullar Phone: 3281 4437 or email: hpullar@bigpond.net.au

These short plays have been written by Ian Pullar specifically for performance during the tours of our theatre complex that ILT offer to various groups from all over South East Queensland. They are very popular and give our actors a great opportunity to perform if their time for committing to theatre is limited or if they are just learning the skills needed to perform in a longer play.

NEWS that YOU need to KNOW

AUDITIONS!

The first audition in 2010 will be held on **Tuesday 2 February at 7.30 pm** in the Jean Pratt Building in our theatre complex.

The play is **Scenes from a Separation** by Andrew Bovell and Hannie Rayson to be directed by Suzanne Matulich.

The cast is made up of 4 women and 3 men of varying ages.

No prepared piece is required but a familiarity with the script is to your advantage.

If you are not interested in reading for a part but would like to come as audience you are welcome.

Remember that all actors successful in achieving a role must then become a financial member of ILT if they are not already.

For more details contact the director, Suzanne 0412 79 22 64 or email her at info@ipswichlittletheatre.com.au

Important!

What ?:
Special General Meeting

When ?:
Tuesday 9 February at 7.00pm for a very brief time

Who?:
All ILT members

Where ?:
Jean Pratt Building

Why ?:
To make very minor amendments to the Constitution regarding composition of the Administrative Committee.
In order to ensure that we have a quorum please advise Helen if you are able to attend.
Phone: 3281 4437
Email: hpullar@bigpond.net.au

Thanks!

We welcome and appreciate the commitment that our members make when they take on a position of responsibility in our theatre management.

New position holders this year are:
Jim Orr, President, taking over from Judy Grant

Judy Grant, past President, taking over from Craig Taylor

Suzanne Matulich, vice President, taking over from Jim Orr

Judy Grant, subscription secretary, taking over from Sandra Harle

Majella Gee, Front of House co-ordinator, taking over from Desley Cronon

Matt Shield, Junior Theatre director, taking over from Kyle Breese

Melinda Park, S Troupe coordinator, taking over from Di Johnston

Anne England, Daytimers convenor, taking over from Jan Paterson.

And thanks to those members who held the positions previously and to those members continuing on in the positions from last year or longer!

Ipswich Little Theatre MEMBERSHIP—has yours been renewed this year? Don't forget that you can now pay for 5 years membership for only \$100. That is a saving to you of \$25 and the theatre welcomes your commitment to being a part of the fun for the next 5 years. Contact Judy Grant 3288 0717. Pay before VOICES season starts and secure a free drink voucher as well. 1 year costs you \$25.

CAMERA! ACTION! LIBRARIES!

New closing date: 5 March 2010

Produce a digital photo or short film about or featuring any Ipswich library and you could be a star on the Red Carpet. Great prizes on offer: gift vouchers to purchase latest technologies (total prize pool is \$3000) Entries are sought from individuals and groups aged 13 t 18 years. Visit blog.library.ipswich.qld.gov.au/teen for conditions of entry and to vote for your favourite photo or film. Further enquiries please contact Ipswich Library 3810 6761 or email cmoore@ipswich.qld.gov.au

COMMEDIA DELL'ARTE comes to Gympie



An Australasian Commedia dell'Arte Festival will run from 28-30 May in Gympie.

It is the brainchild of Tony Kishawi, performer director

and former NIDA teacher and will be a celebration of a living theatre tradition which dates back to the 16th century.

Masks were an integral part of the performance and part of the process was the actor finding the spirit of the mask.

The three day festival will include workshops, presentations, discussions and evening performances staged in Gympie's Heritage Theatre.

The closing event of the festival will feature a world premiere of Italian artist / director, Antonio Fava's *Pulcinellata Nera* at the Lake Macdonald Amphitheatre.



www.commediafestival.com.au



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The Ipswich Little Theatre complex, including the historic Incinerator Theatre designed by Walter Burley Griffin, is located 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:
7.00 pm 9 February '10

2010 DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

Sunday 31 January 9.30am	ANNUAL WORKING BEE Free lunch for all workers. Be a part of the team, come and help, please. All members are requested to help in some way for some time.
Tuesday 2 February 7.30 pm	Audition: <i>Scenes from a Separation</i> . Contact the director Suzanne Matulich for more details 3281 4748 (ah) or 0412 79 22 64
6-20 February 8pm	VOICES: three one act plays by Mark Lucas and Kahli Williams. Bookings: Ipswich Visitor Information Centre 3281 0555



ILT members working hard ...



Pics of some of our hard working members last year. Come along this year on 31 January and meet up with the other members who have committed themselves to making our theatre beautiful for the busy 2010 season ahead of us.

2010 Contact details for Exec. Committee Members

President	Jim Orr	0447 20 00 06
Vice President	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748 (ah) 0412 79 22 64
Past President	Judy Grant	3288 0717
Secretary	Helen Pullar	3281 4437
Treasurer	Jan Paterson	3810 5884 0417 787 130

Contact details for group directors and co-ordinators

Junior Theatre Director	Matt Shield	3496 1271 or 04 0440 9125
S-Troupe Director	Melinda Park	0419 650 441
Young Theatricals Director	Tony Erhardt	0408 058 706
Daytime Theatre Troupe Convenor	Anne England	32817654 or 0413 676 049
ILT One Act Play Festival Director	Suzanne Matulich	3281 4748 or 0412 79 22 64
Front of House Management Coordinator	Majella Gee	38127821 or 0415 258 162
Group Liaison Secretary	Robyn Flashman	3812 3450 or 0412 446 580