



Act 1 Theatre Newsletter

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Notes from the President

Our late Queen Elizabeth had her "Annus Horribilis". If you asked our stage manager Debbie Hossack and your committee members, I'm sure they would say 2022 has been ours.



Post Covid we have seen set building costs at three times pre Covid prices

Each show has had dramas both on and off the stage with conflict amongst cast, directorial difficulties, major walk outs and a most distressing and expensive problem with catering.

Audience numbers have been lower reflecting the lack of movement at retirement places. Some of our older members can't or won't travel as before or find difficulty with on line booking.

One positive is the new faces amongst audiences. Hopefully this improves. Part of our response will be my presence at all casting sessions to ensure that all are on the same page and commit to the standards expected.

On more positive matters, please remember that our AGM is in February. More details and forms with the next two newsletters. We need help with the positions of treasurer and set builder. Lynne Drinnen has been our best ever treasurer for the last five years - just don't tell Anne Wilson. Thank you Lynne. And my knees and ladders just don't work like they used to.

Also on the theme of volunteering. Marg Toovey our FOH co-ordinator has a small band of 15 helpers. She thanks them and asks they keep in touch. She would welcome more helpers to further lighten the load.

Covid has changed us in many ways and not all for our better. Read on for news of coming events.

Yours in theatre,

Terry

Welcome to our new members Rosanna Hawes, Arran Power, Stu Kirk, Lia Davies, Jodie Hurrey, Alisa Souter, Joan Hogan.

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Secret Bridesmaids' Business by Elizabeth Coleman, dir. Lilian Harrington.

November 18, 19, 20 (mat), 25, 26: (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!



While the bride, Meg, prepares for the biggest day of her life and her mum, Colleen, fusses over ribbons and shoe fabrics, Meg's bridesmaids, Lucy and Angela, stumble upon some information that has the potential to shatter Meg's dream. Should they tell or not tell?

In the hilarious yet painful push and pull that follows, Lucy and Angela discover that sometimes there is no right answer when it comes to doing what's best for your friend.

BOOK NOW trybooking.com/CCXOG

Act 1's Christmas Show

will be on **17th & 18th December** starting at **7:30pm and 2pm** respectively.

It will be **\$10 per head payable at the door**

Hear two band brackets, Barb Bloodworth's Rondelay, two guest singers, two short plays, news as only Pat and Terry can tell it and more ... Festive Fun.

Book by the theatre phone which I have and check daily for messages.

Combined New Year's Eve Party with Redcliffe

Each theatre will have 40 tickets on a first come basis. Any unsold will be offered to the public mid December. A night of games entertainment and karaoke. Food to share and the bar open starting from 7.30 till midnight.

TICKETS \$30 per head

Terry 5433 0655 or message on 0488 222 596

FARMER WILL SWAP COMBINE HARVESTER FOR A WIFE

When 59 year old bachelor farmer Cyril Evans runs a personal ad in the Queensland Country Life offering to swap his reconditioned John Deere 9750 STS combine harvester for a wife of "breeding age" all hell breaks loose!

A fourth generation grain and beef producer, Cyril Evans, promised his father he would never sell the family property Evanswood. But life didn't quite go as planned for the likeable Cyril. Due to a sad misunderstanding 33 years ago, his marriage to the lovely Delmay Maydel was called off the night before the wedding.

In quick time a bevy of people appear on his doorstep. They include the beautiful young Skye Wilson, who has been driving and fixing headers since she was twelve. Cyril's jilted fiancée from 33 years ago, Delmay June Maydel; Cyril's neighbour Gus Bell, who has his own secret agenda; a sexy young woman Roxanne "Roxfox" Foxtan; and a well mannered young grazier, Doug Dinnington.

Cyril's ad starts a chain of events with both comical and serious repercussions

Auditions this Saturday at the theatre 2pm and Monday at 7pm.

Cast needs two males 50's and one 20's and three women 50, 30, 20.

Please call or text Terry on 0458 579 269 for more info

Performance Dates February 17, 2023 until March 4, 2023



Anne Wilson

A poem written by Bill Thomas on 26 Sept 2022 @ Annerley, Brisbane.

"I have a very dear actress, director, theatre friend named Anne,
And of her acting and directing, I am a great fan.

Many years ago, Anne directed a Welsh one act play named "Little Evenings" which starred four Act 1 Theatre actresses named Anne Olssen, Elaine Platt, Kim Barrett Coade and Cheryl Bartlet.

And as far as good directing and good acting goes, this play was as good as one could get.

Anne also starred as "Miss Sophie" with Act 1 Theatre President Terry Frawley as "James" in the hilarious one act play in July 2022 named "Dinner for One",

Which was very amusing, funny and a lot of FUN!!

In April and May 2022, Anne excelled with her performance as "Madame Arcati" in the classic comical 1941 Noel Coward play "Blithe Spirit" at Act 1 Theatre, Strathpine,

In which Anne's performance was superbly fine.

Another excellent acting role performed by Anne was as "Miss Marple" in the famous Agatha Christie murder mystery play, "A Murder is Announced" at Act 1 Theatre within the past few years.

Anne is much loved and respected by all her friends and peers."

With thanks from Bill Thomas



A Merry Mousetrap Christmas

An all singing, all dancing Christmas Spectacular to celebrate the festive Season in style...

November 25th, 26th, 27th ... December 2nd, 3rd, 4th - Tickets \$20

John Naumann Hall, Deception Bay 474 Deception Bay Road, Deception Bay Qld 4508

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Farmer Will Swap Combine Harvester For A Wife by Hugh O'Brien Feb 17 to Mar 4

The Pirates By Debbie Hossack and Andrew Munslow May 5 to 20

Theatrefest hopefully in conjunction with Redcliffe.

June 9 to 11 (may even run for two weekends)

Sleuth July 7 to 22

One Acts Aug 11 to 20

Phantom of the Music Hall by Judith Prior Sept 15 to 30

Relatively Speaking Oct 27 to Nov 11

Committee Meeting 12th December



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. Available for inspection at the theatre and purchase if we have your size or ordered if not. If interested please call Terry, 5433 0655 or message on 0488 222 596 or tezzasf@gmail.com, or Kay 3491 8274 as order is being placed ASAP with your size and male or female.



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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, or by e-mail request at acttheatre2@gmail.com.

Booking Assistance

*If you have any problems booking on line for Act 1 shows, send an e-mail to 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.

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 or mobile 0408 718 351. Listen in on Sunday.

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: *Owing to the closure of the theatre by the MBRC for rectification work, we are unable to provide our regular program of shows for the remainder of the year.* www.mousetraptheatre.asn.au, ph. 0439 954 719.

Sandgate Theatre: *Collection of Short Plays*, Nov 4, 11, 18, 19 at 8pm, 13 at 6.30pm. Contact Chris Packman 0403 886 458, if interested www.sandgatetheatre.net ph 3283 2608.

KSP Theatre, Burpengary: *Broadway and Beyond*, 25th, 26th November, 2nd, 3rd December at 7:30pm, 20th and 27th November 2022 at 2:30pm www.ksptheatreinc.net, ph. 0434 885 802.

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