

TOWNSVILLE LITTLE THEATRE

PASSIONATE CREATIVE WELCOMING

Newsletter

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President's Report...

Well what a wonderful show!

Congratulations to all involved in **An Inspector Calls!** Wasn't it a wonderful way to end the year? Thank you to the many members who were able to support this show – it was wonderful to see you either in the audience in working front of house.

Congratulations to Director **Barbara Nielsen** – I am sure you are very proud, and rightly so! Many thanks also to **Pam Lythgo** as Assisting Director, for your invaluable contribution and experience. Congratulations and well done to the cast: **Lex Baker, Joanne Coleman, Anne Coombe, David Cottam, Jeff Jimmieson, John McLean** and **Susan Sandner**. It was lovely to see such a wonderful mix of experience and talented new-comers - we hope you relished your first time on stage and that you will continue to be involved in Townsville Little Theatre's activities (on and off the stage!). Well done to you all – it was a lovely performance, with all characters very well defined. Congrats!

Thank you to **Christine Scott** as Stage Manager and **Pamela Garrick** as Producer, for providing Barbara with assistance and support. Thank you to **Tom Hall** and **Ben O'Neill** for all your technical expertise in both lighting and sound; and to **Iain McDougall** for the sound design. Many thanks to **Helen West**, again, for producing such a memorable set – and the many people that assisted in both realisation and construction (**Lex Baker, Reid Palmer, Marc Weston, David Brooke-Taylor, Jeanette Thompson** and **Eric Blyth**) and co-designer, **Iain McDougall**. Thank you to **Iain McDougall** and **Pamela Garrick** for the many aspects associated with publicity – the poster was a real eye-catcher Iain!

An Inspector Calls wraps up our 2011 Season of Twists and Turns – I hope you have enjoyed all the different plays presented throughout the year and that you are looking forward to 2012 and another exciting year with Townsville Little Theatre.

The Artistic Subcommittee will be meeting shortly to plan for 2012. If you have any comments, suggestions or feedback you would like us to consider in planning next years program, please contact Eric Blyth on 0412 639 015. We'd love to hear your thoughts.

Next month is the **Annual General Meeting**. I hope you can attend - to make sure we reach our required quorum, ensure a smooth transition from this year's committee to next year's committee, and share in our reflection and celebration of our achievements of this year. Please also consider what role you can actively play in keeping Townsville Little Theatre vibrant and successful!

And don't forget our wonderful Christmas Party – time to let our hair down, catch-up and enjoy each other's company – looking forward to seeing you there!

Twistedly yours,
Jacinta

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice of Townsville Little Theatre Group Inc
Annual General Meeting

To be held on Saturday 10th December 2011, 2pm
at Castle Hill PCYC

Current proposed Agenda

Welcome and receipt of apologies and proxies

Minutes of 2010 AGM

Management & Subcommittee Reports

Finance & Auditors Report

Election of 2012 Management Committee

Appointment of Auditor for 2012

General Business

At the Annual General Meeting the entire current committee will step down, and a new committee will be elected from the nominations (or where there is no nomination, from the floor).

Nominations for the 2012 Management Committee close Friday, 25 November, 2011.

Membership due Now!

Townsville Little Theatre membership is due annually on the 1 November. Remember you need to be a member to vote at the AGM..

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8 th Nov	-	Lee Anderson
14 th Nov	-	Kylie Breckenridge
11 th Dec	-	Alex Hons
17 th Dec	-	Jacinta Ryan

SOCIAL EVENT OPTIONS:

TLT CHRISTMAS PARTY:

We all had such a great time at last year's TLT Christmas Party.

So by popular demand we are going back to the Centenary Hotel for another great evening of fun, food, wine, dance and song (hopefully in that order).

Date: Saturday, 10th December 2011 @ 6pm

Where: Centenary Hotel. 35 French Street, Pimlico.

Cost: \$40 per person includes buffet meal, music and dancing.

We have our own private function room and bar upstairs.

RSVP: Alex Hons by Wed 23rd November via 0408 634 651 (m) or alex.hons@jcu.edu.au

Please encourage your TLT friends to come along. Children are also welcome.

Payment: Please pay the full cost at the door when you arrive.

Any special dietary requirements? Please contact the Centenary directly on: 4779 2575

Special note: Please contact Alex via text or email specifically. TLT is required to pay a specific deposit per head for this evening and so we ask that we have a clear record of your wish to attend this function.

Townsville Choral Society Theatre Restaurant

Where: Choral Society Hall

When: Friday and Saturday evenings, **STILL HAS PERFORMANCES**, 11th & 12th Nov - 7pm and Sunday twilight 13th Nov at 5.30pm

Cost: \$45.00 (Dinner and show)

Bookings: phone Julie 4773 3931, or 0409 267 379 or email: jjdell@westnet.com.au

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

Winners of Inspector Calls Raffles:- are

Wed - Margaret Coope

Thurs - Sharyn Kelly

Fri - Judy MacDonald

Sat Matinee - Alan Cooke

Sat Evening - Teri Thorne

SUGGESTIONS & NEWS TIDBITS

Should you have any ideas or suggestions, **maybe the birth of a new little member, an engagement or marriage, anyone not well that we could send best wishes to**, or if you'd like to contribute to your newsletter in any way, please contact our newsletter editor & producer, Pamela pamelagaerlan@bigpond.com

PREPARING TO BUILD THE SET



FINDING THE PROPS



TECH REHEARSAL.....



THE REAL THING ..



INTERVIEW WITH TAMARA ROOKER

By Jennine Padgett

This year I was thrilled to interview Tamara Rooker who starred in TLT's "Chilling & Killing My Annabel Lee" and who, at the time of the interview, was about to tread the boards again as the only female cast member in "Kiss of Death". Our Newsletter was a little delayed at the time and we missed our opportunity to print this article, so it's my great pleasure to share it with you now.....

I asked Tamara how long she had been involved in theatre. *I have enjoyed drama, the theatre and performing since my primary school years and have been a part of various performances with school musicals and the Festival of One Act Plays.*

I have been a part of Townsville Little Theatre since 2009; being involved in the production of Forget Me Knot, directed by Alan Cooke. Since then I have had various roles in further TLT productions such as Dinkum Assorted, Competitive Tenderness, and Chilling and Killing Annabel Lee.

I have also tried my hand in the technical side of theatre, manning the sound board on several occasions.

What aspect of theatre drives or inspires you? *I love the adrenaline rush you feel waiting in the wings to go onstage. You have one chance to wow the audience (and get it right!). From the first script read-through, to the final performance, it is amazing to see how people and a production can grow. We question ourselves at times (usually bump-in weekend!) "why do we put ourselves through this stress?!" but once that last curtain goes down, you just want more, and wish you could do it all over again.*

I don't strive off praise from others; it is just a wonderful added bonus. I strive for the creativity and passion you feel from developing a character and giving it your best!

Do you have a special memory, a moment in theatre that stands out to you? *I find each performance has its little challenges. A great challenge was working with Rita the goat in Dinkum Assorted. We had our differences at the start (like chewing on the plastic grass which formed part of our set!), but in true theatre style by the final performance she was responding to our lines and sound queues, as well as joining us onstage for her final bow (drama queen!).*

Please tell us a little about your next production. *Kiss of Death is a cleverly written play in which a young actress (Zoe Lang) assists in the investigation of the notorious serial killer 'The Surgeon'. Zoe's character within the play calls for her to assume the role of a young impressionable, helpless, drug-addict (Natasha Champion) who is the perfect 'bait' to lure The Surgeon.*

Playing the role of Zoe, and developing both Zoe and Natasha as two extremely different characters has been challenging, and is definitely new territory for me. The way in which all of the characters develop throughout the play creates tension and suspicion. The script challenges the actors to be intensive in their delivery; as the characters reveal their darkest secrets, often stretching at the seams of their sanity. I have enjoyed the experience, particularly the opportunity of working again with Alan Cooke.

The play challenges the classic defence of 'artistic licence' through the use of an intricate set and staging. The backstage crew are up for the challenge as the performance comes complete with a moveable wall and functional sliding door; whilst the cast are juggling a video camera with a live projected feed.

The story-line catered to the twist-seeking audience, leaving them guessing until the final showdown.

FUNDRAISING for our new Premises..... CADBURY CHOCOLATES

'All items just \$1.00'



Boxes of 50 to sell at work or amongst friends. Great stocking fillers for Xmas. Contact Iain McDougall on 4778 4335 to help.

Your support is appreciated and we look forward to seeing you at one of our productions in 2012.



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(trailer funding)



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(photocopier, dual CD player & digital piano funding, portable lighting equipment, colour photocopier)



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