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Presidents Report

The year started well on 14 January when our first show of the year *Puffs* directed by **Mitch Walsh** opened to a reduced number full house and received rave reviews (see the reviews on our website www.spotlighttheatre.com.au).

This show is a record breaking off-Broadway comedy hit. It is also the second longest running play in Melbourne. It is a fast-paced romp through all seven books pertaining to a certain Boy Wizard, however, this is not his story, it's about the **PUFFS**, who happened to attend the same school of magic. This hilarious, not for



kids, comedy covers everything from the rise of the Dark Lord to Wizard Sex-Ed. So, if you want a night of laughter make sure you get tickets to this show. We are fortunate to have secured the rights to this show and been given the opportunity to bring it to you.

Then on Sunday morning one of the cast became a 'COVID close contact' so the show had to be postponed. However, we were able to extend the season to close on Sunday 6 February so nobody misses out on seeing this fun energetic show. Limited tickets are still available by calling Box Office on 5539 4255 or online at www.spotlighttheatre.com.au.

Calendar Girls directed by award winning director Helen Maden is now in rehearsal with an amazing cast and opens on 11 March. Tickets are on sale now by calling Box Office on 5539 4255 or online at www.spotlighttheatre.com.au. We will be supporting the Leukaemia Foundation by fundraising during this show. We will also be supporting the CWA as they celebrate their 100 years in Australia.

With the current restrictions imposed in Western Australia and on its residents and visitors, it has been decided to postpone *Hot Shoe Shuffle* until 2023 so that director **Drew Anthony** can hopefully still direct this show that he helped to write. We are still working on a replacement show, and we were hoping to be able to announce it in this edition but the license has not come through yet.

Little Shop of Horrors directed by multi award winner Jamie Watt has released the audition date being 27 March. Watch for details on the Spotlight official website page (www.spotlighttheatre.com.au) and our Facebook page. The show opens on 22 July through to 20 August and tickets will be on sale soon.

The dates for *Grease*, which is being directed by the very talented **Joshua McCann-Thomson**, have been rescheduled to 11 November to 10 December. More details in future editions.

The Theatre Alliance Breakfast had to be postponed again due to all the COVID restrictions imposed, so they announced all the award winners on line https://www.spotlighttheatre.com.au/2020-1-5TC-Alliance-Winners.php on Sunday 23 January.

Congratulations to our very own **Shirley King** for being awarded the prestigious **Red Hat Award.** This wonderful lady who has been the Editor of The Spotlighter for more years than she can remember is indeed a worthy recipient. Congratulations also to **Millie Talbot** on receiving the **Eagle Youth Award**. You can see the very talented Millie in our current production of **Puffs**.

Congratulations and thank you to all the recipients (see pages 5 & 6) of the **Distinguished Service Award (HERO)** for their commitment to Community Theatre. Your efforts are truly appreciated by all.

I look forward to seeing you at a show soon, so until then, look after yourselves and each other.

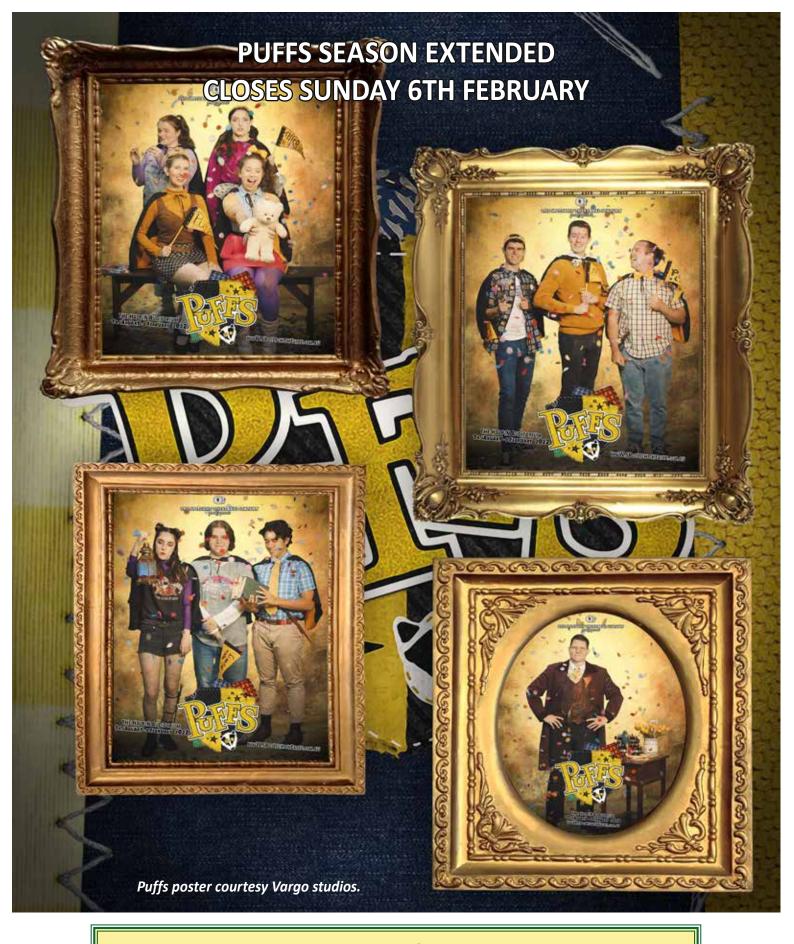
Best Regards,

Duncan Sims

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GOLD COAST THEATRE ALLIANCE AWARDS 2020 – 2021 Winners

It is with great pleasure that the Gold Coast Theatre Alliance announces the awards for 2020 - 2021. Unfortunately we have had to cancel the event for presentations 3 times due to Covid and we have been forced to announce our Awards online - see here:

https://www.goldcoasttheatre.com.au/awards https://www.goldcoasttheatre.com.au/hero-wall-of-honour https://www.goldcoasttheatre.com.au/blog

Presentations to the recipients of trophies and certificates will occur after determination of the best way to do this by the executive on the 8th February Executive Meeting.

FULL DETAILS including Citations can be viewed on our website: www.spotlighttheatre.com.au and the Alliance website www.goldcoasttheatre.com.au

Congratulations to:

THE RED HAT AWARD 2020 - 2021 Shirley King — Spotlight Theatre





THE EAGLE YOUTH AWARD 2020 - 2021 Millie Talbot – Spotlight Theatre



Millie Talbot – Spotlight Theatre Company

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Georgia Beck - Spotlight Theatre Company

YOUTH AWARDS 2020 - 2021



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS 2020 - 2021

Diana Gibson – Spotlight Theatre
Kay Hawker – Spotlight Theatre
Dianne Robinson – Murwillumbah Theatre Company
Ralph Naudi – Tweed Theatre Company
Ken Corbitt – Murwillumbah Theatre Company
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Duncan Sims – Spotlight Theatre Company; Gold Coast
Theatre Alliance

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Below: **Judith Dautel** (left), a supreme costumier with two of her ballet companions in early days when she danced in many shows for Spotlight and also took on many other roles.

She is a very deserving **DSA HERO**.



SPOTLIGHT DSA (Hero) AWARDEES



Diana Gibson Kay Hawker





Pina Omeros Duncan Sims





11 MARCH - 2 APRIL 2022



GET READY FOR CALENDAR GIRLS

Directed by Helen Maden

Rehearsals are well under way and the amazing cast and crew are working hard to bring it all together. On Sunday 23rd, the whole cast headed out to Country Paradise Parklands to shoot our "nude" calendar. What an amazing day and what amazing photos taken by Clay English @ Vargo Studios. We can't wait to share them with you!

Be sure to book your tickets, they're selling fast and grab yourself a glorious 2022/2023 Calendar/Program when you come to see the show.

"At first glance it should look like your classic WI calendar. Jams, cakes and sewing and all that. Except for one thing...the ladies are not naked, they're nude."

A group of extraordinary women, members of a very ordinary Yorkshire Women's' Institute (WI), persuade one another to pose for a charity calendar with a difference - no more photos of 'Wharfedale Bridges'.

Overcoming their initial reserve, the friends drop their dressing gowns, their modesty spared only by artfully placed cakes, knitting and flower arrangements.

Puzzling their husbands, mortifying their children and riding the wrath of the outraged WI, they spark a global phenomenon. But as media interest snowballs, the Calendar Girls find themselves exposed in ways they'd never expected, revealing more than they'd ever planned.

Calendar Girls is quirky, poignant and hilarious.

Adapted by Tim Firth from the Miramax film of the same name, it is based on a very inspiring true story.



Chank Youto our wonderful Volunteers!

Your contribution to our Cheatre is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers Pamela Railey-Mitchell and Greg Wise enjoying working at Spotlight during Spotlight on Christmas 2021.



Volunteers Nett, Danny Nugent (Councillor) and Kay
Hawker (YT Accountant) working the Bar.

Below: Volunteers Pamela Railey-Mitchell and Vice
President Erica Graham





Some of the Spotlight Ladies (past and present) who meet several times a year for lunch.

Photo shows L to R: Marg, Jacquie, Diana, Kay, Fran, Val, Fay, Kay, Margaret, Marilyn, Judith, Lea, Zoe,

Gwen and Caroline who met for the December luncheon.

Spotlight on Youth Theatre

Spotlight Youth Theatre classes for 2022 commence on JANUARY 29th.

After a highly successful year culminating in many shows at the end of 2021, the Youth Theatre is looking forward to another great year in 2022.

Thank you to our 2021 teachers *Matt Pearson, Hannah Crowther, Conor Ensor, Jane Grimley, Shannon Hatchman, Mitchell Walsh, Kori Richards, Jordan Boyd, Trainee Teachers Georgia Beck and Liam Lockwood* and the students who gave so much time working diligently to bring the shows to stage.

Also thank you to volunteers *Val Leftwich* (YT Administrator) and *Kay Hawker* (YT Accountant) for all their hard work and effort.

Youth Theatre Administrator's Report

Spotlight Youth Theatre is getting ready to start and we have been very busy interviewing teachers for the coming year.

We have: Hannah Crowther

Mel Dorge Mitchell Walsh Jordon Boyd Georgia Beck

Liam Lockwood and **Ethan Speight** are trainees who will shadow the teachers. Both Liam and Ethan were talented music theatre and drama students at Spotlight Youth Theatre.

This will be a great team and I am sure they are all very excited about the new year.

Classes commence **Saturday 29th** for **Intermediate Drama** and **Junior Drama** with **Miss Hannah** and **Miss Jordon**. This Saturday will also see the start of our brand new class **"Song and Dance"** which will be taught by **Miss Hannah** and **Miss Jordon**. We look forward to seeing the students perform.

Please remember that if you contact me can you please put your students name and class in the heading, it saves me so much time, its hard to remember over 230 names.

Val Leftwich (Youth Theatre Administrator)









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(PUFFS & CALENDAR GIRLS)

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Member \$32.00

Spotlight on Christmas (2022) \$25.00

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\$570

(Table of 4, admit to 4 productions)

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\$650

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'Fostering an outlet for creative youth and community, while seeking to produce vibrant, quality entertainment that enriches, engages and educates.'

All performances will be held in The Halpin Auditorium.

PUFFS ... Or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic

Jan 14 - Feb 6

Directed by Mitchell Walsh

CALENDAR GIRLS

Mar 11 - Apr 2

Directed by Helen Maden

HOT SHOE SHUFFLE

Directed by Drew Anthony

POSTPONED UNTIL 2023
DUE TO WA COVID
RESTRICTIONS

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Directed by Jamie Watt

Jul 22 - Aug 20

GREASE

Nov 11 - Dec 10

Directed by Joshua McCann-Thomson

SPOTLIGHT ON CHRISTMAS

Hosted by Spotlight

Dec 16 - 18

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We are taking part in the Cash for Containers Scheme to help the environment and also get some valuable funds for the theatre. Since we joined we have earned almost \$2500 by recycling the cans, bottles and plastic bottles at the local depot. We have our own Scheme ID number C10106788.

How can you help?

Every day you will be using containers that have a 10c refund on them. When you have finished with them instead of throwing them in your waste to end up in landfill why not recycle them and help us.

You can take them to the local depot yourself and, instead of collecting the cash, put our scheme number above into the system and the funds will be directly deposited into our account.

Or you could drop them off at the theatre when you next visit and when we have collected a decent amount, a volunteer takes them to the recycling depot. It doesn't matter if you only have one or two or twenty or more, every one you give to us will be your theatre earn valuable coin to help meet the costs of running the complex.

What can you recycle that is refundable?

All beer and pre mix spirit cans and bottles.

All soft drink cans and bottles.

All plastic drink bottles, water and soft drinks.

No wine bottles please as these are not part of the refund scheme.

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We will be doing more environmental friendly changes to help lower the amount of landfill in 2021, so please help us to help you to help the environment.

Thank you for helping





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