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Newsletter

October 2011

P.O. Box 21, Castletown 4812

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President's Report...

Hello!

Well it seems some time since I prepared a report for the newsletter (many thanks to Eric Blyth for his "Capable Hands" reports – which I enjoyed reading while I was away – capable hands indeed!) and I know that it has been a little while since a TLT newsletter has been circulated. In that regard, we welcome **Pamela Garrick** as our new newsletter editor – welcome aboard Pamela! Thank you for taking on the vital role in our organisation!

I am sure many of you are aware that our postponed season of **Kiss of Death** has only just finished. Thank you to all members who were able to support this season – as you are aware our numbers were significantly down for this production. Which is a real shame, as many hours of hard work went into learning lines, building sets, finding props, etc... Perhaps it was the change in dates that threw everyone's diary's into a spin?

For those of us fortunate enough to enjoy the culmination of many months of hard work, we congratulate everyone involved in **Kiss of Death** – Director **Alan Cooke**; actors: **Tamarah Rooker, Glenn Shield, Marc Weston** and **Mark Hammond** – who had us on the edge of our seats & guessing till the end!

Thank you to the set builders: particularly **Helen West** who went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the wow factor with the set (designed by **Glenn Shield**); and thank you also to **Ian Thomson, David Brooke-Taylor, Alex Hons & Andy Carter** (for assisting with the set). Thank you to everyone who worked backstage and on the technical elements – **Kylie Breckenridge, Ameer Porter, Courtney Bathe, Alex Hons, Andy Carter, Jennine Padgett, Christine Scott, Pamela Garrick, Reynold Lookamp, Jordan Wilson, Sarah Rowe & Lee Anderson**. Thanks to **Barbara Nielsen** for organising front of house; and to **Pamela Garrick & Iain McDougall** for attending to publicity. Everyone's hard work really did pay off – the play was really good & lots of fun (if you like being thrilled out of your seats!). Congratulations to you all!

We've also recently held a number of sausage sizzles at OfficeWorks. We have found them to be quite successful in raising a little cash, but perhaps more importantly – getting our name out there in the public arena. Thank you to everyone who donated their time to cook, serve and promote at these sizzles – and to those who came along and purchased goods! We will be endeavouring to hold a few more in 1012 – so please assist with these where you can. Thank you to Iain McDougall for taking on the huge (but rewarding) task of organising these opportunities (booking the venue, organising rosters, etc..).

And now it is a really short time until our final production for 2011 – **An Inspector Calls**. This will be our final show for the year, as our Summer Season of Short Plays planned for November will not proceed, as we could not find any Directors able to direct at this time. Help us make **An Inspector Calls**, our final production in our 2011 twists & turns season, a wonderful success!

Twistedly yours, Jacinta

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9 th August	-	Anna Wallace
10 th August	-	Drew Alexion
20 th August	-	Patricia Angus
25 th August	-	David Brooke-Taylor
28 th August	-	Daniel Mulhall
28 th August	-	Donna Ahlers
3 rd September	-	Krystal Knafl
8 th September	-	Lyn Tarring
16 th September	-	Evelyn Smith
16 th September	-	Donna-Marie Audas
18 th September	-	Pamela Garrick
19 th September	-	Jonathon Brown
25 th September	-	Angela McLachlan
27 th September	-	Ben Roberts
5 th October	-	Ray Dickson
11 th October	-	Anne Coombe
11 th October	-	Tom Hall
12 th October	-	Jo Brasher
20 th October	-	Teri Thorne
20 th October	-	Iain McDougall
21 st October	-	Meg Davis
21 st October	-	Bill Wallace

NEW MEMBERS

JOHN MCLEAN
JEFF JIMMIESON
SUSAN SANDNER
DAVID COTTAM
JORDAN WILSON
SARAH ROWE

WELCOME TO OUR HAPPY GROUP

BUSY BEE

Castletown PCYC – our shed
Saturday 19th November
9.30am til finish
Please come along and help

SOCIAL EVENT OPTIONS:

BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS

Oct 12 to 14 (8pm) & 15th (2pm & 8pm)

Recommended for Mature Audiences

Townsville Civic Theatre

Cost \$40/\$35; full time tertiary student \$35;
school student \$30; group 10+ \$35ea

TLT CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Saturday 10th December 2011, 6pm shortly
after the AGM

Centenary Hotel, 35 French Street, Pimlico
(Upstairs Room)

RSVP to Alex Hons: 0408 634 651 –

alex.hons@jcu.edu.au

Special dietary requirements? Contact
Centenary directly on 4779 2575

BARRIER REEF ORCHESTRA (BRO)

BRO GOES TO THE MOVIES

October 15th 7.30 pm

www.nqorchestra.com.au

presented by North Queensland Ensembles.

Contact Alex Hons; 0408 634 651 ..

alex.hons@jcu.edu.au

FRIENDS OF THE THEATRE – TOWNSVILLE INC.

VARIETY CONCERT

“Sunday Arvo at PIMPAC”

Sunday 16th October – 2pm to 4.15pm

ADMISSION – General \$8, Concession \$6,

FOTT Members \$5.

Contact: [Lyn Tarring 4723 7879](tel:47237879) after 6pm

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

Winners of Kiss of Death Raffles:- are

Wed	-	Margaret Fletcher
Thurs	-	Marg Landy
Fri	-	Honor Stephenson
Sat Matinee	-	Mandy Wigmore
Sat Evening	-	

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
pamela.gaerlan@bigpond.com

SIZZLERS AT THE SIZZLE !!



VERY SERIOUS STUFF AT TECH REHEARSAL..... ????



THE REAL SERIOUS STUFF



**CHATTING with
'BARBARA NIELSEN'**
By JENNINE PADGETT

Our last major production for 2011, "An Inspector Calls", is opening on 26th October and it is my great pleasure to bring you an interview with the Director, Barbara Nielsen. Being so close to bump in and opening night I am very grateful to Barbara for taking the time out to chat with us..

I asked Barbara to tell us how she came to be involved with theatre.

"My first amateur theatre experience was singing in an Old Time Music Hall Review about 30 years ago. I have been involved most of the time since then as a member of Cloncurry Amateur Theatrical Society (CATS – someone thought I meant I was in CATS the musical!!) Mt Isa Theatrical Society (MITS) and TLT for about 6 years. I have been involved both onstage and off stage. An Inspector Calls is my second major production for TLT. I am also Front of House Co-ordinator".

What it is about theatre that you enjoy? **"I love the friendly family atmosphere of TLT. I admire the extreme talent of many of our members. I enjoy learning and developing skills. I hope to keep learning for a long time yet. Amateur theatre helped me to overcome a lot of lack of confidence in myself".**

Any special memories or mishaps during a show? **"I have recently competed in a Toastmasters Humorous speech competition with a speech I wrote "The Show Must Go On". In this, I spoke about Minor Mishaps, Dialogue Disasters and Costume Catastrophes. This included audience members knocking over their candle at a theatre restaurant style show in Cloncurry and setting the paper table cloth alight (while I was singing) and the rat that ran across the stage during Unoriginal Sin".**

Please tell us a little about your next production. **"I have to confess that I had not heard of the play until it was suggested by the Artistic Committee. When I read An Inspector Calls, I thought it was an excellent play which will have huge audience appeal as well as challenging roles for the cast. I am fortunate to have a very talented, experienced cast as well as some very talented newcomers to TLT stage. The play is a classic English "Who Durnit" which will leave the audience guessing right to the end. But, it is NOT a murder mystery! In keeping with this year's theme of Twists and Turns, there are several twists in the plot which add to the mystery.**

"As Director of An Inspector Calls, I have had very valuable help from Assistant Director, Pam Lythgo and Producer Pamela Garrick. The show has been a team effort by cast and crew. It has been a huge challenge for cast learning the lines and moves required. BJ Priestley has many underlying messages to the audience within the script".

Sounds like we have a great play to look forward to!
"An Inspector Calls is interesting, entertaining and enlightening. The plot will leave you guessing the outcome to the very end. It is still showing in London, but you can see it here, right in Townsville".

Thank you Barbara! "An Inspector Calls" will run from Wednesday 26th October to Saturday 29th October at Pimpac.

Townsville Little Theatre
Passionate .. Creative .. Welcoming
is proud to present
The next play in its 2011 season
of Plays with Twists & Turns.



A classic "Who Durnit".....

When Inspector Goole arrives unexpectedly at the prosperous Birling family home, their peaceful dinner party is shattered by his investigations into the death of a young woman. His startling revelations shake the very foundations of their lives and challenge us all to examine our consciences.

October performances:

Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th, Friday 28th, Saturday 29th at 8pm

Saturday 29th matinée at 2pm

at PIMPAC
(Pimlico Performing Arts Centre,
Fulham Road)

don't forget the following cards
are welcome (but the special offers are only available
when you purchase your tickets **AT THE DOOR**, sorry!)

Senior's Cards: patrons who produce a Queensland Government Senior's Card when they purchase their ticket at the door, will be entitled to a complimentary refreshment;

Access Cards: patrons who produce an Access Card (issued from the Townsville Region Access Card Committee) will pay the normal (concession) entrance fees. And, their carers will be admitted free.

PRICES: Adult - \$20, Cons/TLT Member - \$15,

High School Student - \$10

Group bookings available

BOOK THROUGH TICKETSHOP: 4727 9797

Plenty of tickets available at the door.....



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