

TOWNSVILLE LITTLE THEATRE

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President's Report...

In the month of romance - love is in the air... the love of theatre!

To find out what we'll be adoring in 2012 – come along to the Townsville Little Theatre **2012 Season Launch** (next month), where our year's theme will be revealed (and you'll also get a special preview of **Flying Feathers** our first production for the year). Come along to the Launch to join with other members in wishing our Season well and to ensure we kick off the year in high spirits...

Our first **TLT Club Night** is planned for this month and its is a playreading – no preparation necessary, just turn up and enjoy reading a play aloud and meeting other members. Next month TLT's Club Night will get more hands on (but Christine will let us know more about that next month!).

As you will be aware we are progressing along with the proposed **New Venue** (at Cootharinga Park). We are learning lots about planning permission, survey plans and professional fees! This is the ground work, and the first baby steps to owning our own venue, but the hard work needs to start now with fundraising if we ever hope to achieve our goal.

There are simple ways you can assist with **fundraising** Call Iain and sell a box of chocolates at your work or play; support our next Sausage Sizzle @ Officeworks by feeding the family lunch; support our shows by being an audience member and bringing along one new person to see the show... these actions will go a long way to helping us put away the pennies to build our home. And if you have other ideas for how we can fundraise (and have the time to assist – even better!) please call either myself or Iain – we'd love to hear your ideas!

Looking forward to catching up with you at the TLT Club Night and the Launch!
Cheers,
Jacinta

Next Committee Meeting

Saturday, 3 March, 2pm at Castle Hill PCYC.
All welcome to attend.



When Chief Constable Henry Potterton and his sister arrive at the peaceful country house of their late brother, Bernard, they are astonished to find several scantily-clad young ladies unaware that the housekeeper Nora Winthrop has turned the place into a "house of sin". As Nora is fearful of the questions he will ask, she tries to hide the truth from him. This leads to many hilarious comings and goings involving a vicar, a window cleaner, a solicitor on horseback – not to mention the extremely pretty girls. When Bernard turns up from the Orkneys (or from Heaven) the household is thrown into further confusion and chaos leading to an unexpected climax.

Flying Feathers – update

Thank you to everyone who attended the auditions of Flying Feathers (held Saturday, 21 January 2012).

The cast comprises:

Barbara Neilson	as	Sarah
Alan Cooke	as	Henry
Christine Scott	as	Nora
David Brooke-Taylor	as	Roger
Alex Hons	as	Tunnicliffe
Teri Thorne	as	Polly
Tamara Rooker	as	Debbie
Kat Thomas	as	Sally
Krystal Knafel	as	Jackie

INTERVIEW WITH PAMELA GARRICK

By
Jennine Padgett

1. Please write a few words of introduction

Originally a dancer with Theaterama Ballet Company I worked in the chorus for J.C. Williamson & Harry Miller in shows touring Australia and New Zealand. After some elocution classes to get rid of my 'aussie accent' I was able to gain small parts with ABC, Crawford Productions and then No.96 as Patty, Arnold Feathers wife who was then strangled by the 'pantyhose murderer'. I think I resurrect fairly well. Once my family came along I semi-retired to Amateur Theatre writing, directing, acting and choreographing. Unfortunately Australian actors don't get paid enough to hire nannies and housekeepers etc., I moved to Townsville one year ago to join my children and have been busy with TLT ever since.

2. What do you love about theatre?

I love seeing the end product enjoyed by the audience after months of hard work to pull it all together

3. Do you have a special memory, a moment in theatre that stands out to you? It is difficult to choose just one, I know!

Too many to mention although I did enjoy presenting Benny Hill with his Logie, I was so star struck and he was such a shy unassuming man I was tongue tied. Yes I know those who know me well won't believe that but its true.

4. Please tell us a little about your next production.

It is a farce set in a country house which the Housekeeper has turned into a "house of sin" unbeknown to the owner. The fun is all in the hiding of the truth from unexpected visitors.

5. How are you involved in this play?

This is a wonderful play I have acted in previously and found enjoyable for both cast and audience alike, so am enjoying directing it for TLT

6. Would you like to add anything special about the play?

We are blessed with our cast for this play as they are all enjoying developing their characters and rehearsals are a hoot.

7. Why should lots of people come to see this show?

It is rollicking fun and you'll split your sides laughing

"THOUGHT FOR THE DAY"

**SPEND MORE TIME WITH HAPPY PEOPLE
.. AND YOU'LL FIND HAPPINESS IS
CATCHING !!**

SOCIAL EVENT OPTIONS:

TLT Club Night

Playreading

Thursday, 16 February 2012, 7pm at Castle Hill PCYC

What will we be reading? Come along and find out!

For those who have not attended a playreading before, it's simple – a play is chosen, each person who attends will read a part or parts of the play until it is all read. The idea is to read aloud a play to see if it good, and if it could potentially fit TLT's program in the future. **TLT Club Night**

This is a great opportunity for people who aren't currently in a play, or who haven't trodden the boards before (you won't have to learn the lines – just read them!), or for Director's looking for a good play! So come along and share a couple of hours with fellow thespians reading a great play!

Next TLT Club Night for your diary:

Thursday, 15 March 2012, 7pm at Castle Hill PCYC.

Townsville Little Theatre

2012 Season Launch

Saturday, 10 March 2012, 6.30pm for a 7pm start, Castle Hill PCYC

Come along and find out all the shows TLT will be presenting in 2012 (and get a special preview of Flying Feathers – our first production for the year!)

Refreshments will be available throughout the night, so for catering purposes please **RSVP to Iain McDougall on 4778 4335 by Friday 24 February** if you are attending.

Take the TLT 2012 Season Launch "bring a friend challenge" – we are asking every member to bring along a friend who has never (or very rarely) attended a TLT show to the launch!

Ma Baker's Tonic Theatre Restaurant

By Mary McMahon

Directed by Sonia Zabala

Dates: 16 & 17; 23 & 24; 30 & 31 March 2012

TLT Theatre Party Suggested date: Saturday 24 March. Advise Alex by 23 February.

Time: Doors open 6.30pm, Meal served 7.00pm, Show starts 8.00pm

Venue: Townsville PCYC, Wellington Street, Aitkenvale

Cost: \$40.00 include two course meal

TICKETS ON SALE FROM 20 FEBRUARY 2012: Phone 0457 284 800 for ticket sales

Come dressed in the 1920's theme - prize for best dressed

Townsville City Council Arts Awards

The Townsville City Council 2012 Arts Awards nominations closed on 3 February 2012.

TLT has nominated the following for these prestigious awards:

- **The Woman in Black** (Production of the Year – because we loved it, and hope you did too!);
- **Tom Hall** (Technical – because we believe in, and encourage our youth, and want to acknowledge outstanding contributions to our theatre craft); and
- **Iain McDougall** (Limelight – because he works hard for TLT and we really do appreciate it!).

We hope our nominees do well, and hope that you can support them when the Awards are held later this year...

“MEET SOME OF YOUR COMMITTEE”



Iain McDougall –
Treasurer and all round
Fixer upper....

Joined TLT in Nov 1998 to take the role of an inebriated magician in their music hall production **The Furtive Fortunes of Fickle Fate**. Volunteered for the position of Treasurer in late 2001, I think. Since then I have had a huge amount of fun with TLT in various acting roles, more recently, directing and producing. As Treasurer I have managed to stabilise the company's finances and get grants for lighting and sound equipment, our trailer, a digital piano and b&w and colour photocopiers. Passionate about the future of TLT, I would like to see more of the members become actively involved in making TLT the greatest Amateur Theatre Group in North Queensland if not Queensland and not leave it all to the Committee Members.



Pat Angus -
Assistant Treasurer

As well as being involved with theatre in the UK from the age of 15yrs as well as in Adelaide and Perth and of course Townsville TLT and Choral Society, I have done volunteer work in Chiang Mai at the Elephant Nature Park and in Sarawak Borneo at the Matang Nature Reserve working with Orangutans and Sun Bears. I have also travelled to South Africa to visit Kruger National Park where I saw many of Africa's native animals in the wild.



Eric Blyth -
Vice President

Wrote, directed and acted in Panto in Coventry England And also with Gilbert and Sullivan.

In Townsville has performed With Tropic Sun, Choral Society and TLT. Fond of Terry Pratchett plays and

Introduced Discworld to Karen Vane , TLT and Townsville stage. Almost since joining have been Vice President and chair of Artistic Group. I have assisted Alan Cooke and Pam Lythgo in directing but have no further immediate ambition in that area. Maybe another day. Especially enjoyed performing in The Woman in Black in 2011.



**JENNINE
PADGETT -**
Secretary

Hi, I'm Jen. This is my third Year as Secretary for TLT.

I have two adult children, a son Brian, and a daughter, Jane Lee, whom you have seen on stage in Woman in Black, Dinkum Assorted and Big Hair in America. My job is in Reception at Townsville Orthodontic Specialists, but theatre is my passion and I've been performing on stage for TLT since "Hervey" and various other groups since 1994.



**ANNE
COOMBE -**
Artistic Committee

I have been involved in theatre since 1968 when I joined Gold Coast Little Theatre. I remain a Life Member of GCLT.

My involvement with TLT started in 2005. Since then I have acted and directed and been a member of the Committee. I chose involvement with the Artistic Committee because it includes reading plays, recommending them (or not), putting together the annual performance schedule and generally assisting all directors to find their casts and sometimes their crew. We meet reasonably regularly and the new play reading and workshop sessions every month should be lots of fun. We can always welcome more members to read plays and give of their own expertise.



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(trailer funding)



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portable lighting equipment, colour photocopier)*



Townsville City Council
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