



Old Shire Hall  
Gympie Rd  
Strathpine

# Act 1 Theatre Newsletter

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## Notes from the President

Thanks to the fifteen members who attended our recent Annual General Meeting. Once again Elizabeth and John Arden were in attendance. They have clocked up over thirty years.



All existing committee were returned. I thank them for their past service.

Our new life members include our band the Actones, who have provided music for at least two shows a year now for at least 18 years. Congratulations Doug Buchanan, John McNamee, Trevor Schultz and Andrew Munslow. Also nominated for special mention were three long serving and long suffering wives, Joy O'Callaghan, Karen Barnett and Suzanne Schultz.

Our first show hits Tech this Sunday and opens this coming week. See you at *Tiptoe through the Tombstones*. Any booking issues please contact Andrew.

Thanks for your bottles and the theatre empties. For two years now we have supported QIMR. This year we plan to donate to MND (Motor Neurone Disease). Watch for the code if you wish to support.

We look forward to May for the return of the one-acts with two plays and a series of short *Thank Goodness You're Here* segments.

Let's make 2024 our Olympic year. GOLD, GOLD, GOLD!

Yours in theatre.

*Terry*

## Act 1 Theatre 2024

### Management Committee

#### **President**

Terry Frawley

#### **Vice President**

Trisha Bromley

#### **Secretary**

Samantha Sutherland

#### **Treasurer**

Ramesh Maheswaran

#### **Publicity Officer**

Deb Hossack/Andrew Munslow

#### **Sound & Lighting**

Andrew Munslow

#### **Set Building**

Terry Frawley

#### **Bar Coordinator**

Terry Frawley

#### **Stage Manager**

Deb Hossack

### Other Positions

#### **Bookings Coordinator**

0413 759 741

#### **Membership Enquiries**

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#### **Newsletter Editor**

Patrick O'Callaghan

#### **Front-of-House Coordinator**

#### **Webmaster**

Stan Wisniowiecki

#### **Patron**

Nikki Boyd MP

**BOOKINGS: 0458 579 269**

### CONTACT ACT 1 THEATRE

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## **Coming events:**

***Tiptoe through the Tombstones*** – February 23 – March 9

**Committee Meeting** – March 11



### ***Tiptoe through the Tombstones***

Some months have passed since the ghastly events at Monument House, well-known to those who saw *A Tomb with a View*. Now crusty old solicitor Mortimer Crayle and his secretary Zoe have gathered the last remaining Tomb family members (as offbeat a bunch as the original occupants) at the old house, ostensibly to inform them about their inheritance. But Crayle has designs on the inheritance which demand the death of all the Tombs.

Fog descends on the gloomy mansion and, in the cobwebby corridors, things – and people – are seldom what they seem. With poison in every decanter and mysterious disappearances into secret passageways, host and guests alike join the increasing number of bodies in the cellar.

A glorious spoof, a worthy sequel to *A Tomb with a View* (although previous acquaintance with the Tombs is not required).

**February 23rd & 24th (evenings), 25th (matinee),**

**March 1st & 2nd (evenings), 3rd (matinee), 8th & 9th (evenings).**

**Ticket prices:** Full - \$25; Concession - \$20; Member - \$15; Child (12 & under) - \$10.

**BOOKINGS:** [www.act1theatre.com.au](http://www.act1theatre.com.au)

## **Act 1 Calendar 2024**

- ***Tiptoe through the Tombstones*** by Norman Robbins, 23 Feb -9 March
- *We hope to perform 2 weekends of **one-act plays** between March and June. Dates and plays to be advised in the New Year. If you would like to be involved, contact Terry.*
- **Theatre Restaurant**.....A True Blue Aussie Review, 12 - 27 July
- ***Panic in Pipton*** (*A War of the World's Story*) by Andrew Munslow, 13 - 28 Sept
- ***Mother and Son*** by Geoffrey Atherton, 22 Nov - 7 Dec

## **Act 1 Management Committee contacts:**

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| TerryFrawley, President/Sets/Bar | 5433 0655    |
| Trisha Bromley, Vice-President   | 0490 053 908 |
| Samantha Sutherland, Secretary   | 0437 741 553 |
| Ramesh Maheswaran, Treasurer     |              |
| Andrew Munslow, Sound & Lighting | 0413 759 741 |
| Deb Hossack, Stage Manager       | 0431 843 887 |

## **Other contacts:**

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| Membership Coordinator                 | 0413 759 741 |
| Pat O'Callaghan, Newsletter Editor     | 0438 290 649 |
| Bookings                               | 0458 579 269 |
| Stan Wisniowiecki, Website Coordinator | 0431 965 307 |

## AUDITION NOTICE

### One-act plays

Saturday, 2 March, 1.30 pm at Act 1 Theatre

Performance Dates: 10, 11, 17, 18 May.

**COME ONE, COME ALL**

#### Lucky Larry goes to the RBH.

Comedy set in a hospital, based on actual events.

**Cast:** Larry – middle-aged, pleasant, polite; Receptionist – middle-aged lady, gruff but competent; Nurse – polite, helpful; Surgeon – youngish, good-looking, possibly Canadian; Nurse – Asian appearance, speaks perfect English but can adopt ‘broken’ accent, cheeky; Teaching Doctor – middle-aged, loud, boisterous; Nurse – Latin American origin.

#### Anagrams.

Drama. Two young women face a crisis in their relationship.

**Cast:** Two females, 20’s-30’s.

#### The Case of the Missing Santa.

Comedy. Two days before Christmas, Santa is missing. Mrs Claus hires Humphrey Bogart-style private eye Spam Slade to solve the case.

**Cast:** One male, one female, 30-60; minor roles two males, one female.

#### Dog Park – Thursday.

Short comedy. Four dogs meet at the dog park every Thursday and share experiences.

**Cast:** Ben the labrador, Rusty the cattle dog, Lulu the poodle, Maria the chihuahua.

No prior preparation required.

**Enquiries:** Deb 0431 843 887; Pat 0438 290 649; Trisha 0490 053 908

**SEE YOU THERE**

### Act 1 polo shirts available

New polo shirts, navy blue in colour, with Act 1 embroidered logo are now available. They can be worn when working front-of-house or for special events like TheatreFest or any time you want to look flash. Cost is \$30. See illustration below. Available for inspection at the theatre and purchase if we have your size or ordered if not. If interested please call Terry, [5433 0655](tel:54330655) or message on [0488 222 596](tel:0488222596) or [tezzasf@gmail.com](mailto:tezzasf@gmail.com), with your size and male or female.



## **MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS**

To pay your membership for **Act 1 Theatre**, please go to

<https://www.trybooking.com/CODKZ>

***At the site you will be asked to choose a seat in a fictional 900 seat event called***

***'Act1 Theatre Membership 2024'.***

***The seat you choose will be your membership number and nothing more. It does not entitle you to a specific seat allocation when booking show tickets.***

**PLEASE NOTE:** Fully Paid up Members receive a **Membership Number** to be put in the provided space when making a booking for a show to secure your ticket at Membership Discount price.

Remember, you can only use your number for your own ticket. Full price must be paid for non-members. Payment may be demanded on arrival at the theatre if a membership number has been misused.

### **Membership Information**

***Membership renewals for 2024 are due from the 1<sup>st</sup> January.***

Membership is \$20 (Full rate); \$15 (Concession cardholders).

**Go to the Trybooking link in the box above.** If unable to use this, alternatives are:

Option A: If there is no-one who can assist you (i.e. family or friend) to follow the procedure, contact Andrew on 0413759741 and have a debit/credit card handy and he will walk you through the process.

Option B: You can renew your membership at the theatre when you come to see the first show of the year. You can purchase tickets to the first show at membership rate using your

2023 membership number but you must renew your membership for 2024 when you arrive. There will be a membership officer to process your renewal/new membership on duty and you can pay by EFT or cash.

Continuing members do not need to complete a membership form. Be sure to let us know any change to your details.

### Encourage your friends to join Act 1.

Act 1 members receive our monthly newsletter and a significant discount on tickets to Act 1 shows and also at Mousetrap, Sandgate and KSP theatres.

Membership forms are available at the theatre, on [www.act1theatre.com.au](http://www.act1theatre.com.au) , or by e-mail request at [acttheatre2@gmail.com](mailto:acttheatre2@gmail.com).

### Share us on Facebook

**Please share** any Facebook posts about Act 1 with all your contacts. Facebook is one of the main ways we publicise Act 1 and our shows. If you can spread the word to all your Facebook contacts; that will help us greatly. Many thanks for your assistance.

### Act 1 Containers for Change drive

Refunds from empty bottles and cans from our bar are donated to the **Motor Neurone Disease** charity.

Drop your refundable items at the theatre or use the MND customer code (TBA) when you return your bottles and cans to a refund point and the refund will be paid directly to them.

### The Rules of Act 1 Theatre Incorporated

Act 1 is an Incorporated Association. It differs from a club. A club may have a Constitution, agreed by its members, governing how the club is run. It does not require approval from any outside body.

**As an incorporated association, Act 1 has, instead of a Constitution, a set of Rules** approved by the responsible government department – the Office of Fair Trading, Qld. Any change to our Rules decided by the members at a general meeting must be approved by that department.

**Our Rules were adopted in 1983 when the Aspley Theatre Company became Act 1 Theatre Inc.** They have been amended on three occasions since then. They cover the objects and powers of the association, membership requirements, ongoing management through the Management Committee appointed at the Annual General Meeting, requirements for the AGM and other general meetings, and financial management.

#### **The objects of Act 1 Theatre are:**

- ‘To stimulate public interest and to promote public education in the drama and encourage the study and development of the best in dramatic literature and art’;
- ‘To produce plays of literary or dramatic merit and educational value’; and
- ‘To provide opportunities for training and experience’ in theatre.

## [Suzy and Johnny on the radio](#)

**It Takes Two** with Suzy & Johnny on 99.7 Bridge FM is on **6-10pm on Sundays**. They concentrate on the Arts & Entertainment, promoting community events, particularly theatre. If you have something you would like them to help promote, contact them at [suzyandjohnny@997fm.com.au](mailto:suzyandjohnny@997fm.com.au) or mobile 0408 718 351. Listen in on Sunday. You can become a member of 99.7fm for just \$5. Details at [www.997fm.com.au](http://www.997fm.com.au) .

## What's on at local theatres

We have reciprocal arrangements with these theatres to charge their members' ticket price for Act 1 members (theatre restaurants excepted).

**Mousetrap Theatre, Redcliffe: *Pub Show***, 8-10 March

[www.mousetraptheatre.asn.au](http://www.mousetraptheatre.asn.au), ph. 0439 954 719.

**Sandgate Theatre: *Calendar Girls***, 15-17 March

[www.sandgatetheatre.net](http://www.sandgatetheatre.net), ph. 3283 2608.

**KSP Theatre, Burpengary: *Sleeping Beauty and the Curse of the Liquidator***,

8-23 March. [www.ksptheatreinc.net](http://www.ksptheatreinc.net), ph. 0434 885 802.



Tickets: [beenleightheatregroup.com](http://beenleightheatregroup.com)

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