



Old Shire Hall  
Gympie Rd  
Strathpine

# Act 1 Theatre Newsletter

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## Notes from the President

Are we Covid-free yet? Let's hope and pray so. Either way we have gone beyond check in and vacc proof and to full capacity. Please let's achieve it after the rain interruptions to our opening show.

**Blithe Spirit**, too, has had some difficulties but we thank all for making it through.

Will it ever get easier?

Our programs last show were so much better as a result of Mark's efforts with his printer whose name will now appear on future programs. THANK YOU to Greg at Allclear.

Please remember our upcoming **Not Red Faces** Social Afternoon, 2.00pm, May 14th. It is promising to be a lot of fun for our first social event.

We have received entries for TheatreFest so it returns, thankfully, in July.

Our weekends of One-Acts are also looking great, May 27-29 & June 3-5, with a special BAND surprise.

Come and enjoy all our great events.

Yours in theatre.

*Terry*

## Coming events:

**Blithe Spirit** – April 29-May 8 (new dates – see page 2)

Committee meeting – May 9

**Not Red Faces** fun & social event – May 14 (see page 2)



## Act 1 Theatre 2021

### Management Committee

#### **President**

Terry Frawley

#### **Vice President**

Trisha Bromley

#### **Secretary**

Kay Tudhope

#### **Treasurer**

Lynne Drinnen

#### **Publicity Officer**

Mark Anthony

#### **Sound & Lighting**

Andrew Munslow

#### **Set Building**

Terry Frawley

#### **Wardrobe Coordinator**

Anne Wilson

#### **Bar Coordinator**

Mark Anthony

#### **Webmaster**

Stan Wisniowiecki

#### Other Positions

#### **Bookings Coordinator**

**0458 579 269**

#### **Membership Coordinator**

Patrick O'Callaghan

#### **Newsletter Editor**

Patrick O'Callaghan

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

Margaret Toovey

#### Patron

Nikki Boyd MP

**BOOKINGS: 0458 579 269**

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**Opening April 29**

***Blithe Spirit* by Noel Coward**

**Directed by Chris Sargent**

**April 29, 30, May 1 (matinee), May 6, 7, 8 (matinee).**



Blithe Spirit is a perennial favourite of audiences worldwide. Written by the English master playwright Noel Coward in 1941, it broke all box office records in London's West End and on New York's Broadway. Several movies have been made of it, the most recent being in 2020 starring Judi Dench.

Of course we believe that nothing can outdo a live stage performance and we take great pleasure in bringing *Blithe Spirit* to you. It tells the improbable tale of an author who engages a medium to conduct a séance in the interests of researching his latest novel, with quite unexpected but hilarious consequences. She inadvertently summons the spirit of his first wife, who has been dead for seven years.

At first, his second wife cannot see or hear her and does not believe she exists. But, then...!

**BOOK NOW**

**SPECIAL INVITATION – LET'S GET THEATRICAL**

**Inviting all members to come along and have some fun.**

**Not Red Faces – Free event**

**Event – Social afternoon – Entertainment: 'Red Faces' style acts**

**Date – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Start time – 2pm**

All members welcome plus one guest per member.

Light snacks provided. Bring a plate to share if you wish.

Drinks available for sale over our bar.

**See next page for more details.**

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**Entertainment provided by members, with short acts in the style of Red Faces.**

**Would you like to be a contestant?**

If you would like to present a performance item please contact Trisha on 0490 053 908 to discuss your act. Types of acts could be (but not limited to) singers, dancers, magicians and short skits including monologues. The main thing is to have fun and socialise with fellow members.

**RSVP**

For catering purposes, we need to know numbers in advance, so please **RSVP** to Trisha on 0490 053 908 or via email to [starofparty@gmail.com](mailto:starofparty@gmail.com) , with your name and your guest's name, by May 6.

Our social events will be ongoing during the year and each will have a different theme. Watch out for notice of each one.

**Come along for a fun afternoon and a get-together with fellow Act 1 members.**

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**Other contacts:**

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Margaret Toovey, Front of House	

**TheatreFest 2022**

**TheatreFest**, Act 1's drama festival, is back this year. Theatre groups from all around south-east Queensland are being invited to enter one-act plays for a weekend of theatrical experiences on **July 1-3**.

If you have contacts in other theatre groups, make sure they know about TheatreFest and encourage them to get in touch with Anne or Deb for entry details.

**Sponsorship**

There is the opportunity for a business or organisation – or an individual – to **sponsor a trophy** for the competition and so promote their business as well as participating in an exciting community event. Cost is around \$25. Direct donations towards the cost of running TheatreFest are also welcome.

**Enquiries: Anne Wilson**, phone: 3889 7378/ 0447 643 412 or **Deb Hossack**, 0431 843 887.

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## 2022 Program

This year, shows will open on Saturday night the first weekend instead of Friday, with two Sunday matinees (except One-acts, TheatreFest and Theatre Restaurant).

**Note *Blithe Spirit* will now open Friday April 29 with an extra matinee on Sunday May 8.**

**Apr. 29, 30, May 1(mat.), 6, 7, 8(mat.): Blithe Spirit** by Noel Coward, dir. Chris Sargent. (Comedy.) When a man accidentally causes his dead wife's spirit to be called up at a séance, she wreaks havoc in his life. New wife not very happy!

**May 27, 28, 29(mat.), June 3, 4, 5(mat.): Season of One-act Plays.** An assortment of short plays.

**July 1, 2, 3: TheatreFest.** One-act plays from theatre groups near and far.

**Aug. 5, 6, 7(mat.), 12, 13, 14(mat.), 19, 20: Theatre Restaurant.** Another show of comedy and music, hopefully back to our traditional theatre restaurant format. Title to be announced.

**Oct. 8, 9(mat.), 14, 15, 16(mat.), 21, 22: Towards Zero** by Agatha Christie, dir. Anne Wilson. (Murder mystery.) The elderly owner of an English country house is murdered and assorted guests and acquaintances become suspects.

**Dec. 3, 4(mat.), 9, 10, 11(mat.), 16, 17: Secret Bridesmaids' Business** by Elizabeth Coleman, dir. Lilian Harrington. (Australian comedy/drama.) A friend of the bride is in a dilemma whether to tell her about an affair the groom has had with someone else in the bridal party. Talk about a can of worms!

Of course, all the information about each show will be in the Newsletter as the time approaches. We hope you can get along to enjoy all of these Act 1 productions.

### 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.

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

Membership: \$20 full, \$15 concession.

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 efforts.

### Booking Assistance

*If you have any problems booking on line for Act 1 shows, send an e-mail to [acttheatre2@gmail.com](mailto:acttheatre2@gmail.com) or ring 0458 579 269 but be sure to 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. Our most recent contribution was \$60. 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. 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**

Reciprocal arrangements with these theatres to charge members' ticket price for Act 1 members (theatre restaurants excepted).

**Mousetrap Theatre, Redcliffe:** ***Searching for Dr Branovic***, 29 April. – 15 May  
[www.mousetraptheatre.asn.au](http://www.mousetraptheatre.asn.au), ph. 0439 954 719.

**Sandgate Theatre:**

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

**KSP Theatre, Burpengary:** ***Agatha Crusty and the Health Spa Murders***  
[www.ksptheatreinc.net](http://www.ksptheatreinc.net), ph. 0434 885 802.

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