



Act 1 Theatre Newsletter

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The President's Ponderings. . .

Firstly.....hot off the press this week..... my next show which was to have been our annual Theatre Restaurant..... now safely and happily recast as an in-between show with the theatre seating staying as it normally is and using a full stage. Ticket prices will be as per a usual show and if anyone has already paid for the theatre restaurant, then your tickets will be refunded. Same dates in July, just a normal stage show with no food this year. Please come along for some fun at HALF the price but DOUBLE the enjoyment.



NOW..... What a show.....or is that FOUR SHOWS!!!
The show that has just finished has been the One Act plays which has been a LOT of fun. Unless of course, you were one of the leading characters and a VICTIM!! In that situation, you became a "Victim" and had no idea where the script might take you. But oh, what fun, laughs, and pure panic was had!! Thank you to our wonderful audiences who came to see these plays performed for the very first time by two local Act 1 men in Pat O'Callaghan and Brett Lane. Well done everyone!!

Re our FIRE PANEL..... what you need like a hole in the head!!! For nearly three years, we have been trying to have local Council assist us to install a system that would allow us to turn off the fire alarms for the use of smoke machines in some of our shows. God willing, the Council will have all this completed next week!!

Our THANX to retired Councillor Mick Gillam for his very long-standing support of our Act 1 Theatre. Mick, you have become a personal friend, one old schoolie to another. Your long-time commitment to our theatre is probably only surpassed by our former Mayor and patron, Yvonne Chapman.

On a sad note now, we attended the funeral of long-time thespian and theatre friend Ed Bone. not only was Ed an excellent actor, but he was also a great director of shows. Theatre was in Ed's blood from a boy and no more fitting a tribute was done at his funeral on the final curtain with a standing ovation from us all. We all loved Ed, and we send prayers and comforting thoughts to his family at this sad time.

SO..... our next production will be our "True Blue Aussie Review" which opens in mid-July. We will still have our live band with lots of audience participation, loads of fun, and plenty of surprises!!!

Yours in theatre.

Terry

Act 1 Theatre 2024

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On behalf of Act 1, Stage Manager Deb Hossack would like to say, "A huge thank you to our extremely talented Sharon Dunne for her donation of incredible costumes to our theatre. We can't wait to use them in future productions!"

And while we're on the subject of thanks, Deb is also extremely grateful to James Iliffe for his hard work upgrading our dressing room hanging and storage space (with a little hand from Andrew Munslow). You can see the results of his many hours of labour in the photo below, along with 2 of the fabulous costumes donated by Sharon Dunne!



Act 1 Calendar 2024

- **A True Blue Aussie Review**, 12 - 27 July
- **Panic in Pipton (A War of the Worlds Story)** by Andrew Munslow, 13 - 28 Sept
- **Mother and Son** by Geoffrey Atherton, 22 Nov - 7 Dec

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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, with your size and male or female style.



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A LIVE BAND AND 14 OR SO GREAT AUSSIE SONGS AND AN AUSSIE OUTBACK PUB STORYLINE. NIBBLIES WILL BE PROVIDED UPON ARRIVAL, THE BAR WILL OPERATE AS USUAL. THERE WILL BE LOADS OF AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION, TRIVIA, AND BEST OF ALL, NORMAL TICKET PRICES APPLY.

Local trivia. loads of interactive fun as you meet Dad, Dave, Mum, and a bunch of crazy Aussie pubgoers. The show begins July 12 for three weekends.

TERRY WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL OUR THEATREGOERS, "CAR PARKING. DON'T FORGET THAT THE BACK COUNCIL CAR PARK IS OPEN BEFORE SHOWS AND I PROMISE NOT TO LOCK YOU IN. ENTRY IS VIA STATION RD."

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 at Mousetrap, Sandgate, and KSP theatres.

Membership subscriptions can be made at <https://www.trybooking.com/CODKZ>, or by contacting the Membership Enquiries number on Page 1.

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 **C 10084082** when you return your bottles and cans to a refund point and the refund will be paid directly to them. On 28th March we deposited \$31. That is \$65 so far in two drops. MANY, MANY THANKS

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 or mobile 0408 718 351. Listen in on Sunday.

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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: *One Act Plays*, 24-26 May
www.mousetraptheatre.asn.au, ph. 0439 954 719.

Sandgate Theatre: *A Collection of One Act Plays* 16 to 25 August
www.sandgatetheatre.net, ph. 3283 2608.

KSP Theatre, Burpengary: *Song Contest - The Almost Eurovision Experience* 31 May to 15 June
www.ksptheatreinc.net, ph. 0434 885 802.

What's on at other theatres.

Theatre 102, Redcliffe: *Redcliffe Musical Theatre & Ghostlight Theatre Co. present the Australian premiere of "The Exorcist"* 28 June to 14 July
<https://www.redcliffemusicaltheatre.com>

North Brisbane Theatre Company: *TBA*

Centenary Theatre, "Noises Off" 18 May to 19 June
<https://centenarytheatre.com.au>

Nash Theatre, New Farm: "Mr Bailey's Minder" 10 May to 1 June
<https://nashtheatre.com>

SEASON OF ONE ACT PLAYS



Our beloved M.C. Michelle Whitmore

The Case of the Missing Santa.



CONGRATULATIONS !!

Well done everyone. Our thanks go to the actors, production team, backstage & front of house, and to the support of their families. And of course, thank you, audience members. Special mention goes to the very accomplished Pat O'Callaghan, who wrote and directed *Anagram* and *The Case of the Missing Santa*, and to Brett Lane, who penned and directed his first play, the true story of *Lucky Larry has Brain Surgery*.

Anagrams



You've arrived — James Bond !



You've arrived — at your reunion !



LUCKY LARRY HAS BRAIN SURGERY



P.S. We have yet another resident homeless person at our back door Usually he is good company but there are tetchy times. Just tonight two tattooed men called him David, knowing his name and much more about him than us, to whom he is just a neighbour and inconvenient passerby. In my memory, there have been around 20 homeless people living around or under our theatre and they also include children. Whatever your feelings, these sad people are part of our lives. I know I couldn't sleep on a veranda in this weather. Please think of them and support those who support them, like those two kind-hearted young men tonight.

Bless them and their church.

What a small world!!!!

We performed the sketch *You've Arrived !* that featured a school reunion and who should be in the audience but my very old schoolfriend from Toowoomba from 60 years ago!!!!

G'day Rodney McDonald.



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