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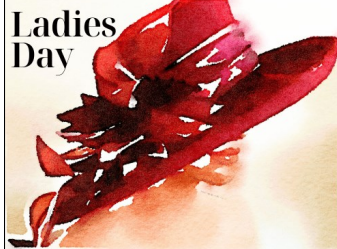
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**NEXT ILT
COMMITTEE
MEETING
7pm
Tuesday
12 October 2021**

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4-Cyte Pathology are now operating from the Incinerator loft with easy access



Ladies Day

Relle Scott, Julie-Anne Wright, Shala Wilson, Mia Hassen and Callum Campbell in some rather fishy business!

This delightful comedy is scheduled to open on 23 September. Bookings are available at

www.ilt.org.au or VIC 3281 0555

Don't miss it!



Just let us in to the race course! Relle, Julie-Anne, Mia and Shala are desperate to get in.



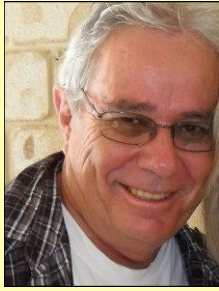
Did you actually see who won? And do you really care?

You too can enjoy a day at the races with Pearl, Jan, Shelly and Linda (not to mention several other characters) just by coming along to the Incinerator Theatre.

We are extremely grateful to Amanda Waschevski of Ipswich Photography Studio for her continued support and her wonderful photography.

Appointments: ipswichphotographystudio.com.au. Phone: 0466 992 134

Once again, we need help with Front of House for *Ladies Day*. Please volunteer. This can easily be done by using this link
<http://www.admin.ilt.org.au/foh-roster/>



From the President

This period saw the Daytimers present their show to limited audiences. Nevertheless all had a great time and enjoyed presenting and seeing the show – lots of hard work from the team.

And now there is *Ladies Day* and again another challenge for the set building and lighting teams as well as the cast. I am looking forward to seeing the final production.

As always there is a lot going on in the background with Covid Team and others meeting to ensure that the theatre still functions at the highest level possible and meets all State and National requirements e.g. Fire Inspections, Air Conditioning inspections, etc.

Helen and I met with a team from Queensland Urban Utilities to discuss how the new method of charging customers benefits groups like ILT. This turned out to be both of us being filmed discussing these changes as part of an advertising programme scheduled for use in the coming months. I'm amazed that the camera didn't collapse when I was on.

Jim

Young Theatricals 50 Years 2023

Thank you to those that have expressed interest in helping out with the 50th Birthday celebration of Young Theatricals. We are looking to have a meeting in the next couple of months.

We are still after more people to help, and we are wanting to contact any ex-members, so if there is anyone you know who has been in Young Theatricals over the last 50 years we want to hear from them.

Please feel free to email the 50 year Committee email address yt50years@ilt.org.au or you can email me directly on tony.erhardt@gmail.com

The more we can have involved the better. We want this to be a celebration to be remembered.

Do you know any of the people in the adjacent photo which was probably taken in 2013?

If you do tell them to contact us on either of the above email addresses.

Tony



Memorial for Beryl Johnston



On Sunday 12 September, the Ipswich Historical Society held a memorial function for Beryl at Cooneana Heritage Centre. Helen and Ian Pullar were among the invited guests and Ian delivered an address covering Beryl's considerable contribution to Ipswich Little Theatre. A further address by Arthur Frame included references to his association with her at ILT as well as her major contribution to the history and heritage of Ipswich. He noted that Beryl was the first inductee to the Ipswich Heritage Hall of Fame.

The Historical Society has set up a display room in their headquarters to be known as the Beryl Johnston Room and is happy to receive donations to assist with its establishment. ILT is making a donation. If any members would also like to be included in this, they can do

so through Secretary Helen.

A further tribute will be made after this year's AGM (see Page 3) when a pavement will be laid in the memorial garden in honour of Beryl

Junior Theatre & Little Players



Thanks to a lot of pre-production work via Zoom, rehearsals for the production of *Things That Go Bump in the Night* are now on set and while some children are delighted, others are somewhat confused. The show will be presented on 12, 13 and tentatively 20 November. Director Deirdre and her helpers Ann, Gillian, Tracey and Kim have all stops out to make it as good as always.



L to R: Izzy, Charlie, Shelby, Ivy, Taylah, Emily and Annabelle

There are now six Little Players and possibly another young man who may be joining. The Little Players have taken to stage work like little troupers. Deirdre is still working on a script which is loosely based on the *Wizard of Oz* and *Fantasia*.



Bookings open on 11 October

Rehearsals are in full swing for our final production of the year and the cast are thoroughly enjoying the experience.

There has been a change of cast with Samantha Johnson now playing one of the clowns alongside Sam Hoepner. Kyle Breese and Caitlin Moffatt make up the cast.

Young Theatricals

Because of the uncertainties relating to potential lockdowns, the team has decided to forgo the planned end-of-year Showcase and concentrate on perfecting acting and staging techniques. They will also explore the possibilities of using other media for presentations.



75th Birthday Party

What have we all missed?

Getting together. Having parties to mark milestones. Remembering friends who have 'left the stage'.

The Festival BBQ.

All of these things are being rolled into one on Sunday 12 December at 5.30pm

The decision has been made to hold a Festival style BBQ for all members who would like to help us celebrate the 75th Birthday of ILT in a fitting manner. This year, following the Annual General Meeting to which you are also invited, we hope that many of you will join us as we do all the things we have missed, including honouring two valued members: Patti Pratt and Beryl Johnston.

Because of the financial difficulties we are experiencing, the usual Festival rates of \$10 a head will be charged. For catering purposes we will need to be advised of your intention to join us. (info@ilt.org.au or Helen on 0400 801 443).

We hope that by giving advance notice, you will be able to get this date on to your calendar and join us in making the occasion yet another of our good times.

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]

DIARY DATES

23 September	Opening Night <i>Ladies Day</i>
11 October	Bookings open for <i>The 39 Steps</i>
12, 13 November	Junior Theatre <i>Things That Go Bump in the Night</i>
18 November	Opening Night for <i>The 39 Steps</i>
Sunday 12 December at 3pm	AGM and 75th Birthday Party

Note: all dates are subject to possible Government regulation changes.

A Grave Undertaking

As part of the ICC *Galvanize* Festival, members of ILT staged a number of tours of the Ipswich General Cemetery. Using a script by Ian Pullar commissioned by the Council, and produced by Jim Orr, the players told the stories of some of the 32,000 residents of the cemetery

Ian Pullar (Benjamin Cribb), Jim Orr (Joseph Fleming), Alan Brown (Dr von Lossberg), Gillian Simpson (Emilie von Lossberg), Sam Hoepner (Roderick McLeod), Callum Campbell (Charles Salisbury), Kate Mallory (Isabella Panton), Shane Mallory (Thomas deLacey Moffatt) with Alyn Hawkes (former sexton and guide)



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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
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Theatre number	NB: Only during rehearsals or meetings	3812 2389

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