



# Act 1 Theatre Newsletter

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## Notes from the President

With Sam our secretary injured and Trisha away, we have postponed our monthly meeting, and, since Stan as newsletter editor will be away when that meeting takes place, here is the news before the event.



Tiptoe Through the Tombstones has wound up with just under \$10,000 in ticket sales and great audience reactions. Thanks to everyone who had fun with this clever play. I have already begun working on the last of the trilogy, *Prepare to Meet Thy Tomb*, for opening next year.

Just as well the show was a success as the rollaway seat wheels need replacing and will cost about as much as our profit.

This year we are donating our bottles to MND Queensland. I have a daughter-in-law who lost her hubbie and Terry (Vernon in Tomb) has a wife with the condition. We have supported RFDS and QIMR with about \$700 each a year and now that wine & spirit bottles are eligible, we can do better. Thank you. If you wish to join us their code is **C 10084082**.

Our ONE ACTS are set for May and auditions for the Theatre Restaurant, *A True-Blue Aussie Review*, and *The Lost Treasure of Possum Flat* will audition on 23, 24 and 25 of March. 2pm on Saturday and Sunday and 7pm on the Monday. We need 8 men and 7 women.

Job applications. We need someone to be front of house coordinator and maybe a cook for the Theatre Restaurant, most definitely kitchen helpers. Please ring Terry if you can help.

As our raffle sales have improved so has the prize with two \$20 vouchers and a bottle of wine on offer.

Curtains to donate. Whilst now retired, our blue curtains and skirt are up for donation to another group. If you know of anyone, please ask them to contact Terry.

And a word of thanks to Ray Swenson for his donation of a CD collection of the BBC sound effects Library.

Yours in theatre.

*Terry*

**Act 1 Theatre 2024**

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# Auditions



## Theatre Restaurant

*A True Blue Aussie Review*  
&  
*The Lost Treasure of Possum Flat*

**Saturday & Sunday**  
**March 23 & 24 @ 2pm**  
**and**  
**Monday March 25 @ 7pm**

**Pine Shire Hall, 238 Gympie Road, Strathpine, 4500**

### **THEATRE RESTAURANT CAST LIST**

**Peter:** middle-aged man.

**Dad:** older man.

**Dave:** 30's or 40's

**Mabel:** 30's or 40's

**Old Codger:** older man

**Gina the Gypsy:** 30's

**Harry the Hippie:** any age

**Grace:** 30's

**Herb:** middle-aged man

**Guiseppe:** Strong Italian accent, any age

**LOCALS:** (all have small ad lib roles)

**Vera, Millie, and Carmel:** Minor roles female, any age

**Waiter:** any age

**Waltzing Matilda:** walk on at end of show

**N.B.** Female ages can also be younger

You need to be able to sing as chorus and some characters are required to do solo numbers. (Please bring your own backing song on a USB Stick as an MP3 file or on your phone)

Some roles can be doubled amongst the smaller roles and smaller roles will only need to attend Sunday rehearsals in early weeks.

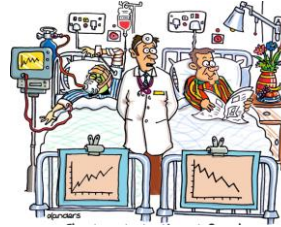
Please contact Terry at [5433 0655](tel:54330655) or message on [0488 222 596](tel:0488222596)

**Coming**  
**events:**

# SEASON OF ONE ACT PLAYS

2 Weekends of comedy, drama and fun.

Fridays and Saturdays 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th May, 7.30pm.



## Lucky Larry goes to the RBH.

Comedy set in a hospital, based on actual events. Larry encounters a range of quirky characters when he arrives at the hospital for urgent surgery but can't find anyone who knows why he is there.



## Anagrams.

Two young women face a crisis in their relationship but their affection for each other enables them to overcome the problem.



## The Case of the Missing Santa.

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

## Plus

All the fun of Thank Goodness You're Here as participants are thrust into a situation they know nothing about and have to figure out and take part in whatever is going on.

Tickets: \$25 (adult), \$20 (concession), \$15 (member), \$10 (12 & under)

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) or [www.act1theatre.com.au](http://www.act1theatre.com.au)

**SEE YOU THERE**

## Actor Wanted

Male actor needed for role of hard-bitten private eye in one-act comedy *The Case of the Missing Santa*. Contact Pat, 0438 290 649.

## Act 1 Calendar 2024

- **Season of One Act Plays**, 10 & 11, 17 & 18 May
- **Theatre Restaurant....** 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

## Act 1 Management Committee contacts:

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## Other contacts:

Membership Coordinator	0413 759 741
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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](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 (will cease end of March if not financial) and a significant discount on tickets to Act 1 shows and at Mousetrap, Sandgate and KSP theatres.

Membership forms are available at the theatre, on <https://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 **C 10084082** 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.

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: *Cabaret/Variety Show***, 26-28 April, 3-5 May  
[www.mousetraptheatre.asn.au](http://www.mousetraptheatre.asn.au), ph. 0439 954 719.

**Sandgate Theatre: *Calendar Girls***, **POSTPONED UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR**  
[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.

**In case you missed the earlier notice:**

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Terry would like to remind all our theatregoers, "Car parking. Don't forget that the back council car park is opened before shows and I promise not to lock you in. Entry is via Station Rd."