

Roleystone Theatre CALLBOY

November 2005

GENERAL MEETING

Our General Meeting on the 18th of October covered some very important information, but sadly, was poorly attended. It was suggested that we include my (Sonja's) report from the night into our next callboy so that all our membership can be made aware of the issues discussed. The meeting did not have a quorum (i.e. 20% of the membership) in attendance so we were unable to vote on any issues. Therefore some items will need to be rescheduled for the AGM next year. Thank you to everyone who came to have a chat and a laugh.



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We are pleased to announce the proposed **Season for 2006**.

March 10th & 11th <u>Teen Workshop</u>. Facilitator Bree Hartley

May 5th – 13th "Teahouse of the August Moon" (play). Director Kim Martin

➤ July 10th – 23rd "Alice in Wonderland" School holiday special.

Director Lys Tickner

Sept 8th – 16th Old Time Music Hall – Directed by Gerry Chapman

Nov 17th – Dec 3rd "Class of 77" (musical) – Directed by Sherrill Wallis &

Maureen Woltersdorf

Season Launch

The theatre is once again hosting a season launch for 2006. The idea is to preview the next year's entertainment and invite along any groups who may be interested in group bookings. The date set for this elegant affair is 5pm on the 27th November 2005. If you know of any groups who may be interested please contact Sherrill Wallis on 0419935178 with their details.

Committee



Please phone through or email your submissions for next month's callboy. These need to be forwarded to me by the 20th or so of each month so there is plenty of time to get the edition completed and to the printer. Any information or photos are welcome and remember the callboy is a great way to let other members know what is going on in the world of theatre *and* 'normal life'. Bree Hartley: 9495 2510 or 0402014666, bree hartley@iprimus.com.au

President's Report

This year has been a busy one, with many **changes** taking place. Our new look kitchen and green room have had a much-needed face-lift & repair as well as work on the change rooms, toilets & makeup area. Two new fridges have been purchased. One for the bar – which is turning an excellent profit this year, & one for the kitchen. Our old kitchen fridge will be going on sale for anyone who needs a good old Aussie drinks fridge!!

Recently we held the ITA State **Drama festival** to much acclaim. The theatre was spiffed up to the nines, & thanks to a group of wonderful volunteers, it performed beautifully throughout the weekend. We now ask that all members strive to keep the theatre in its current clean and organized state. It is up to all of us to keep it this way!!!

The **end of year function** has been set for Sunday 11th of December. It will be a Hawaiian Luau themed evening. Final details are being sorted out at present but we are looking at the event being catered here for a relaxed fun late afternoon/evening. Cost will be \$25 with final details appearing in this callboy.

Safety is a big issue now days with public liability insurance policies putting a lot of small organizations like us out of business. Daniel recently took a fall down the manhole and is ironically our Safety Officer, so it can happen to anyone. Please pay attention to our new safety regulations. They are there to help you not hinder you! We are in the process of purchasing and updating a lot of our equipment to comply with the ever-changing regulations.

While on the subject please remember our new smoking policy set down by the health department. No smoking is permitted outside of any doorway, on the ramp, or on the steps.

Ticket sales for all shows have done well this year, due in part to our new user friendly car park & local promotion, but we have also started a new initiative to encourage group bookings. At the end of each year we hold a **season launch** for the following year. Local groups are invited to attend & register their interest

Membership. Every year the issue of raising membership comes up and we vote on it. Prices have remained the same for a long time now & rising costs are forcing us to look again. Currently membership is \$10 junior, \$20 single and \$35 couple. This is to cover the monthly callboy as well as insurance so you are covered to be on Costs are now surpassing the monies generated by membership. The callboy costs \$19.20 per year, per copy sent. Public Liability currently costs us \$13 per person per year. The committee has discussed raising the memberships by \$5 to cover these expenses. This will be put to a vote later in the meeting. NOTE: Could not be voted upon due to lack of a quorum – on-hold until AGM

Over the past two years the committee has been looking at some ongoing maintenance issues. Some we have solved, while others are still pending. Most involve working in collaboration with our local council. Last year the council fire proofed our stage curtain and soon the pros arch will be fire proofed as well. An ongoing electrical wiring problem requires removing a section of the roof before trades men can even assess the problem. The committee looked at closing the theatre next year so this could happen, however our availability and the councils did not match up so we are now looking at 2006 - 2007. The work is extremely costly, running into the tens of thousands maybe more. Council have now put aside \$50,000 towards the work, but more is needed to do this as well as build a retaining wall at the back. We will be applying to various groups for funding, but they often only donate if you match them dollar for dollar. Our current goal is to raise \$25,000 ourselves & receive the same from a group (i.e. Lotto). Together with the money from council, we then hope to be able to re-wire the theatre, bring the building up to code, as well as build the retaining wall at the back. This has been put off for many years due to the overwhelming costs but unfortunately cannot be put off any longer. We are, despite our current problems, in an enviable position compared to other theatre groups who pay thousands each year in rent, while we pay a nominal \$25 per year for the exclusive use of the

Thank you so much for coming tonight. I hope to see you at "Mother Goose" and our end of year celebration!!

Sonja Reynolds

End of Year Function

To celebrate the general festive season the theatre traditionally finds a way to have a get together for all and sundry.

This year we have settled on a Hawaiian themed evening beginning at 5pm, at the theatre, on Sunday 4th December.

It will be BYO drinks however the food will be to die for with catered spit roast, salads, deserts, tea or coffee and more all for the low, low price of \$25.

All you have to do is dig up something vaguely Hawaiian themed to wear and contact Rachel Wright on 9390 0260 to book your plate!! Please call Rachel by Monday the 28th of November as we need numbers by then for the caterer.

When: 5pm, 4th December 2005

Where: Roleystone Theatre

How much: \$25 adults & \$12.50 children What to wear: Anything Hawaiian-like! Who to call: Rachel 9390 0260 by 28/11/05

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COSTUME AMNESTY

WOULD ANY MEMBER OF WHO HAS COSTUMES BELONGING TO THE THEATRE FROM PAST MONTHS AND YEARS PLEASE PHONE MAUREEN ON 93908386 TO ARRANGE A TIME FOR THEM TO BE RETURNED. THERE WILL BE NO QUESTIONS ASKED BUT I WOULD LIKE THEM RETURNED.

THANKYOU,

MAUREEN (WARDROBE MISTRESS)

Along the same lines.....

The tradition of Roley Awards and the Gold Roley presentation is a wonderful one that helps us remain a tight knit community as well as acknowledge an individual who has gone beyond the call of duty for the theatre in 2005. These awards are presented at the end of year function.

To this end we are looking for ideas for:

1. Nominations for Roley Awards.

These can be nice, funny or embarrassing (tongue in cheek like) things that have occurred throughout the year that deserve to be common knowledge!!

2. Nominations for the Gold Roley.

This very tall trophy is awarded to a special someone who has gone out of their way to make the theatre a better place to be through their hard work and dedication.

Nominations can be sent through to me (Bree 0402014666) or via another committee member (our December meeting is Tues 13th).



Due to a recent event, the committee has passed a new policy that all members need to be made aware of. No item from the theatre may be borrowed or taken from the premises without direct permission from the President. This will hopefully stop any further problems.



Hi everyone,

I have just returned from parts sunny, Tom Price, where I was visiting my sister Liz. Some of you may remember her from such B-grade movies as... just kidding!! Some of you may remember her from shows such as 'The Wizard of OZ' or 'Calamity Jane'. She moved up to Tom Price for love and is loving every minute of it, though she misses her friends at the theatre. The theatre up there packed it in about a month before she moved... how sad to be without a theatre!!

Last month's edition went pretty smoothly for me, only a couple of minor hiccups, and this month's edition is packed full of news. Keep the info flowing in and we can keep it this way[®] Thankyou, **Bree.**

The **Roleystone Chamber Choir** is still looking for new members. The choir is female only at this point and we have a repertoire including choral works, spirituals, modern, Latin and more traditional pieces. The commitment is only a fun two-hour rehearsal once a fortnight Please contact Bree Hartley on 9495 2510.

Finley Awards Night

This prestigious night of nights is set for the 21st January 2006. The venue is to be Penrhos School. Booking details will be in the December callboy or contact Sherrill Wallis for more info (our secretary).

CAR PARK

This is a friendly reminder regarding parking at the theatre during shows. ALL cast and crew are required to park in the long, narrow section along the green room side of theatre. Exceptions are those who need to use the disabled parking spots nearer the entrance doors. Thankyou for your continued cooperation.

TOOL AMNESTY

As well as an amnesty on costumes at the moment, there is also an amnesty on **tools**!! Anyone who has in their possession tools from the theatre, please contact Daniel Ramsell on 0405730029 to arrange their return... no questions asked©

GREEN ROOM

Our refurbished green room does indeed look wonderful & if we all are a little house-proud it will continue to look great for many years to come. Ensuring you wash your own cup, make sure the floor is clean and generally looking after the place will also show you value the time and effort of those who made the transformation possible

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Email: ppet5192@bigpond.net.au Tel: (08) 9390 0099 A letter from an adoring fan...

"Dear President,

I would like to express my appreciation to the members of Roleystone Theatre Inc. for the welcome and assistance we received on Friday 23rd September as part of the first session of the State One Act Festival.

I would particularly like to thank your Wardrobe Mistress Maureen, who was very kind and helpful, as well as the Stage Manager.

Yours Sincerely,

Maureen Barnett, Melville Theatre Company"

MOTHER GOOSE – The Pantomime

Yes it is that time of year when we gear ourselves up for a pantomime. The very idea of a pantomime conjures up images of Christmas, summer and fun!

This year 'Mother Goose' is sure to get you in the festive spirit

The panto runs on Nov 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, 30, Dec 2 and 3. The performances on the 19th, 26th of November and 3rd December start at 7pm whilst all others start at 8pm.



Tickets are sold out for all Saturday shows however tickets are still available for all other nights, particularly the Wednesday performances.

Please ring Bobby and Gerry on 9397 5730 to see if any tickets are left!!



On a sad note...

Roleystone Theatre Life Member **Jack Hart** passed away on Thursday the 3^{rd} of November 2005. We were very lucky to have him attend the VE Celebration Party in August where Jack graced us with his presence and wartime memories. His wife, Mavis Hart, passed away a short couple of months ago.

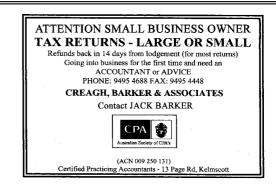
While it is those who remain that are left to mourn, it may be a sweet release for those who leave this world for wherever it is they go.

RIP Jack



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Our very own Lilly-Anne Burns, snapped here at the recent Car boot sale, turns one on the 18th of this month. Congratulations to Sonja and Scott for getting this far!!





Okay, this is a bit of an odd request but if anyone has 2 goats they are willing to lend "Teahouse of the August Moon' come May next year then please contact George Harrison on 94595219 or 0427330447 (or if you know of anyone who does and will!!)





More animals This time at the October Carboot sale!

For the **Theatre Carboot sale**, held on the 23rd of October, we were lucky enough to have the perfect weather. In fact, it may have been a little too fine as quite a few sunburnt shoulders were seen!

The number of sellers was up this time however the number of punters was considerably down and this was disappointing for the sellers as well as the Committee. The Committee runs car boot sales as fundraising and community profile-lifting events. If another is planned please try to come along and/or spread the word far and wide.

There were after all many great bargains to be had!!



Left:
Maureen W, among others, displays her wares for the punters

Right: Barbara takes a break from the hard-sell!



Interviews for the Teen Workshop

We would like to invite teenagers aged 13-18 to contact Bree Hartley regarding being part of the January to March workshop. The workshop will cost \$60 and cover all aspects of theatre including performance, backstage, construction and sound & lighting.

Interview day will be **Saturday the 10th December 2005** at the theatre.

For more information or to book your time please call Bree on 0402014666 or 9495 2510.

The Dramafest Front of House Staff

I have to give a big thankyou to those I neglected to mention in the last callboy who were also part of the front of house team. They were Nicola Oxley and Barbara Davis. Sorry for the slip up!! *Bree Hartley*.

Oops... another slip up in last month's edition was the naming of Fiona Williams as the codirector of 'Nothing on Tonight' when it should have read **Fiona McCuish!!** *My apologies, Bree.*

What's on and Where

Perth Theatre Company: 'Welcome to Dullsville' directed by Alan Becher WORLD PREMIERE
 November 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30
 December 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
 PICA, 51 James St, Northbridge WA
 Tickets: Adult \$32/ Conc \$25
 Bookings: BOCS on 9484 1133

O Darlington Theatre Players: 'Anything Goes' by Cole Porter
Directed by Paul Treasure & Musical Director Paul Presbury

November 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, 30 December 10, 2, 3, 7, 9

Marloo Theatre, Marloo Rd GREENMOUNT WA Tickets: \$16 - \$14 Conc. - \$12 Children Bookings: 9255 1783

Harbour Theatre Inc.: 'Relatively Speaking' by Alan Ayckbourn directed by Celia Andrews November 25, 26, 28, 29, 30 December 2, 3
 Princess May Theatre, cnr Cantonment and Parry Street, Fremantle WA
 Tickets: Full \$15, Conc \$13, Child/student \$8
 Bookings: (08) 9433 6260

Old Mill Theatre: **'The Philadelphia Story'** by Phillip Barry directed by Susan Lynch **November 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26 December 1, 2, 3**Old Mill Theatre, Mends St. South Perth (opp. Windsor Hotel, Mill Point Rd) WA

Tickets: \$15/\$12 Bookings: 9367 8719

O KADS: 'Breaking Legs' by Tom Dulack directed by Noel O'Neill November 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, 30 December 10, 2, 3, 7, 9

Town Square Community Theatre, Barber St,

Kalamunda WA

Tickets: \$13 & \$10 (cons)

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Bree can email your callboy...

If you would like to save the theatre **money** and save a few **trees** you can have your callboy sent to you via your **email** account. Most email inboxes these days are large enough to receive the callboy so that problem has been resolved.

If you are interested please either email me (Bree) or let Sherrill Wallis (our secretary, details on back page) know and we will get you onto the electronic mailing list and off the paper mailing one!



WANTED

Ticket Office Volunteers

If you are available to man (or woman) the ticket office for any of the **Mother Goose** performance nights, see page 5 for dates, then please call Gerry Chapman on 93975730 to sign up for your civic duty ©

ALSO WANTED Kiosk Volunteers

If you are available to assist in the kiosk on any of the Mother Goose performance nights, see page 5 for dates, then please call Daniel Ramsell on 0405730029 or 9495 2510 to put your name down. You will generally be ready to go home by 10pm at the latest (earlier for the 7pm shows).

HERE'S A CRAZY IDEA... Why not volunteer for **both** on the **same** night?!!

SHOW YOU'RE A MEMBER

You may have seen some members wearing black jackets or vests with the *Roleystone Theatre name and logo*. Well, the good news is that you too can own one. All you have to do is contact Sonja Reynolds (President, 0417981729) to place your order. Once we have enough orders to justify the process we can then get a batch done. The jackets last for many years and are very warm and comfortable.

Order yours today!!

The Roleystone Theatre Committee 2005

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2005 -2006 Season

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Teen Workshop (2006) March 10, 11

Teahouse of the August Moon May 5, 6, 10, 12, 13

Alice in Wonderland July 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

Old-Time Music Hall September 8, 9, 13, 15, 16

Class of '77 Nov 17, 18, 22, 24, 25, 29, Dec 1,2

Bookings:- Bobby & Gerry Chapman 9397 5730