



# StageWrite

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LATROBE THEATRE COMPANY INC.

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## Ceiri's Capers

Hello to all our readers out there who have had a long affair with the wonderful world of live theatre and welcome to those who have recently joined the ranks of the converted.

At this stage of the year everything in life seems to be focused on achieving some goal or other whether it's in the workplace, studies or recreation.

Talking about recreation, there is certainly a hive of activity going on during *The Wizard of Oz* rehearsals with the knowledge that there's less than eight weeks until opening night!

Finally, remember to spread the word how fantastic this show is and any help behind the scenes would gratefully received and rewarding as well.

*Ceiri*

(President)

## November 2007 Show



LTC presents *Our Best Bits* at the LPAC, Little Theatre, Traralgon.

*Our Best Bits* will be a collection of the better known songs from our past shows, decided by the successful directing team.

Applications for Production Team will be sent out soon with the deadline being Monday 21st May.

## *The Wizard of Oz*

### Tickets:

These are on sale now. Cast and general membership have received advanced booking forms and you can purchase tickets through us until the 4th May. We have a "thermometer" chart on the wall at *The Wings* showing how many tickets have been sold.

### Publicity:

The first 3GG radio coverage will coincide with our next WIN TV campaign on the 20th May and the second week will cover our opening week.

Editorials will appear in the E section of the Express. The show also received coverage in "Centre Page" the newsletter of the WGAC.

### Program:

Wayne Musgrove has kindly agreed to put together our program ready for print through LV Printers. He is also working on the logo for our polo tops and Sue Thompson has handed out order forms. All order forms and monies to be handed over to Sue.

### Costumes and Set Construction:

Sets are magnificent and are at the stage where there is no room left at the Hut. Currently undercoating the sets then moving them to the Skickos' shed to make room at the Hut.

Our set designer, John Hall, is snowed under working 4 days a week with a small group assisting.

You don't need a degree in construction, just willing hands to lighten the load. A big thank you to those who have contributed so far.

If you can help even for an hour or so please contact John Hall.

Costume fabric has been purchased and a small band of people assisted in cutting out during our last Sunday rehearsal. As with construction we need a larger

contingent to help with the sewing of costumes. There must be someone out there who would love to see their handy work on stage and hear all the accolades that go with it. Please contact Christine Skicko or Kate Dougan if you can assist.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

**So, in regards to construction and costumes, could we please have more people volunteering to help John, Christine and Kate.**

#### **Rehearsals:**

Things are moving along nicely with two major song and dance sections run through from beginning to end. Also had a delightful cast member visit us at our last Sunday rehearsal – none but the successful auditionee for Toto, whose real name is Doty. She is sooo cute and tucks nicely under Dorothy's arm.

### **LTC Performing Group**

LTC is interested in setting up a group that will meet on a regular basis under the guidance of a Musical Coordinator.

Purpose:

- Develop and enhance vocal skills
- Provide a comprehensive musical repertoire
- Perform at various functions within the community

Their responsibilities will be:

- Liaise with the LTC Committee
- Gather and train ensemble
- Develop a program
- Coordinate the performances
- Teach music and establish a repertoire

It is important to note that some of the above responsibilities can be delegated to others.

Anyone interested in the above position please contact Ceri Byers. Applicants will then be invited to attend the next committee meeting to informally discuss their ideas and plans.

### **The Wings**

We have received our piano trolley from Cattanachs which has addressed the safety issue of trying to manually move it from one room to another. Thank you Cattanachs.

## **RECIPES**

Both these recipes are very simple and very delicious. People think you have gone to a great deal of trouble and you're certainly not going to tell them otherwise, are you.

### **SWISS CHICKEN**

- 4 whole chicken breasts
- Flour
- Salt and pepper
- 90gm (3oz) butter
- 1 clove garlic
- ¾ cup dry white wine
- 1 teaspoon French mustard
- ½ cup cream 3 shallots
- 8 slices ham
- 8 slices Swiss cheese

Divide chicken breasts into 8 individual pieces. Dust lightly with flour seasoned with salt and pepper

Heat butter in frying pan, add crushed garlic and chicken; sauté gently until chicken golden brown.

Add wine, bring to boil, reduce heat. Simmer covered 20 minutes or until chicken tender; remove chicken from pan. Put a slice of ham on each piece of chicken, then top with slice of cheese. Place on heatproof serving dish. Cook in moderate oven, uncovered, for 10 minutes or until cheese melted. While chicken is in the oven, bring liquid in pan to the boil, boil uncovered until approximately ½ cup liquid remains in the pan. Reduce heat, add cream, chopped shallots and mustard; stir until combined. Season with salt and pepper. Pour sauce over the chicken to serve.

Serves: 4

### **STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE**

- 60gm (2oz) butter
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- ¾ cup plain flour
- 1 punnet strawberries
- ½ cup plum or strawberry jam
- 2 teaspoons water

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, add egg yolks, beat well. Work in sifted flour until well combined, knead dough on lightly floured board. Press dough into lightly greased 20cm (8in) sandwich tin,

bake in moderate oven 15 – 20 minutes. Remove from tin, allow to cool slightly.

Reserve a few strawberries for decoration. Hull remaining strawberries, cut in halves, arrange over warm shortcake.

Combine jam and water, stir over low heat until boiling., push through sieve. Cool slightly, then brush generously over strawberries and shortcake. Refrigerate until set. Decorate with whipped cream and reserved strawberries; brush some of the jam glaze over strawberries to complete the effect.

### WANTED

Display cabinets to house our memorabilia over the last 44 years  
Small bar fridge for First Aid ice packs

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to everyone who celebrated a birthday during April!

Anne Doherty	Andrew Hood
Romy Eerhard	Wendy Hall
Judy Gray	Pam Remington-Lane
Sandy Jessup	Rachel Smith

### We Haven't Really Met Properly, Have We?

**She's rarely on stage (if ever), but Kate Dougan is one of the lynchpins of LTC. She's our fantastic secretary, Ozian Production Manager extraordinaire, a descendant of one of the founding members of LTC, and a damn fine person to boot. It's about time we caught up with Kate to see what makes her tick...**

Name: Kate Dougan

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**Nickname(s):** Kate, Cookie, Catherine (when Mum is really serious - I hear Catherine and I think oh oh!)

**Age:** Old enough to know better!

**Currently Appearing As:** Company Secretary, *Wizard of Oz* Production Manager, *Wizard of Oz* Costume Sweatshop Slavedriver

**First Appeared As:** A 'Pin lady' backstage at *Iolanthe* in 1986

**Favourite role/show thus far:** Production Manager of *Into the Woods*, soon to be superseded by Production Manager of *Wizard of Oz*.

**If you could do any show, what would it be and what role?:** Show - *Fiddler on the Roof*. Role - I didn't inherit my dad's ability to sing so I think the audiences (and the Treasurer) would remain happy that I stay backstage!!!! Anyway you would miss my special five-minute-to-curtain calls

**Who would win in a fight - Astronauts or Cavemen?** Cavemen - astronauts would spend too much time waiting for Ground Control to consult the computers for the All Systems Go command.

**What was the last book you read?** *Executive Powers* by Tom Clancy

**What was your greatest life experience?** Becoming mum to Pete

**What was the worst date you've ever been on?** To borrow from our American cousins I will plead the fifth on this one - only to protect the identity of the guilty...

**Have you ever seen a ghost?** Yep and no that wasn't after a Tuesday night champagne session with Christine!!!!

**Do you follow a soap opera?** Dr McDreamy's *Grey's Anatomy*

**Who, or what, has been your greatest inspiration?** My dad - a man who saw the good in all and lived by the creed that your life is enriched by good deeds.

**Do you like your own name?** I do now - it has grown on me

**If you had three wishes, what would they be?** Right now? For *Wizard of Oz* to be a sell out; but seriously Just one - for us all to experience peace and contentment in our lives and the ability to be happy with what we really have - yeah just give me the sash and crown now thanx!!!

**Ladies and Gentlemen, let me present to you Kate Dougan, Miss Oz 2007!**

**Thanks Kate, you're a champ. Stay tuned next issue when I interview another unsuspecting member of the LTC public. Same time same channel!**