



# Burning News from the Incinerator Theatre

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COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
7pm  
Tuesday  
15 JULY 2014**

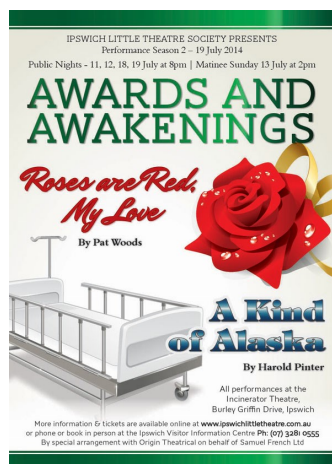
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The winner of the tickets for  
*Awards and Awakenings*

was

Jeanette Cheaker  
of Harrisville

## Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc



Our third major season of the year will soon be playing.  
Don't forget to book.

**Roses Are Red, My Love** by Pat Woods

Things are not what they seem to be when two 'old dears' vie for prizes in the local Garden Club. Someone is killing off people pretty regularly in the village.

**A Kind of Alaska** by Harold Pinter

Deborah was a pert, lively 16 year old and part of a close-knit family, when her body froze into a state of immobility. Twenty-nine years later, watched over throughout by the same doctor, she comes to life and gradually and poignantly tries to adjust to the world around her.



Left: Rebecca Noble and Les Chappell in "A Kind of Alaska"

Right: Sally Hawkins and Liz Ball in "Roses are Red, My Love"

The season runs from  
**2 - 19 July**  
Bookings:  
ipswichlittletheatre.com.au  
or  
Visitor Information Centre  
3281 0555



Volunteers are required for Front of House duties during *Awards and Awakenings*.  
PLEASE contact Chris Greenhill 3812 9431 or 0427 977 007

## Festival 2014

Entries for this year's Festival, our 60th, have now closed. Festival Director Suzanne Matulich reports that she has received 13 senior entries (with the possibility of another two late entries) and 6 in the youth section. This means we have a full bill.

We can count ourselves lucky. Festival entries in general are down this year with at least one other group having to cancel through insufficient entries. The program will be included in next month's Newsletter.

Bookings will open on **21 July**.

There is more news on the Festival celebrations on page 2. We anticipate that there will be more than a sound of revelry by night on 26 July.

## Cosi

The cast for *Cosi*, directed by David Paterson with Assistant Director David Austin is:

Lewis - Timothy Alexander Jay  
Julie - Lydia Mocerino  
Lucy - Didi Leslie  
Doug - Peter Condon  
Cherry - Karen Peart  
Justin/Nick/Zac - Nick Burton  
Roy - Doug Moses  
Ruth - Joy Scully  
Henry - John Seamus O'Leary  
*More news later.*



## From the President

This month I decided that I would check out what was happening with our Junior Theatre and our Young Theatricals, and what an eye opener that was.

One Saturday morning, I had finished work early and decided to go up and see how the Juniors were doing. Not letting anyone get away with just sitting down, their Director, Deirdre, got me to help some of the Juniors with their lines. It was a lot of fun teaching these children who are so keen to learn. Keep up the good work, Juniors. I can't wait to see you all onstage and in costume.

Aaron, one of the Directors, of our Young Theatricals, asked me to come up and help out with his play, *Death of an Angel*. Once again, I was impressed with our young actors, who displayed such raw energy, in digging deep to act out the gamut of emotion which was needed for the play.

They are performing two plays in our One Act Theatre Festival. So please get tickets to support

our Young Theatricals' performances.

Until next month, come see a show, and I'll see you at the Theatre.

Cheers, *David*



## Festival 2014 Celebrations



As part of our celebrations for our 60th Festival, Ipswich Little Theatre Society is holding a birthday party on Saturday 26 July at the Incinerator commencing at 6.30pm.

We are really hoping that this will be a well-attended gathering, a nostalgic reunion and one of those great occasions when we can all celebrate the achievements of our Society.

As well as delicious food and beverages, there will be an audio-visual programme to which many have contributed. It will commence at 7.00pm and will bring back lots of memories, or make you aware of what has occurred over this long, proud history of the first drama festival in Queensland.

The cost for this evening is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple and includes a DVD of the entertainment for your ongoing enjoyment.

It is essential that we know numbers for this celebration and tickets (to be collected at the door) can be bought for the 26 July Birthday Party directly from the Treasurer Jan Paterson. **(RSVP 15 July)**

We really hope you can join us on this occasion.

Cheque to **PO Box 154 Ipswich**  
Direct Deposit to Westpac Riverlink  
BSB 034-624 Acc No 12-3194



## Mistaken Identity

During the season of *Double Bill*, the set had to be changed during the interval for the other play so the audience was asked to vacate the auditorium. One night a woman remained in her seat and when Front of House Manager Chris Greenhill approached her to explain the need to exit, he discovered that we had a medical emergency on our hands. An ambulance was sent for and she was taken to hospital. Cast member Julie-Anne Wright followed the ambulance, taking the woman's car and handbag and Phil McCormack followed to bring Julie-Anne back.

It was a very smooth operation thanks to our dedicated members. However, there was a problem in summoning the ambulance because, although we all know the Incinerator is in Burley Griffin Drive off Griffith Road, the official address is 10G Milford Street (because it is part of Queens Park) which no one can ever find. It took a lot of convincing of the interstate telephonist – by which time the ambulance had actually arrived, because the local ambos knew where to go! This is not an isolated incident.

A similar problem occurs when people think Ipswich Little Theatre and the Incinerator are two separate entities. Explaining that one is a theatre company and the other a theatre building can be tricky.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the casts and crew of *Double Bill*.



The season was very well received by the audiences, with a number of Thank You notes from the groups.

Both plays will now go on as entries in our Festival and *A New York Minute* will compete in several other Festivals as well.



## Daytime Theatre Troupe

### Trouble in Storybook Land

is BOOKED OUT except for the matinee at 10 am on Saturday 2 August. Thirteen performances are scheduled over the two week season from 29 July to 8 August.

**Tickets for the matinee can still be obtained through Chic Currie 3288 9783.**

There will also be a Family and Friends performance on Monday 28 July at 6 pm.

Sue Van Der Meer and  
Jenny Pearce

Deirdre Lowe, Di Cook,  
Margaret Martin and  
Robyn Harm



## Junior Theatre



Don't forget to come to see

### *Things That Go Bump in the Night*

Written and directed by Deirdre Lowe

**Friday 20 June 7.00pm**

**Saturday 21 June 10.00am**

## S-Troupe



*The S-Troupe members who competed recently in the Silkstone Eisteddfod – Steven Harley, David Spain-Mostina, Matthew Bowen, Kane Wojcicki, Michele Besgrove and Andrea Dundas*

- photo Di Johnston

S-Troupe are busily rehearsing their next show

### **S-Troupe's Got Talent**

which will be presented on

**Saturday 30 August, Sunday 31 August and Saturday 6 September all at 1 pm.**

and, of course, the Festival would not be the Festival without the command performance of the S-Troupers.

## Young Theatricals

The Young Theatricals presented their plays *Death of an Angel* (directed by Aaron Evans) and *Streuth* (directed by Tony Erhardt) in the Jean Pratt Building on 6 & 7 June.

These plays will now be polished up for entry in our Festival in August.



## 2014 Major Productions

### Season 1

5 – 22 March (Public Performances: 14, 15, 21, 22 & Matinee 16 March)

*Sin, Sex and the Cia* by Michael and Susan Parker

**Directors:** Doug Moses and Sheryl Roche

Comedy - contains mild sexual references.

### Season 2

7 – 24 May (Public Performances: 16, 17, 23, 24 & Matinee 18 May)

#### Double Bill

*A New York Minute* by Michelle Palermo

**Director:** Phil McCormack; **Assistant Director** Reece Major

Drama – occasional coarse language

*A Day to Remember* written and directed by Ian & Helen Pullar

Light drama - contains mild sexual references

### Season 3

2 – 19 July (Public Performances: 11, 12, 18, 19 & Matinee 13 July)

#### Awards and Awakenings

*Roses are Red, My Love* by Pat Woods and

*A Kind of Alaska* by Harold Pinter

**Director:** Les Chappell; **Assistant Director** Desley Cronon

### Season 4

24 September - 11 October (Public Performances: 3, 4, 10, 11 & Matinee 5 October)

*Così* by Louis Nowra

**Director:** David Paterson; **Assistant Director** David Austin

Drama - coarse language and sexual references.

### Season 5

19 November – 6 December (Public performances: 28, 29 Nov 5, 6 Dec & Matinee 30 Nov)

*Entertaining Angels* by Richard Everett

**Director:** Jan Paterson; **Assistant Director:** Desley Cronon

Comedy - some sexual references.

**Bookings for ALL of above: Ipswich Visitor Information Centre (3281 0555) or on line from the Mondays following each previous final night**

## DIARY DATES

20, 21 June	Juniors <i>Things that Go Bump in the Night</i>
2 July	Opening night for <i>Awards and Awakenings</i>
20 July	Members Social Lunch
21 July	Bookings open for <i>Così</i> and Festival
26 July	Celebrations for 60 years of Festivals
29 July - 8 August	Daytimers <i>Trouble in Storybook Land</i>
8-10 August	60th Festival
11 August	Auditions for <i>Entertaining Angels</i>
30, 31 August 6 September	S-Troupe production
24 September	Opening night for <i>Così</i>
12 October	Members Social Lunch



*Andrew O'Dempsey – the man responsible for the wonderful garden makeover.*

Thanks, Andrew

## Calling Potential Directors

Selection Committee will soon be embarking on the onerous task of formulating a programme for 2015.

Accordingly, any aspiring Director of a senior theatre production for next year is invited to submit an application to Selection Committee before the end of August. Application forms are available on line.

Applicants are asked to submit their preferred play script and an alternative.

For more information, contact Les Chappell, Convener of Selection Committee, on 3202 4632 or shirles11@optusnet.com.au

## 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

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## CONTACT DETAILS FOR OTHER IMPORTANT POSITIONS

Front of House Management Coordinators	Chris Greenhill David Austin	38129431 0427 977 007 38129431 0422 620 851
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Group Liaison Secretary	Robyn Flashman	3812 3450
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Junior Theatre	Deirdre Lowe	0409 202 380
Young Theatricals	Tony Erhardt Aaron Evans	0408058706 0431041068
STroupe	Melinda Park	3201 8861 0419 650 441
Daytime Theatre Troupe	Sandie Henwood	0439 744 641
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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