

Players Ponderings

January 2021

From the President's Desk:

Hi Everybody,

Well, we've made it, the new year... and what a 2020 it was, in "real estate" parlance, a "renovator's delight" of a year. Having said that, from the theatres point of view, it's ending on an optimistic note, ... a covid vaccine in the works from March onwards, a successful trial return to the theatre with our Christmas showtime and a 2021 Season ahead of us that we can confidently look forward to.

It was great to see people back in our theatre for *A Players Theatre Christmas*. It took considerable effort for all involved to get this production up and running on short notice (as late as the end of October we were still unsure if the changing covid rules for theatres would let us get underway) and our thanks goes out to the cast, crew and our audience. A special big shout out to creative team and to our set construction, lighting and sound crews who all had to go "above and beyond" in coping with short time lines and social distancing requirements.

This was also the first show that the Players have attempted to live stream. Despite a few minor teething problems this proved to be a successful trial of the technology. Although we originally trialled this as a prospective backup to our live productions (just in case our "in-theatre" numbers remained constricted), it does open up some interesting possibilities for us going forward.

The late notice on the change to the 2m² rule meant that we weren't able to hold our usual Christmas party at the theatre this year, however we will instead be holding a "New Year Beach Party" event on the 15th of January. It's a chance to usher in the new year with a bit of bonhomie on the beach. It's a 5:30pm Friday start, for members, guests and "friends of the theatre" (details further on).

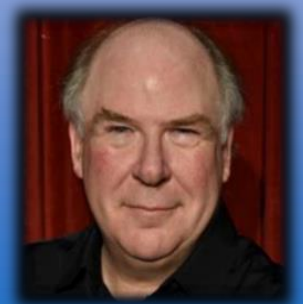
There's a lot to look forward to in 2021, our new Season is now locked in (ready for launch on the 15th), our 2021 community engagement program is taking shape (find below details for joining the team [the more the merrier]), we have a new ticketing and software system in the wind ("ticketsearch" should be up and running by February) and are ready, able and really keen to welcome back old members, reach out to new members and re-build our ranks.

Due to last year's pause in performance many of our memberships expired and were not renewed which has resulted in many dropping off the mailing out list. We have attached the previous October Ponderings to bring you up to speed.

So, I hope to see as many of you as possible on the 15th and in the meantime, Happy New Year and thanks for the continued support!

Cheers,
Lance

Lance Thompson
President





COVID UPDATE

As to where we're up to regarding covid theatre rules: as of the 7th of December we're now able to accommodate up to 75% of our auditorium capacity, with a 2m² rule applying in the foyer and other areas. We are still required to log all entry to the theatre through the covid check-in "QR code" system and maintain social distancing and other covid safe practices.



Thank you to our Showtime creative team Barb Sherrin, Greg Frank, Pat Frank, Daniel Parlevliet, Fay Blundell and Amie Frank!

The efforts of cast and crew were greatly appreciated! Well done!



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COVID-safe Behaviours



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PLAYERS THEATRE COVID-19 MEMBER AND VISITOR SAFETY PLAN

PLAYERS THEATRE SAFETY ADVICE

If you are experiencing any symptoms such as cough, fever or generally feeling unwell do not enter the venue.

Anyone presenting symptoms will be advised to go home and seek medical attention.

All staff are required to sanitise or wash their hands prior to entering the venue

All staff are to wipe down equipment, tools etc before and after use.

There is a 1.5m distance per person within a 2 sqm work area or workshop requirement.

There 1.5m distance per person within a 2 sqm area in the foyer and auditorium space requirement.

All staff are to read and follow the social distancing signage displayed at venue entrance.

All staff are to read and follow the hand hygiene signage displayed at venue entrance.

The total number of people participating/present is recorded at front entrance in all instances.

All visitors and members MUST sign the venue attendance register and complete ALL fields

All staff are advised to use personal bottled water only and not share food items.

All staff are advised to socially distance during break times

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What's on in January 2021?



Can you believe it!?

Auditions are THIS WEEKEND!!

We Will Rock You will hit the stage
late May 2021.

There are still some audition spots
left so jump to our website and
get it sorted!

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th
playerstheatre.org.au

New Year Beach Party Oxley Beach Port Macquarie Friday 15th January 2021.

Let's bring in the new year in an idyllic setting by the water. All are welcome!

Members, guests and friends of the theatre look for our Players Theatre

Banner! From 5:30pm

You cant miss it!

BYO drinks and nibbles

FACE TO FACE PLAY READINGS ARE BACK! WOOHOO!



Join us Saturday 30th January from 6:30 pm
Players Theatre Foyer



Our first play is an original script
by local playwright, Kathy Luck.

We are thrilled Kathy is sharing
her script with us and better yet:
Kathy will be joining us to hear
her prose come to life!

Members Only Page

Welcome to the members only page, where you can find extra benefits such as online play readings, past shows to watch, trivia and much more.

Make a page suggestion

If at any time during this uncertain time you need any assistance please contact us by filling out this form. Even if it's just someone to talk to.

Need Assistance

Players Ponderings

Updates from the committee

Renew Membership

Official Merch

Watch Past Shows

Theatrical Links

Member Resources

Kids Fun

Tell us what areas you are interested in volunteering

Members Groups

Script Writing

Community Engagement

Online Play Readings

Radio Dramas

Theatre Trivia

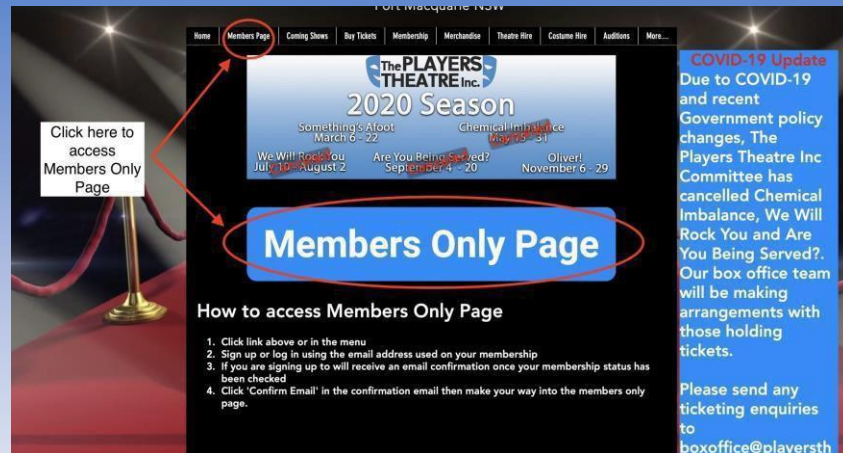
Foyer Chats

You can see all the updates and plans for member events and even watch past shows! Please let us know if there is something you would like to see included on the members page!

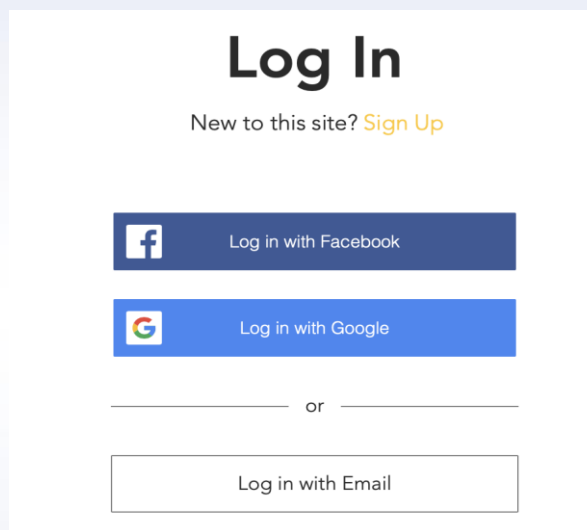
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How to access the Members Only Page

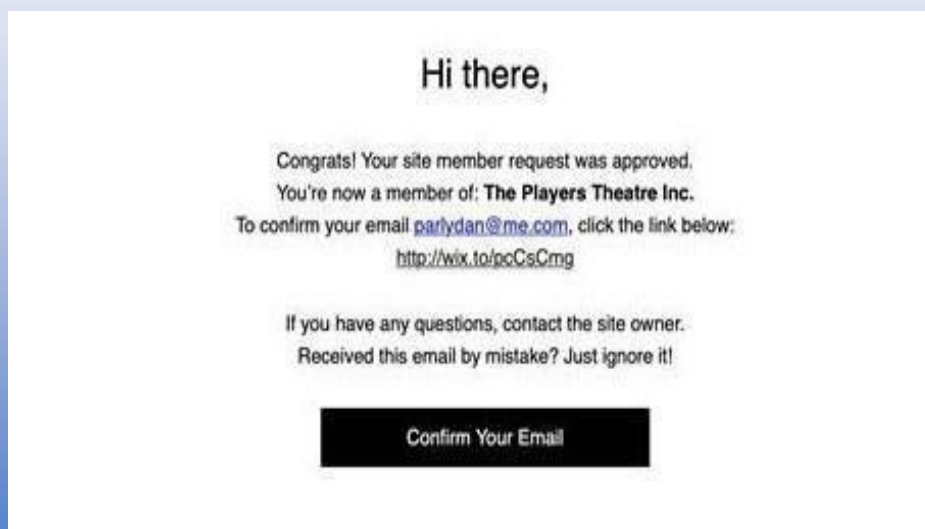
1. Click link on the home page or in the menubar



2. Sign up or log in using the email address used on your membership



3. If you are signing up, you will receive an email confirmation once your membership status has been checked



4. Click 'Confirm Email' in the confirmation email then make your way into the members only page.

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