

PLAYERS PONDERINGS



The PLAYERS THEATRE Inc.

**SCREENPLAY BY
BETTY COMDEN AND ADOLPH
GREEN**

**SONGS BY
NACIO HERB BROWN AND ARTHUR
FREED**

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**DIRECTED BY
LANCE THOMPSON**

**MUSICAL DIRECTOR
GATE STOREN**

**CHOREOGRAPHER
SARAH ROWSELL**



SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

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26 JULY - 11 AUGUST

FRI & SAT 8PM SUN 2PM

SPECIAL MATINEE ON SATURDAY 10TH 2PM

Theatre Bookings

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1 hour prior to the show





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**Friday 26th July -
Sunday 11th August**

Fri & Sat 8pm - Sun 2pm

Special Matinee Sat 10th August 2pm

Directed By

Lance Thompson

Based on the 1952 MGM musical, this classic musical comedy is light, fast, entertaining and really very funny. With its priceless dialogue and upbeat, much loved score it's designed to make you smile the whole way through

Gala Night
Friday 26th July

Complimentary Drink and Finger Food plus a Program





Welcome to our first Ponderings for the new financial year.

Thank you to all who attended our recent AGM and big squishy welcome to our newest committee members- Steve Harris, Jordan Frith and Amie Frank.

It was so fantastic to see almost every executive position go to a vote and a very healthy list of quality nominees for general committee.

Those who attended our AGM will be aware of the three-way tie for the final two positions on general committee positions, resulting in a second vote. Whilst this demonstrated the high calibre of nominees, it unfortunately meant someone missed out.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Di Leslie for her time this past year. It's been wonderful having your knowledge and experience on the committee again and I hope to see you nominate again next year.

Your new committee has met to outline the portfolios for the coming year and we are all very excited for the next 12 months.

Details of the structure of portfolios, encompassing the invaluable roles of committee assistants will be circulated to you all in detail soon.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the portfolios please don't hesitate to contact me. In summary, current departments have been grouped under overall portfolio management, meaning our current department heads will have a specific, dedicated committee member at their disposal to assist with concerns, implement changes and someone to directly liaise and advocate with the general committee on their behalf.

We are committed to supporting and growing our relevant departments and their coordinators and look forward to seeing the benefits of this new portfolio structure.

As mentioned at our AGM Lance Thompson and I have now met with our new legal representative at Priest Legal- Emilie Cooper. What a powerhouse she is! Emilie was extremely helpful and advised us that we indeed have a legal right to give council 1 months 'notice to vacate the demountables.

Whilst it's excellent to have firm legal clarification of our rights, there are some variables to this situation. The council could very well vacate, remove the buildings and clean the site within the notice period in alignment with Clause 20 of the agreement. We would only be in a position to take possession of the buildings if they failed to remove them within the notice period or willingly elected to allow us to take ownership.

The other very important matter is that of our impending lease renewal in 2022. It is no secret that PMHC are investigating the possibility of purchasing the Crowns Lands in the area. This would include the land we currently lease. Emilie was very firm about our need to increase our public exposure as a theatre company and start promoting Players as the fabulous community organisation it is. She was specific that we should be public about our lease renewal.

This will make it much harder for the council to try and squeeze us out when it comes time without it negatively impacting their community image. Now WE all know how great Players is, the benefits and skills it provides to its members, particularly the youth and the positive impact it has on the community.



However, the reality is we are one of many silent hero organisations in our area, quietly doing great things the community are virtually unaware of. The mission of this committee and indeed the whole theatre for the next 3 years is to promote our theatre and ensure the whole LGA and beyond is aware that Players is an integral part of the community.



MEMBERS WE NEED YOUR HELP!
We need your ideas, your contacts, your skills, your passion and some of your time to help us! We are in the process of brain storming some concepts and would love to hear your suggestions. Please email any and all ideas to...
president@playerstheatre.org.au

You will see further in the newsletter information on volunteering for the Beef In the Vines event that Lisa shared with us at the AGM. This is a great opportunity to promote the theatre and make us some dollars! Please help if you possibly can, an hour of your time will be a massive help.



Our play readings will continue throughout the year and be sure to keep an eye out for our bring a friend nights. This is a great way to introduce new people to the theatre in a comfortable, informal setting.



In member news, we sadly farewelled a true champion of our theatre recently with the passing of Doug Jones.

Doug was a dedicated committee member for a number of years and was the driving force behind our successful grant submissions for the fire sprinkler system throughout the theatre and the handrails in the auditorium. It was wonderful to see so many of his Players family at the funeral and our thoughts and love go out to Pam and the family during this difficult time.

We also bid Bon Voyage to two great Players members- Jeff Pohlman and Celia Steadman. Jeff and Celia are jumping the ditch to be closer to their beautiful family.

You will all remember Jeff from his many wonderful stage roles and of course Celia was our resident make up guru since before I can remember.

Farewell Jeff and Celia and all the very best!



Finally, Singing' In The Rain opening night is fast approaching (argh!) and boy what a show it will be! The combined super talents of Director Lance, Musical Director Cate and Choreographer Sarah have brought this iconic musical to life and we are very excited to share it with you all. This show will sell out quickly so do not leave it to chance- grab a friend and a brolly and book your tickets!

See you there!



COMING ATTRactions

27th Sept - 13th Oct

The PLAYERS THEATRE Inc.
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

**JESUS CHRIST
SUPERSTAR
IN CONCERT**

Music by **Andrew Lloyd Webber** Lyrics By **Tim Rice**

Directed By **Simone Sherrin**

8 - 17 November
Fri & Sat 8pm Sat & Sun 2pm

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**8TH - 17TH
November**


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DIRECTED BY *Di Gillies*

LOOK WHO'S TALKING



BY DEREK BENFIELD

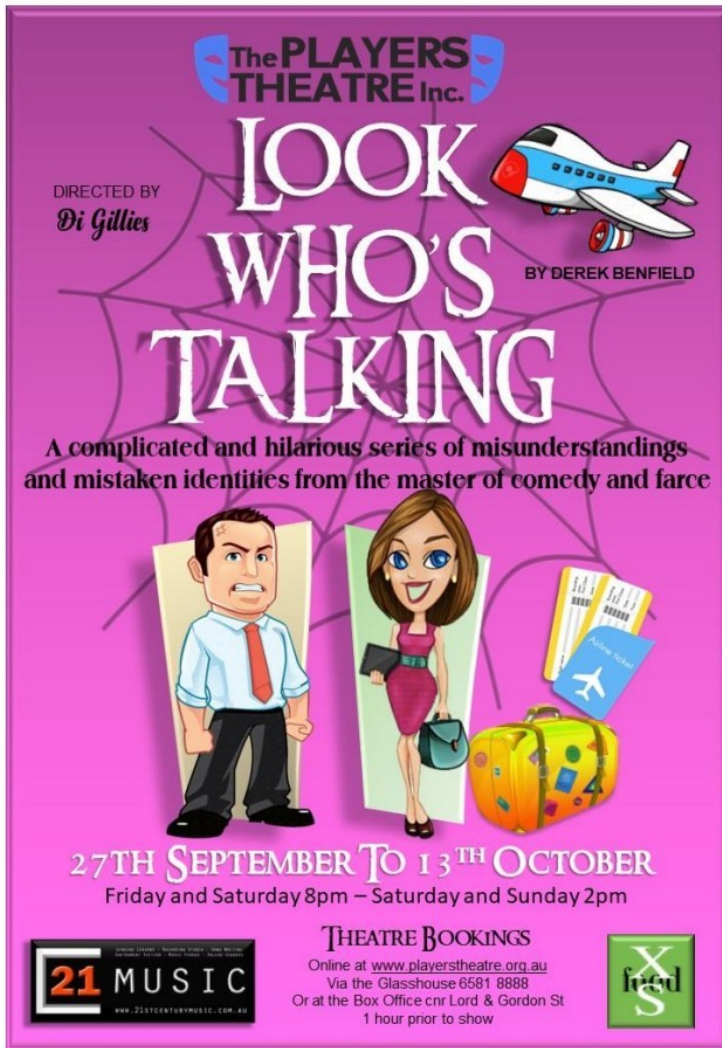
A complicated and hilarious series of misunderstandings and mistaken identities from the master of comedy and farce



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Announcements

**Director
Di Gillies**

Character

Cast

ANDREW : Tony Leddiman

SHEILA : Judy Campbell

BRIAN : Bill Harrow

JANE : Lisa Harris

CAROL : Bethany Cook





Beef in the Vines – Cassegrain Winery

Sunday, 21 July – shifts from 10:00am – 5:00pm

Last summer a few brave volunteers from Players filled a last minute call to *assist with directioning and parking at a Cassegrain event.*

We collected almost \$1000 in donations for our theatre over the course of the day!

This event is expected to have double the attendance (2000+ expected), and we are far more prepared.

We are looking for volunteers to assist so that no one has to work the whole time. If you can sign up for a two (or more) hour shift, we will show you what to do.

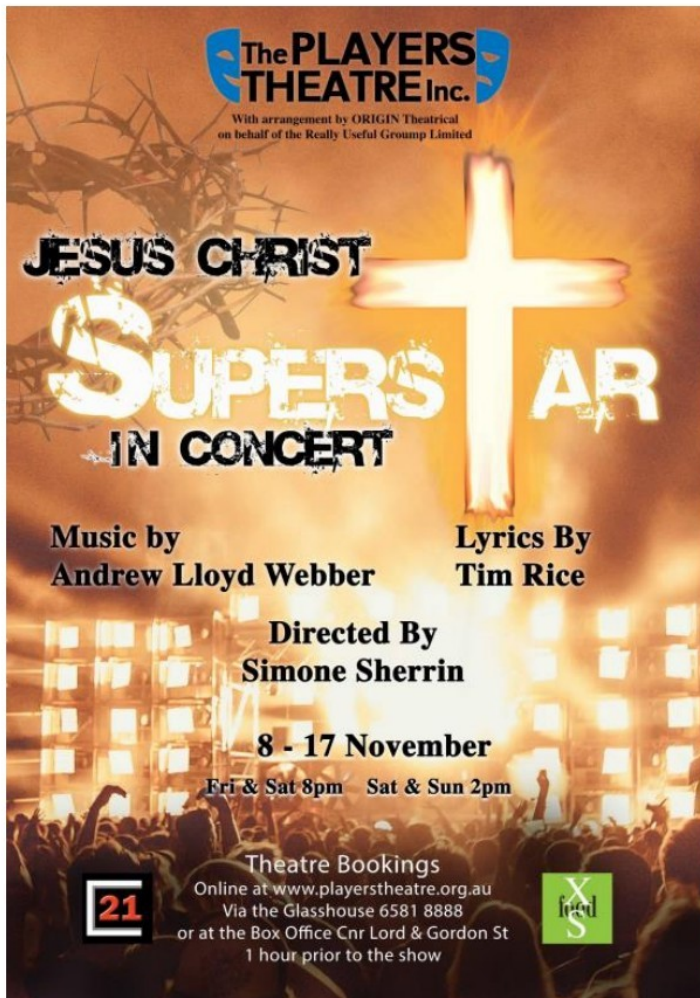
High vis vest and all instructions provided.

This is a great opportunity to let more people know about Players Theatre whilst collecting donations to support our wonderful theatre.

Please contact Lisa at

playerstheatre.memberships@gmail.com

to sign up and state your preferred time(s).



8th - 17th November

**Directed By
Simone Sherrin**

INFORMATION DAY

**Saturday 17th
August at 10am**

AUDITIONS

**Saturday 24th
August at 10am**

At the Players Theatre Corner of Lord and Gordon Street



Coffee Bar

Help Wanted

If you can assist with coffee bar operations during shows then please contact

Amie Frank

0400 340 412

amie@onetochevents.com.au





Over the June long weekend we held our One Act Play Festival. Those members who were involved or attended as audience will attest to the brilliant success of this event.

We had nine plays. Some from as far away as Ipswich in Queensland, and Lithgow south of Sydney.

The Players Theatre hosted over 60 participants.

The food, merchandise, coffee and camaraderie were excellent.

A huge thank you to the Festival committee and all other members who assisted throughout the weekend with Lighting and Sound, Backstage, Bar, Merchandise, food preparation.



We were enthralled by the expertise and skills that our adjudicator Mark Lucas displayed. He boldly stated that our Festival was one of the best in Australia.

As valued members of our Players family we look forward to your support of this event in 2021.

Results and Winners
Can be found on our web page
www.playerstheatre.org.au

Jan Cook
Festival Coordinator

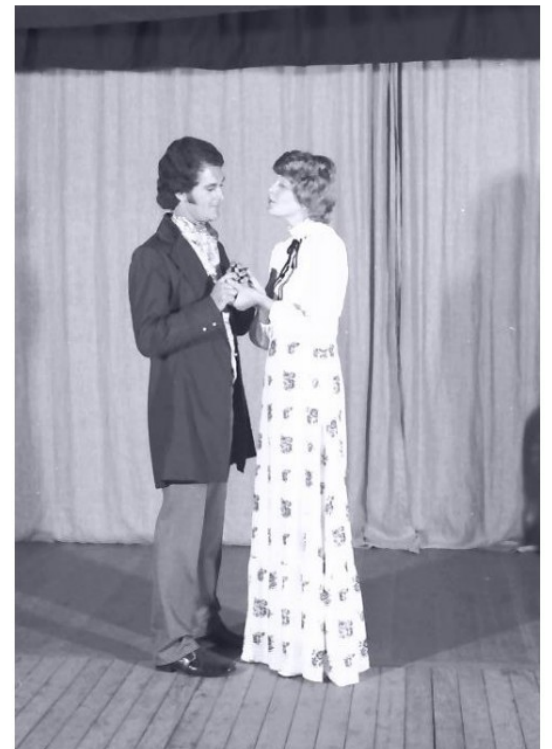




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MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

I joined Players in my first ever musical production at aged 26 playing the role of Fastrada in Pippin. From then on I was hooked. Over the next 27 years I was fortunate to be cast in many productions with highlights being Mrs Johnston in Blood Brothers; Judy Garland in The Boy from Oz; Evy in The Gingerbread Lady; Beggar Woman in Sweeney Todd and recently Carmen Bernstein in Curtains. I have now moved away from Port Macquarie and would like to thank the Players Theatre for allowing me to be a part of its wonderful community. I will miss you!

Lyn Turner



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Portfolios

Building Services, WHS, Security, Maintenance,
Backstage, Set Construction, Properties, Cleaning

Well being, Education, Training, Welfare

Retail, Front of House, Bar & Merchandise

Marketing, Website, OAPF (off year), External
Promotion, Community Connection & Social Media.

Publicity, Newsletters, Posters, Programmes,
Group Newsletter & Show Promotion.

Services, Inventory, Costumes, Sound, Lighting,
Hair and Makeup.

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