



Old Shire Hall  
Gympie Rd  
Strathpine

# Act 1 Theatre Newsletter

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## Notes from the President

Thanks to you, our loyal patrons, we have enjoyed another great year. Last night at our Committee meeting, the improved financial return was mentioned – almost \$10000. At least two faces looked disappointed as they expected more. Then we remembered the new curtains, new electronic signboard and the many other expensive improvements made this year.

Post-Covid, audiences are back except for the matinees. We always had good support from retirement villages and older persons' groups for our matinees.

Our Christmas party was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Remember the AGM, Feb 12, at 7:30 pm. Forms for nominations and proxies are attached. In particular, we have positions for Membership, Publicity, FOH, and Newsletter. We would also like someone to be a contact with retirement places.

When you read our 2024 program, you will find a hole between March and July which we hope to fill with two weekends of one-act plays. Let us know if you are interested in participating.

Now that we have new front curtains for the stage, the old ones are available for someone else. If you know of anyone please ring Terry (5433 0655).

*Tiptoe through the Tombstones* a sequel to *Tomb with a View* promises to be a very funny start to 2024. Book now.

And last but not least, have a Happy and Holy Christmas.

*Terry*



## Act 1 Theatre 2023

### Management Committee

#### **President**

Terry Frawley

#### **Vice President**

Trisha Bromley

#### **Acting Secretary**

Samantha Sutherland

#### **Acting Treasurer**

Ramesh Maheswaran

#### **Publicity Officer**

Mark Anthony

#### **Sound & Lighting**

Andrew Munslow

#### **Set Building**

Terry Frawley

#### **Bar Coordinator**

Mark Anthony

#### **Stage Manager**

Deb Hossack

### Other Positions

#### **Bookings Coordinator**

0458 579 269

#### **Membership Coordinator**

#### **Newsletter Editor**

Patrick O'Callaghan

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

#### **Webmaster**

Stan Wisniowiecki

#### **Patron**

Nikki Boyd MP

**BOOKINGS: 0458 579 269**

### How to Contact Act 1 Theatre

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## **Coming events:**

**Christmas** – December 25

**Committee meeting** – January 8

**Annual General Meeting** – February 12

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



## ***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).**

## **2024 Annual General Meeting**

**The Annual General Meeting of Act 1 Theatre Inc.** will be held at the theatre on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, at 7.30pm.** **You must be a financial member to vote** at the meeting **or to nominate other members.**

***To be eligible*** for the positions of **President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer**, **nominees must have been financial members for a full twelve (12) months immediately prior to the relevant election.** These positions are automatically part of the Management Committee. People elected to other positions listed on page 1 of the newsletter may choose whether or not to be on the Committee.

***Nominations*** close on **30<sup>th</sup> January** and the list of nominees is posted on the theatre noticeboard 7 days before the meeting. **Nomination and proxy forms are attached to this newsletter.** Proxy forms must be delivered before the start of the meeting.

## **MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS**

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

**Trybooking.com/cgphr** or use this QR code



Memberships due 1 January 2024

**PLEASE NOTE:** Fully Paid up Members receive a **Membership Number** which has to be put in the provided space when making a booking 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. This may be demanded on arrival at the theatre if a membership number has been misused.

### **Membership Information**

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

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

**Direct deposit** to ACT 1 Theatre Inc, BSB 633 000, A/c no. 160011094'

Include your name and the word 'membership' as reference.

**Cheque** to Act 1 Theatre Inc, post to Memberships, Act 1 Theatre, PO Box 436, Strathpine 4500 (include your name).

**At theatre**, cash or eftpos.

**Trybooking** – see QR code and information above.

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).

### **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

## 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.

The Rules 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.

### 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.



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### 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 Management Committee contacts:

Terry Frawley, President/Sets	5433 0655
Trisha Bromley, Vice-President	0490 053 908
Samantha Sutherland, Secretary	0437 741 553
Ramesh Maheswaran, Treasurer	
Mark Anthony, Publicity/Bar	0466 542 887
Andrew Munslow, Sound & Lighting	0413 759 741
Deb Hossack, Stage Manager	0431 843 887

## Other contacts:

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

**Act 1 ticket prices:** Full - \$20; Concession - \$17; Member - \$12; Child (12 & under) - \$10.

## Booking Assistance

If you have any problems booking on line for Act 1 shows, e-mail [acttheatre2@gmail.com](mailto:acttheatre2@gmail.com) or ring [0458 579 269](tel:0458579269) . Please leave a message as unknown numbers may not be called back.

## Act 1 Containers for Change drive

Refunds from empty bottles and cans from our bar are donated to the **QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute** in Brisbane.

Drop your refundable items at the theatre or use QIMR's customer code **C10182560** when you return your bottles and cans to a refund point and the refund will be paid directly to them.

## 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.

## Join 99.7 Bridge FM

You can become a member of 99.7 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:**

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

### **Sandgate Theatre: *Calendar Girls*, 2024**

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

### **KSP Theatre, Burpengary: *Mary Poppins Jnr*, 10-13 January**

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