



Old Shire Hall
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Act 1 Theatre Newsletter

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Notes from the President

My newsletter writing is usually done following the meeting. Tonight I write earlier.



My first word is THANKS - to our faithful members and actors and volunteers. You have stuck with us through the many Covid changes.

Our coming show is a great example of making the most of a problem. With health issues for our director, Jeff Mitchell, forcing the cancellation of *Relatively Speaking*, we have come up with *The Not Quite Christmas Show* written around our own members' passions and talents.

It promises to be great fun and a great night out. Our band is back with live music. We have the classic comedy *Dinner for One* and a play about Christmas written by Pat O'Callaghan. The focus is very much Christmas. With six shows over two weekends, come and have fun. Bookings are live on Trybooking or through our website.

Yours in theatre.

Terry

Coming events:

The Not Quite Christmas Show – Nov. 26-28, Dec. 3-5
Christmas Party – December 12
Committee Meeting – December 13

Christmas Party

The date for our Christmas party has been chosen:

Sunday December 12.

Details are being finalised so look for a special bulletin soon with all the information.

Act 1 Theatre 2021

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The Not Quite Christmas Show

Why the name? Well, because it is not quite Christmas, yet, but this fun show will round off our year nicely. A mixture of comedy, drama and music, there will be something to please everyone.

Featured are two short one-act plays: *Dinner for One*, about an elderly lady who imagines her departed friends have joined her for a birthday dinner and her long-suffering butler has to impersonate all of them; and *Home for Christmas*, about a family anticipating the arrival of their son to celebrate Christmas.

Around these is a collection of humorous sketches, monologues, and music from our acclaimed band making up a satisfying evening's entertainment.

Dates: Fri. 26th, Sat. 27th November, Fri. 3rd & Sat. 4th December, at 7.30;
Sun. 28th November & Sun. 5th December at 2.00.

Get your bookings in now at www.trybooking.com or on our website www.act1theatre.com.au.

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.

2022 Program

Here are the dates and details of our program for next year.

Plays next year will open on Saturday night instead of Friday and there will be two matinees.

Feb. 19 – Mar. 5, *A Tomb with a View* by Norman Robbins, dir. Terry Frawley. (Comedy-thriller.) A bizarre family eliminate each other, one by one, in order to inherit their father's fortune. Think Addams Family transferred to an English stately home.

Apr. 23 – May 7, *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 – June 5, *Season of One-act Plays*. An assortment of short plays.

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

Aug. 5 – 20, Theatre Restaurant. Another show of comedy and music, hopefully back to our traditional theatre restaurant format. Title to be announced.

Oct. 8 – 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 – 17, *Secret Bridesmaids' Business* by Elizabeth Coleman, dir. Lilian Harrington. (Comedy/drama.) Australian play in which 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.

Advance notice – *Blithe Spirit* auditions.

G'day Act 1 members. You will be aware that Noel Coward was one of the most well-loved authors, playwrights, actors and entertainers of the 20th century. One of his most popular and record breaking West End/Broadway plays staged in the 1940s was the hilarious farce *Blithe Spirit*.

Act 1 will stage a revival of *Blithe Spirit* for the April/May season as part of our 2022 program. It is a play with wonderful parts for 2 men and 5 women:

Charles Condomine - mature age author,
 Ruth Condomine - Charles' wife,
 Dr Bradman - mature age friend of the Condomines
 Mrs Bradman - Bradman's wife
 Madame Arcati - mature age medium
 Elvira Condomine - Charles' first wife
 Edith - the maid

Members, family and friends are strongly encouraged to audition around mid-January next year for *Blithe Spirit*. (See audition details in next month's Newsletter.) If you'd like to be part of the backstage or technical crew please let me know. Also please email me if you have any questions.

Looking forward to seeing you at the auditions.

Christopher Sargent, Director

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Van Gogh exhibition tickets

A member has 2 tickets to the Van Gogh Alive Experience for this Saturday 20th at 4pm but can no longer attend.



If you are interested in using them – cost is \$50 each – contact Nicky on 0424 487 718.

Cardboard boxes free

The theatre has six large cardboard cartons (65cmx45cmx35cm) which will only be dumped if no-one wants them but, if they are of use to you, contact Pat on 0438 290 649.

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.

Responsible Service of Alcohol

Would you like to obtain a qualification that allows you to be in charge of a licensed premises? It is a requirement of our liquor licence that we have someone with a Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) certificate available when we operate the bar. At present, our President, Terry, is qualified but we need to have another person who can also step up when needed.

Act 1 will pay for your RSA course. If you are interested, contact Terry for further information.

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 so that the refund will go straight to them.

Lighting & Sound Assistant

If you know someone who would like to develop expertise in the field of theatrical lighting and sound, Act 1 has an opportunity to gain experience by helping set up and operate sound and lighting for our shows.

If this is an area that interests you, then contact Andrew, Sound & Lighting Coordinator, on 0413 759 741 or President Terry on 5433 0655.

Membership

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.

[Encourage your friends to join Act 1.](#)

Membership: \$20 (\$15 for concession cardholders).

Membership forms are available at the theatre, on www.act1theatre.com.au, or by e-mail request at acttheatre2@gmail.com.

Ticket prices: Full - \$20; Concession - \$17; Member - \$12; Child (under 12) - \$10.

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Join 99.7

Community radio station **99.7 Bridge FM** at Redcliffe is a great supporter of local theatre groups, particularly John Sayles in his Sunday evening program ***It Takes Two***.

You can become a member of 99.7 for just \$5, receive regular newsletters, support the volunteers who operate the station and maybe participate yourself. Details at

www.997fm.com.au .

[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](#)

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

Mousetrap Theatre, Redcliffe: *The Wizard of Oz* Pantomime, January 2022,
www.mousetraptheatre.asn.au, ph. 0439 954 719.

Sandgate Theatre: *Rocky Horror* Trivia Night, December 4, ph. 0403 886 458
www.sandgatetheatre.net, ph. 3283 2608.

KSP Theatre, Burpengary: *Almost Number 1*, 12-27 November
www.ksptheatreinc.net, ph. 3888 8580.
