



Old Shire Hall
Gympie Rd
Strathpine

Act 1 Theatre Newsletter

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Notes from the President

Welcome to 2024.

We have a new audio system for Front of House and Back Stage ready for your enjoyment, thanks to Andrew.



In discussing reciprocal rights with other theatres we realised that our admission prices have fallen behind those of other theatres and we have made the decision to change to new ticket prices: \$25 full price, \$20 concessional and \$15 for members.

Remember to use Trybooking with your member number. For those unable to pay this way, we will maintain the pay at door option. We are also investigating another two local theatre groups for this option.

We have chosen to advertise in four local papers this year and no longer in *Your Time* magazine and have found a local printer for the programs.

Remember our AGM, Monday Feb 12, at 7:30 pm. Forms for nominations and proxies are attached. Members may nominate for any of the positions shown at right.

Be sure to make your booking for *Tiptoe through the Tombstones*, a sequel to *Tomb with a View*, which promises to be a very funny start to 2024. Book now.

Yours in theatre.

Terry

Act 1 Theatre 2023

Management Committee

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Terry Frawley

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Trisha Bromley

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Andrew Munslow

Set Building

Terry Frawley

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Mark Anthony

Stage Manager

Deb Hossack

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Coming events:

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).

BOOKINGS: www.act1theatre.com.au

2024 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Act 1 Theatre Inc. will be held at the theatre on **Monday, 12th 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 **30th 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**, 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 1st 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:

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.

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 , or by e-mail request at 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 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

Ticket prices: Full - \$25; Concession - \$20; Member - \$15; Child (12 & under) - \$10.

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, with your size and male or female.



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Booking Assistance

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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. They 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 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.

You can become a member of 99.7fm for just \$5. Details at 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: *Pub Show*, 8-10 March

www.mousetraptheatre.asn.au, ph. 0439 954 719.

Sandgate Theatre: *Calendar Girls*, 2024

www.sandgatetheatre.net, ph. 3283 2608.

KSP Theatre, Burpengary: *Sleeping Beauty and the Curse of the Liquidator*, 8-23 March. www.ksptheatreinc.net, ph. 0434 885 802.