



# Burning News from the Incinerator Theatre

October 2012

## Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc Newsletter



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**NEXT ILT  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING**  
7pm  
Tuesday  
13 November 2012

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**The Annual General Meeting  
will be held on  
Sunday 9 December**

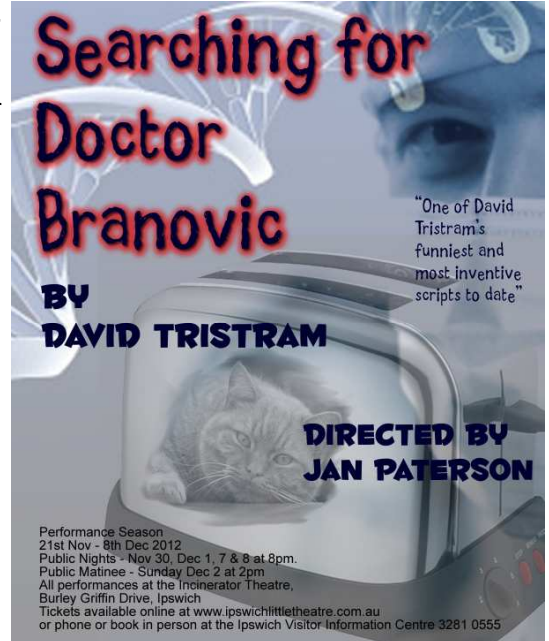
**Nominations will be called for  
the positions of Office Bearers  
through the November News-  
letter and on line.**

### Bookings are now open for

Emma Tyler mourns the sudden and unexpected death of her husband, Joe. But all is not as it seems and, deep in the bowels of a nearby hospital, something stirs. Enter Detective Munroe — a man who knows a thing or two about the unexpected. Last memorably seen in “Forget-Me-Knot”, the grumpy, beleaguered detective soon finds himself right in the middle of another mystery which threatens to unhinge his sanity.

How did Joe manage to walk out of his own post-mortem? Where is the mysterious Doctor Branovic? How did the toaster get dented on both sides? Why has Munroe got a hole in his right hand? And, most crucially of all, does Emma Tyler really own a cat?

Throughout this highly unusual romp, the audience often knows far more than the characters. But can they possibly see what's coming?



Performance season : 21 November to 8 December

Public Nights 30 November, 1, 7 & 8 December : Matinee 2 December



**Cast and crew of Dr Branovic**  
L to R : Lindsay Spencer-Matthews, David Paterson, Desley Cronon, Shane Mallory, Fergus Gorrie  
Seated : Jan Paterson, Alicia Dark

### Bookings

can be made

on line at

[www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au](http://www.ipswichlittletheatre.com.au)

or at the

Ipswich Visitor Information Centre in person or by ringing 3281 0555. Do book early to avoid missing out!!

Adults: \$20

Concession: \$16

Members: \$14

**After  
Dinner**  
by Andrew Bovell  
Director Doug Moses

By the time most readers are reading this, it will be less of a case of *After Dinner* than of *After the Show*.

Our fourth major production for the year will close on Saturday 20 October after thirteen performances to almost full houses. This will be followed by the now customary barbecue on Sunday 21 October.

Director Doug Moses reports very favourably on a cooperative and talented cast including a number of newcomers to our Society.



## From the President

I would like to begin by welcoming back all of our intrepid travelling ILT members who have variously been overseas in the last few weeks. I am sure that you all had wonderful adventures and maybe have even brought back some exciting ideas that you would like to introduce to our theatre? It is good to have you back safely.

At this time of year we are at a point where we are still heavily involved in putting on main house plays for the 2012 program but are also keenly looking forwards to 2013. *After Dinner* is in the middle of its performance season and *Searching for Dr Branovic* is well into rehearsal. I am sure they will both offer a great night out for audiences.

I do hope that we have a positive response from our members to the call for assistance with front of house duties for these two plays. It is crazy that those of us who do so much for the theatre should feel a little guilty for not volunteering in this area more, when we know that there are dozens of our members who rarely if ever offer an evening of their time. It makes everyone's work so much harder when this happens. Do make sure that you have offered your share of assistance before the year is over.

Hopefully you will be as excited as I am that we are having a special Members Christmas Party this year. I hope that I can catch up with many of you at that fun social event.

Cheers

Suzanne



Part of the audience rapt in the play at the last tour of 2012



Tourific Troupers Delwyn Palmer, Sybil McCrea, Ian Pullar, Helen Pullar and Robyn Flashman at the last tour for 2012

## Tourific Troupers

Tourific Troupers have wound up for 2012.

Experience has shown that for tours before April and after September the weather is simply too hot to be enjoyable for guests in the courtyard.

This year we had 13 tours—all thoroughly enjoyed by the tourists—which would not have been possible without the help of our devoted helpers, many of whom do not even take an active role in the theatrical presentations.

In particular, thanks are due to Jane Sheppard who took over the management role while Ian and I were overseas.

**Helen Pullar**

## Christmas Party

As advised in the September Newsletter, the Annual General Meeting (to be held from 3 pm in the Jean Pratt Building on Sunday 9 December) will be followed by a Christmas Party for members, commencing at 5:30 pm (please note that this is half an hour later than previously advised)

All members are invited to celebrate a successful year with complimentary drinks for the first half hour, followed by two short plays and a sausage sizzle. It is hoped lots of members will attend the party (as well as the AGM). For catering purposes, it would be useful if intending attendees would let President Suzanne know they are coming

## S Troupe

2012 celebrates S-Troupe's 21st birthday. Any past S-Troupe members or helpers are asked to contact Melinda with their current contact details so we can include them in our upcoming birthday celebration to be held on Sunday 25 November.

S-Troupe's second production for this year will also take us on a trip down memory lane with some of the highlights of the past 21 years. There are five S-troupe members who were part of the original production still performing in our group this year. Performances will be held on the weekend 9,10,11 November 2012.

S-Troupe would also like to congratulate five of our performers on taking part in the 2012 Silkstone Speech and Drama Eisteddfod on 15 October. Well done to Michele Besgrove, Matthew Bowen, Andrea Dundas, Steven Harley and Toyah Cox. A special thank you to Di Johnston and Gloria Cox for preparing the group who not only did S-Troupe proud, but also Ipswich Little Theatre.

## Junior Theatre

Apparently even little people can rise to the occasion.  
Junior Theatre members are in full rehearsal for our production of

### *Big Louis and the Can'touchems*

written and directed by Deirdre Lowe. Unfortunately one of the boys has moved away due to his dad's posting. He was playing the lead, 'Big Louis', but there has been time to regroup and the part has been allocated to another student. It does mean that another of the boys has to play two characters but with very limited adjustments to the script this has been accomplished.

There will be two performances on

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December — at 10.00am and 12 noon.**

Guaranteed to be as enjoyable as ever!

## Daytime Theatre Troupe

### **BBW's XMAS** written and directed by Jane Sheppard

is coming to the end of its season with the final performance at a matinee on Saturday 27 October.

There may be a limited number of tickets available through Chic Currie

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*Who could possibly be afraid of this Big Bad Wolf? He's actually Barry Bernard Wolf—a really friendly fellow and lots of fun aka Anne England*



*Pigs on their way to market*

*Cynthia Graham, Carol Culey, Trish Busch and Di Cook*



*Stone the crows! It's Tilly (Andrea Lax) and Milly (Sue Van Der Meer) comforting Russell Crow (Margaret Martin) after the news of his wife Danielle*

## Key Positions for 2013

In order to get next year off to a flying start, ILT has filled a number of key positions through an Expressions of Interest process. It is very gratifying that we had enough willing volunteers to fill them all as follows:

Group Liaison Secretary	Robyn Flashman	Tourific Troupers Co-ordinator	Helen Pullar
Subscription Secretary	Di Johnston	Tourific Troupers Assistant	Jane Sheppard
Publicity Convener	Robyn Harm	I C T Manager	Shane Mallory
Newsletter Editor	Ian Pullar	JP Building Booking Officer	Desley Cronon
Festival Director	Suzanne Matulich	Librarian	Jan Paterson
Lighting and Sound Director	Phil Holmes	Assistant Librarian	Doug Moses
Junior Theatre Director	Deirdre Lowe	Wardrobe Manager	Kay McAllan
Young Theatricals Director	Craig Taylor	Assistant Wardrobe	Di Johnston
S-Troupe Director	Melinda Park	Theatre Activities Co-ordinator	Suzanne Matulich
Assistant S-Troupe Director	Di Johnston		

Other positions, relating to Front of House, catering and bar have yet to be resolved. And of course, the principal office bearers identified in the constitution will be determined by election at the AGM.





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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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 phone the theatre when there is a class or rehearsal

Phone 3812 2389.

NOTE: this phone is not staffed at other times.

27 October	Final performance of <i>BBW's XMAS</i>
21 November	Opening night of <i>Searching for Dr Branovic</i>
9,10,11 November	S-Troupe (NB 21st Birthday Party 25 November)
8 December	Junior Theatre: <i>Big Louis and the Can'touchems</i>
9 December	Annual General Meeting and Christmas party

## AUDITIONS AUDITIONS AUDITIONS!

An audition is to be held on Monday 10 December at 7.30pm for the first play in the 2013 ILT season of plays.

**Amigos** is a savagely funny play by **David Williamson**, Australia's most popular and successful playwright. It looks at what happens when mateship and mating collide.

Of the Four Amigos who won a rowing bronze at the Mexico Olympics, three are still alive - Jim, an investment banker, Dick, a heart surgeon, and Stephen, the least successful, grieving the death of his son. They and their wives come together for a two-week holiday in paradise. Sure, there's a bit of bad blood between them and a few old scores to settle, but when it all comes down to it, mates are mates, right?

Cast required: 3 men and 2 women. The three men need to be of similar looking age - late 40s to mid 50s range. One woman is early to mid 30s and one is similar age to the men.

For more information or to pick up a script please contact the Director, Suzanne Matulich by phoning 0412 79 22 64 or emailing [suzanne@matulich.org](mailto:suzanne@matulich.org)

## 2013 Program

It turns out that a professional company is planning to perform *Dial M for Murder* next year and as a result, the play will not be available for amateur production. Les Chappell, in conjunction with Selection Committee, has changed to *Butterflies are Free* for the final spot of 2013.

The 2013 program will be: 1. *Amigos* (Suzanne Matulich) [6-23 March] 2. *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* (Doug Moses) [ 8-25 May] 3. *A Few Good Men* (Shane Mallory) [10-27 July] 4. *Good Things* (Jane Sheppard) [25 September-12 October] 5. *Butterflies Are Free* (Les Chappell) [20 November-7 December].

### 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

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Group Liaison Secretary	Robyn Flashman	3812 3450
Jean Pratt Building Bookings	Desley Cronon	3288 8754
Junior Theatre	Deirdre Lowe	0409 202 380
Young Theatricals	Jan Paterson	3810 5884 0417 787 130
STroupe	Melinda Park	3201 8861 0419 650 441
Daytime Theatre Troupe	Anne England	3281 7654 0413 676 049
Tourific Troupers	Helen Pullar or Jane Sheppard	H 3281 4437 J 54645363
Theatre number	NB: only during rehearsals or meetings	3812 2389

Sincere thanks to Cr Charlie Pisasale for the monthly printing of *Burning News*,

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