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Judy's Jottings

Hi fellow thespians

Quite a lot has been happening since the April *StageWrite* hit the website.



Into The Woods

Rehearsals for *Into the Woods* are going extremely well. I have attended several rehearsals and enjoyed every minute. This will be a fantastic show. Tickets are available at the Box Office at the theatre so get in quickly for the best seats. Don't forget there are meal deals available this year.

Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Our next show has been auditioned and cast. Over 100 auditionees attended and 64 have been cast in Principal, Adult Chorus and Children's Choir roles. There are 28 children. The audition process was very enjoyable and many favourable comments have been received. The first rehearsal was on Sunday 21st May when the directing team, cast and parents enjoyed an aerobic warm-up and vocal rehearsal, followed by social time. The cast list is available on our website ... now we just have to remember which order all those colours come in!

Committee Capers

Behind the scenes the committee is busy, as usual.

Most of the company members don't get to see just how much work goes on with the various sub-committees and the general running of the company. Here's a sample:



- Simon has been very industrious with sponsorship packages.

- Christine is gearing up with publicity for *Into the Woods*.
- Craigen and Ceiri are organising raffle prizes and other details for the Trivia Night on Friday, 2nd June at *The Wings*.
- The Future Shows sub-committee are perusing shows for consideration for the next three years and meeting for discussions.
- With Ann & Max touring around Italy at the moment (lucky pair!) Kate has taken on the extra role of Company Treasurer. Added to her duties as Company Secretary and Production Manager for *Into the Woods*, she is a very busy girl and she still finds time to go to her day job!

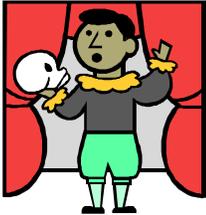
Next time you are at *The Wings* you will notice we have a stack or two of plastic picnic chairs, so you no longer have to sit on the floor. The Company has also purchased two couches for the cloakroom to turn it into a meeting room and our new costume racks have arrived. Thanks to Ceiri (and Kate) for sourcing and purchasing these items.



All of these items are helping to make *The Wings* comfy and welcoming. This is our home and somewhere to be proud of. If you are using the facilities, please help to keep it tidy and clean by washing your own cups, etc. and if you see something that needs some TLC, either deal with it yourself or bring it to the attention of a committee member.

Just a little reminder ... if you have not yet renewed your membership, please attend to this matter soon. If you are a new member and have not filled in a membership application form, please contact me on 5174 9551 or 0414 899 358 and I will arrange it for you. Thanks.

Other Happenings



Several of our members are taking part in this weekend's Gippsland Theatre Festival. Come along and watch or join in one of the workshops. This was a great weekend last year and promises to be even better this time. Tickets are available at the Box Office for shows and workshops.

That's all from me ... Ceiri will be back next month.

Judy

(Vice President)

Upcoming Events

- **Trivia Night** – June 2 at *The Wings*. \$5 entry, book your table with Craigen Whitehead on 51748195
- **Into The Woods** – July 21 – August 5 in the 'Little Theatre'. Tickets at the Box Office

Aron in Theatreland

With a little extra space left over this issue, I figured I'd add a new column to the newsletter, just to give a few reviews of what local theatrical productions I've seen this month.

Of course the biggest thing anywhere lately has been the **Gippsland Theatre Festival**. With workshops, performances and lots of other bits and pieces, the second Festival ever has been a great deal of fun, especially for this little participant. The climax, of course, would be the shows on both Friday and Saturday nights, emceed by Barry Whitehead and featuring a wide variety of performers from the Gippsland area. Highlights of the two evenings included our very own Merryn Degnan singing *Just One Step* and Ben Jenner with *Giants In The Sky* (giving us a taste of what delights are to come with *Into The Woods*), though I must say I was especially taken with **MOaRTZ's** *Not My Cup Of Tea* and **Twilight Theatre Factory's** *Double Tap*, two excellent one-act plays that had me riveted the whole time. Of course, I couldn't comment on the nights without mentioning the technical difficulties on Saturday night, expertly handled by Barry and the production team making what could have been catastrophic into one of the most hilarious moments of the night. Big applause all round.

I also had the opportunity this month to take a look at **Maffra Dramatic Society's** production of *Annie* over in Sale. While I'm not usually found to be engaged by musicals about singing orphans, **MDS** managed to overthrow my reservations with an excellent production. Bridey Harris as Annie gave a mature performance that belied her years, yet still captured a real sense of innocence and wonder at what she saw around her. When she calls out "Leapin' Lizards!", the audience believes it! The rest of the principal cast were also excellent – Adrian Cooper and Vicki Lanigan as Daddy Warbucks and Grace Farrell respectively getting me wishing that I could be adopted into the Warbucks household! Everyone on stage looked like they were having a ball, from the chorus to the orchestra – even director Robert Woodhouse in a surprise cameo! If you want to see it, get in quick, there's just one weekend left. Their website is at <http://www.maffradramatics.com/>

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