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## Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc Newsletter



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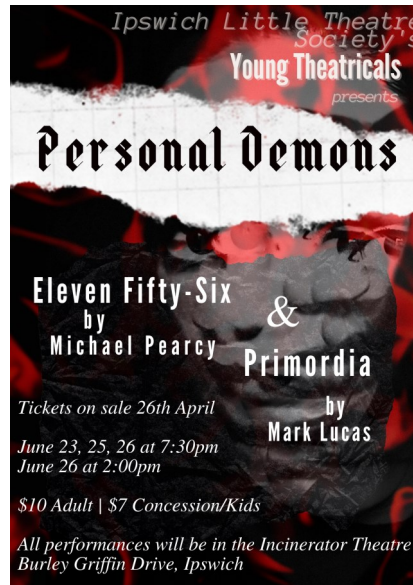
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**NEXT ILT  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
7pm  
Tuesday  
13 July 2021**

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**The raffle ladies  
would really appreciate  
donations of  
prizes.**



Ipswich Little Theatre's Young Theatricals present *Personal Demons*: a short season of one act plays on 23, 25 and 26 June in the Incinerator.

Featuring two outstanding one act plays: *Eleven Fifty-Six* by Michael Percy, directed by Aaron Evans, assisted by Gabe Creaseman - a nail-biter that'll keep you guessing until the last minute - and *Primordia* by Mark Lucas, directed by Kyle Breese, assisted by Natascha Byrnes - a dark, introspective piece that asks how much courage and faith cost.

Come along and see the next generation of actors showcase these two enthralling pieces.

Tickets on sale now!

Bookings at [www.ilt.org.au](http://www.ilt.org.au)  
or VIC 3281 0555

At bump-in on 23 May, Ian Pullar (me) was asked to tell the YTs the story of the conversion of the Incinerator to a Theatre way back in 1969. Aaron Evans sneakily took the adjacent photograph of me at my sartorial best. I believe I am pointing out that a major obstacle we had to overcome was the large column supporting what is now the proscenium. The youngsters were certainly interested.



### Auditions

will be held on Monday 21 June at 7 pm in the Jean Pratt Building for our next wonderful major production. *Ladies' Day*, by Amanda Whittington.

Directors Jane Sheppard and Di Johnston are looking for the following cast:

**Four women:** Jan (40+) Pearl (55+) Linda (20+) Shelley (20+) and **one man** (40-60) playing 6 diverse characters. All the characters speak with Yorkshire/British accents.

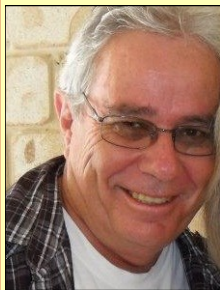
Please contact Jane (0419 020675) or Di (0447 191954) if you would like a script to read beforehand.

In any case, get your fascinator out and book tickets for our *Ladies' Day* production in September/October – bookings opened on Monday 17 May.



Once again, we are extremely grateful to Amanda Waschevski of Ipswich Photography Studio for her continued support and her wonderful photography.

Appointments: [ipswichphotographystudio.com.au](http://ipswichphotographystudio.com.au). Phone: 0466 992 134



## From the President

YTs are eagerly anticipating their upcoming performances. Please support them and the team. A lot of hard work has occurred and now you get the chance to see their talents on display.

Festival is coming so lots of preparation work is being planned. If you can help please put up your hand. And don't forget to come and see the entertainment on offer.

Finally on behalf of all members, I offer congratulations to Kate and Sam and also Chris and David for their upcoming nuptials. We hope the joy you feel on the day lasts forever.

Jim

## ILT's Winter Trivia Afternoon

Q. Do you want to be a part of a fantastic afternoon and see if you can be a winner of our Quiz afternoon?

A. Yes.

Q. What are the dates of the Winter Trivia Afternoon?

A. 17 and 18 July, 3pm to 6 pm.

Q. Can I bring my own food again?

A. Yes, the bar will be open for you to get drinks, chips and chocolates, but feel free to bring your tasty treats for your group.

Q. Will super-quizmaster Aaron Evans be hosting the event again?

A. Yes.

Q. How can I book?

A. Online, you can book a table of 4, 6 or 8. No need to add everyone's names this time, just book and get your group together.

Q. When do bookings open?

A. Monday 14 June at [www.ilt.org.au](http://www.ilt.org.au)

## Junior Theatre

Director Deirdre Lowe reports that the 23 Juniors are busily engaging in workshops with their supervisors in preparation for their production of *Things That Go Bump in the Night* on 29 and 30 October. Serious rehearsals will begin in the new semester.

Put those dates in your diaries too.

Little Players will also resume next semester.

## Community Chronicle

The Community Chronicle is a very professional magazine distributed monthly in the Karalee/Karana Downs/Chuwar/ Bellbowrie/ Mt Crosby areas. ILT advertises in it, not only to promote our plays and events, but to support the Rotary group who publish it.

We were invited by David Kearney from Rotary, for a networking/awards night at the Karalee Tavern on 24 May. Robyns Harm and Flashman and Shane Mallory went along. A slight mismatch of nametags and the persons called Robyn had a few confused but it was a fun night.

We handed out our programmes and flyers and met with acquaintances who support ILT. We also witnessed the presenting of awards to the local businesses and individuals who support those with disabilities and who have disabilities. It was a heart- warming ceremony. People were overjoyed to be recognised and to have made a difference to their own lives and those of others.



The Robyns and Shane with Brian Kearney, editor of the Chronicle and Alannah Valentine, President of Rotary Karana/Bellbowrie

## Tourific Troupers

With a (slight) relaxation in the rules, we will again be able to host a limited number of tour groups (basically ones who wanted to come last year) starting on 23 June.

We first started hosting tour groups with food and interpretative talks nearly 20 years ago, adding the performance of one or (sometimes) two ten minute plays in 2008. Since then we have entertained 157 tour groups and have performed 18 different plays a total of 197 times.

Some of these plays and 14 others from our repertoire have been performed on other occasions including two seasons. As a result of our *Back on the Boards* season we now have a new play to present to our tour groups.

## Programme for 2022

Selection Committee are in the process of formulating the programme for 2022 and would love to receive applications from eligible directors interested in producing a full-length play or a one act play as part of a season or as a Festival entry.

For more information, please contact Ann Collyer, Convener of Selection Committee 3288 7053/ 0400 997 365

## Festival 2021

Entries are coming in for this year's Festival.

Just remember to put the second weekend in August in your diaries and come along for a wealth of entertainment with youth plays, ten minute plays, open section plays and – this year for the first time – monologues. And of course there will be usual magnificent breakfasts, dinners and the traditional barbecue (Covid restrictions permitting).

Bookings open 12 July at VIC and on line.



Adjudicator Elodie Boal



## Daytime Theatre Troupe

The ladies of Daytime Theatre Troupe are now in rehearsal for

### **CAPTAIN FINN'S TREASURE HUNTING PIRATE ADVENTURE**

written and directed by Kay McAllan

with the following cast: Margaret Martin, Sue VanDerMeer, Cynthia Graham, June Lambourne, Sarah Harling, Jane Brown, Robyn Harm, Geraldene Fitzpatrick, AnnMaree Ling, Jenny Pearce, Bette Rose and Anna Morris with Chic Currie as Mrs Music and Marie Mortimer as Costume Lady -

Performances:

August – Tues 17, Wed 18, Fri 20, Mon 23, Thurs 26, Fri 27, Tues 31. September – Wed 1 at 10am and 12.30 pm



Bookings Chic Currie 0409 725 315 Email: [daytimetheatretroupebookings@ilt.org.au](mailto:daytimetheatretroupebookings@ilt.org.au)



## Workshopping a New Play

On the weekend of 10 and 11 July Ipswich Little Theatre will be hosting a workshop of a brand new one-act play, *Abhor*, written by Aaron Evans. A synopsis of the tale was published in the May Newsletter. This fantasy fiction play tackles serious issues, The author, Aaron, is looking for input to this story with two days of workshopping to help enhance the lines, characters and story. This will lead to a reading that'll happen on Sunday afternoon for those who are interested in seeing the final result. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Aaron Evans ([ailevans@hotmail.com](mailto:ailevans@hotmail.com)) or Ann Collyer ([akcollyer@bigpond.com](mailto:akcollyer@bigpond.com)).

## Vale Sir Llew Edwards

A State funeral was held on 3 June for Sir Llewellyn Roy Edwards. Llew (the former member for Ipswich) was our patron in the days before we were Incorporated. Governance then required a Patron and Trustees. He was very supportive of ILT even accompanying me to a full Council meeting in 1968 to discuss our plans to convert the Incinerator.

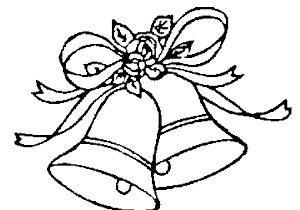
He was a wonderful man.

## Weddings

Members Kate Mallory and Sam Hoepner will celebrate their wedding in Kalbar on 26 June.

And David Austin and Chris Greenhill will tie the knot on 3 July.

We wish both couples all the joy in the world for their futures together.





## DIARY DATES

### 2021 Season in Brief A Year of Comedy

**Season 1: 4 March — 14 March**

#### **Back on the Boards**

A miscellany of short comedies by a miscellany of Playwrights and Directors.

[Rated PG Mild Adult Themes.]

**Season 2: 29 April — 15 May**

#### **The Savannah Sipping Society**

by Jamie Wooten, Jessie Jones, and Nicholas Hope

Director: Chris Greenhill, Assistant Director Robyn Flashman

[Rated M: Sexual references and Adult Themes]

#### **Annual Drama Festival**

13, 14, 15 August

**Season 3: 23 September — 9 October**

#### **Ladies' Day**

by Amanda Whittington

Directors: Jane Sheppard and Di Johnston

[Rated PG: Mild Adult Themes.]

**Season 4: 18 November — 4 December**

#### **The 39 Steps**

by Patrick Barlow

Director: Shane Mallory. Assistant Director: Jo Robins

[Rated M: Mild Adult Themes]

21 June 7 pm	Auditions for <i>Ladies' Day</i>
23, 25, 26 June at 7:30pm and 26 June at 2:00pm	Young Theatricals present <i>Personal Demons</i>
10, 11 July	Workshop for <i>Abhor</i> (see page 3)
12 July	Bookings open for Festival
17, 18 July 3pm	Trivia
9 August 7:30 pm	Auditions for <i>The 39 Steps</i>
13, 14, 15, August	Festival 2021
17 August to 2 September	Daytime Theatre Troupe
29 and 30 October	Junior Theatre <i>Things That Go Bump in the Night</i>

## Nostalgia

Without question, *Blithe Spirit* was ILT's best production in 2020.

The *Blithe Spirit* cast, crew, family and friends all booked out a Limelight lounge cinema on 19 May to see the new *Blithe Spirit* movie. They had a fabulous time reuniting and catching up. They all enjoyed the movie but agreed they were better!



### 2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

President	Jim Orr	0402 377 258
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Secretary	Helen Pullar	3281 4437/0400 801 443
Treasurer	Chris Greenhill	0427 977 007

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Front of House Management Coordinator	Courtney Murrin	0457 734 433
Subscription Secretary	Di Johnston	0447 191 954
Group Liaison/ Publicity Co-Coordinators	Robyn Flashman/ Robyn Harm	3812 3450/ 0413 742 116
Building Bookings	Desley Cronon	3288 8754 / 0435 309 352
Junior Theatre/Little Players	Deirdre Lowe	0409 202 380
Young Theatricals	Kyle Breese Samantha Johnson Aaron Evans	0423 278 833 0415 453 952 0431 041 068
Daytime Theatre Troupe	Kay McAllan	5464 3965/0439 305 658
Tourific Troupers	Helen Pullar or Jane Sheppard	H 3281 4437 .J 5464 5363
Theatre number	NB: Only during rehearsals or meetings	3812 2389

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