

### The SPOTLIGHTER

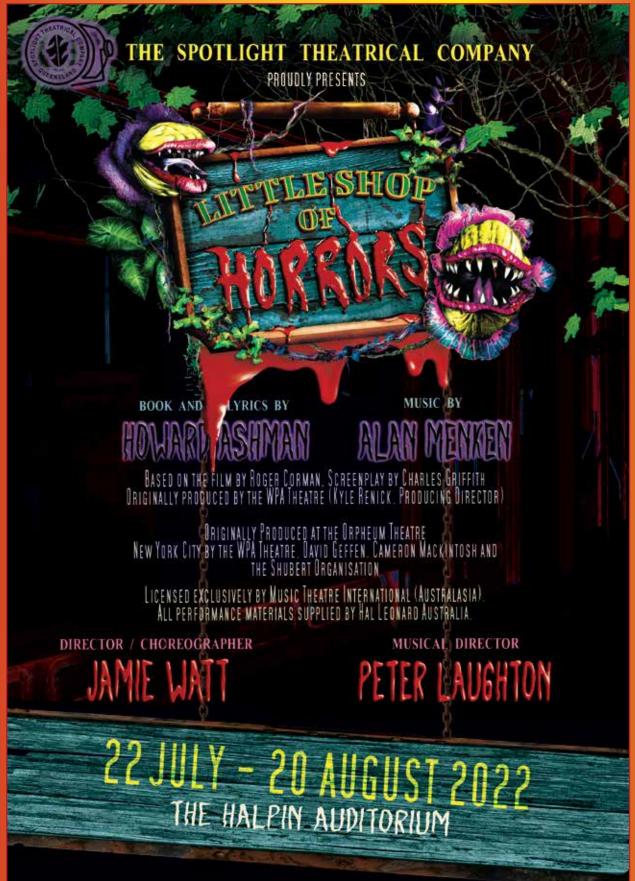
### Official Newsletter of THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY

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





**JULY 2022** 



# NOTICE TO ALL SPOTLIGHT PATRONS RE TICKET SCAMMING

At Spotlight Theatre, we strive to provide the best quality theatrical content for our audiences, which often results in sold out seasons and wait lists for our tickets.

It is in the best interests of you, our patrons, that we caution of the dangers of purchasing tickets to our shows from sources other than our box office or website.

We are seeing instances of people offering to sell their tickets for our performances as they are no longer able to make their purchased performance date.

In a lot of cases, this is a genuine user wishing to onsell, however, there has been a rise in cases of disingenuous people who are offering to sell tickets, collecting money from patrons and then immediately blocking or deleting their account, resulting in the purchaser losing their money and their tickets, which the scammer never had in the first place.

We encourage our patrons to only purchase tickets via the Spotlight Box Office or website to ensure your tickets are valid and we have record of your attendance.

If you have purchased tickets to a particular performance and are no longer able to attend, we encourage you to please contact our friendly Box Office team to make alternate arrangements or refund your ticket purchases for the theatre to onsell directly.

Spotlight Theatre will not be held liable for loss of money or tickets not purchased via the Spotlight Theatrical Company website or Box Office.

Please be diligent with your online safety!

We'll see you at the theatre.

**ADMINISTRATION** 



#### **President's Report**

Little Shop of Horrors, directed and choreographed by multi award winner Jamie Watt, has taken over The Halpin Auditorium for the final weeks of rehearsals ready to open on 22 July. Tickets are on sale now online at: www.spotlighttheatre.com.au

This musical comedy is filled with toe tapping 'doo wop' music and a deliciously dark story. *Little Shop of Horrors* is just the snack you have been craving. The show must close on **20 August**, so don't miss out! Get your tickets now!

We have the first of our Youth Theatre shows *Hammered* performed by the Freshman Drama Class in the Basement Theatre on **25 and 26 July**. It is directed by Teacher Mitch Walsh.



This will be followed by **She Kills Monsters – Young Adventure** on **26 and 27 August**.

The **STARS** will be entertaining us all on **Monday 26 September** with their **Morning Melodies**. Tea and scones will be provided, and Tickets are on sale now, online.

October sees Spotlight Theatre heading to **The Star Gold Coast** to perform the multi award winning international smash hit musical **THE BOY FROM OZ** directed and choreographed by our very own **Drew Anthony** for a strictly limited season **14-23 October 2022**.

It has been 30 years since we lost Peter Allen to the world and this show will take you on his journey with all his greatest songs.

#### Tickets are on sale now through Ticketek.

# https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=BOYFROMO22 or www.star.com.au/goldcoast/

Please support us in this major fundraising exercise as there are a lot of repairs and upgrades to be done over the next few years.

In the next two weeks we are having a new fence put in on the eastern side of the Complex and enlarging the outdoor area as the neighbour has removed the tree on the boundary line which was causing damage.

We desperately need to get the Carpark re surfaced and this has been our focus to raise enough money to do this major project. The last quote was over \$40k so it is not going to be cheap.

August is the month we hold the AGM when all members hear how we have done in the previous year and vote in your new Committee. All positions become available, so if you feel that you have some time and want to give back to the community, please put in your nomination form.

As always there is so much happening at the theatre and without the wonderful help and support of the volunteers, we could not survive, so a very big thank you to all of you for your commitment to our wonderful Spotlight family. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

That's it from me, so remember that a smile is highly contagious so start spreading.

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

Best regards,

#### Duncan

# GREASE – The Musical AUDITIONS – JULY 10th, 8am start

#### **FOR ALL AUDITIONEES**

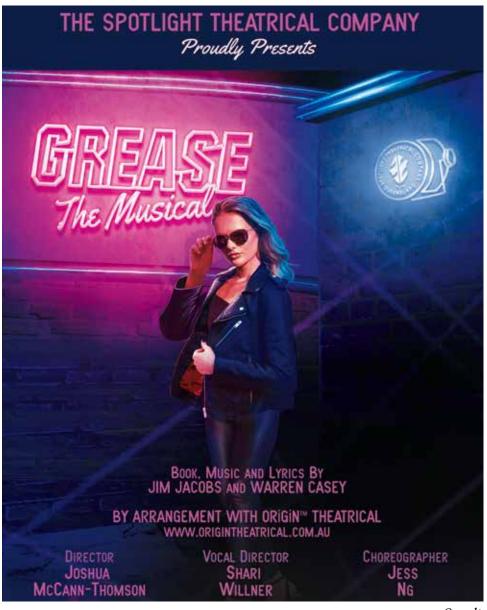
IF SUCCESSFUL, CALLBACKS WILL BE HELD ON JULY 17, 9am - 12pm

Rehearsal Period: Commencing 31st July 2022 | Performances: 9th November 2022 - 10 December 2022 The musical that brought the world to its knees is coming to Spotlight this November. The students of Rydell High are ready to get their groove on like you've never seen it before. Can Danny and Sandy survive the chaos of school life, or are they just a bit too cool to let their quard down?

This November, we will be breathing new life into this cult classic. Leave your inhibitions at home, and get ready to hand-jive, baby.

## Download your Audition Pack and Application form at www.spotlighttheatre.com.au

Please note: Cast and crew are required to become financial members of Spotlight
Theatre. Memberships are \$15 annually.



#### WE WILL ROCK YOU SUNDAY BBQ OUTSIDE THE MAIN THEATRE

Photographs provided by Management Committee Member, Danny Nugent



## Spotlight on Youth Theatre

CLASSES HELD AT: Unit 4 - 50 Johnston Street Studios & Spotlight Basement Theatre
TEACHING FRATERNITY & ADMINISTRATORS

TEACHERS: • HANNAH CROWTHER • MITCHELL WALSH • JORDAN BOYD MEL DORGE • GEORGIA BECK TRAINEE TEACHERS: • LIAM LOCKWOOD • ETHAN SPEIGHT ADMINISTRATION: • VAL LEFTWICH (YT Administrator) • KAY HAWKER: (YT Accountant)

It is hard to believe that we are now halfway through our year at Spotlight Youth Theatre. Our shows have all been cast and a big thank you to the parents who sent in auditions because of student sickness, this really helped the teachers.

A number of parents have written to me and ask who they contact when their student is ill as they do not have the teachers phone number. We do not give out teachers phone numbers as all enquiries and absent notice should be sent to me and I in turn advise the teachers.

Kay will be sending out invoices for term three shortly and we would really appreciate it if you could make payment into our bank account as soon as possible. Please put a reference on the payment, i.e. the students name followed by the class – e.g. SMITH IMT MON 5.00. This really does help us identify the payment with the student. Please note that payment should be received before the commencement of classes on the 11<sup>th</sup> July.

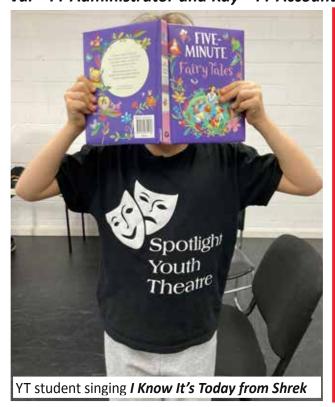
During term three I will be sending out many emails regarding rehearsal and times of class. Unless you have an email from me, please come to class at your normal time.

I have received many enquiries about tickets for the shows, these will go on sale during the term and I will write and advise the dates. The prices will be \$20 adults and seniors and \$15.00 children. The first production for the year will be Freshman Drama "Hammered" in the Basement Theatre on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July.

As always, we are really looking forward to seeing the productions, as they will show the amazing talent that our students have.

Kay and I look forward to meeting the parents who we write to over the year, face to face. Regards,

Val - YT Administrator and Kay - YT Accountant





#### Members are advised that the



#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

# will be held on TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2022 COMMENCING AT 7.00pm SHARP

at

## Spotlight Theatre - Halpin Auditorium 187 Ashmore Road, Benowa

All members are urged to attend. (For voting rights you MUST be a 2022 Financial Member.)

#### **AGENDA**

**Apologies** 

Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting

Matters arising from Minutes

President's report

Treasurer's report and Auditor's financial statements

Other reports

Election of new office bearers

General business

If any person wishes to add an item to the Agenda, this must be put in writing, and seconded by another financial member. Any additions must be received by the Secretary seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

#### Nomination for Life Membership according to Constitution:

5(c) Life Membership – The title of 'Life Membership' may be awarded by The Company, at the Annual General Meeting, to a person who has rendered services to The Company for not less than ten years. Any Member of The Company may submit candidates for Life Membership up to one month prior to the Annual General Meeting. A Committee of three (3) Life Members and four (4) Councillors must vet such nominations. When the Committee is satisfied that all requirements are met, the Council shall award Life Membership to the selected Member who will be notified at the Annual General Meeting. To preserve the dignity of Life Membership, no more than two persons shall be admitted as such, during one financial year. Nominations to be forwarded to secretary@spotlighttheatre.com.au by 19th July 2022.

The bar will be open for drinks and if you wish to stay after the meeting for a drink, tea or coffee and a chat, a small plate of supper would be appreciated.

Noreena Wines Hon. Secretary

To: The Returning Officer
The Spotlight Theatrical Company
PO Box 8074
GOLD COAST MAIL CENTRE QLD 9726

Re:

Annual General Meeting - Nomination for office



I (please print name)	
(8.0000 p)	
hereby declare that I am willing to offer myself for election to a position	
of:	
to the Company for the term 2022/2023.	
Signed: Date	
Nominated by: Signature	
Seconded by: Signature	
PLEASE NOTE: All nominations must be received in writing by the Returning Officer no later than 24 hours prior to the time for commencement of the meeting.	
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Seconded by:..... Signature..... Signature.....

to the Company for the term 2022/2023.



#### **LETTERS TO EDITOR**

#### **HAPPY PATRON**

I saw **We Will Rock You** recently. WOW! what a performance – brilliant and the theatre was rocking alright!!!!

I think your musicals are as good as anything I have seen in London, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane over many years. The special effects were fantastic; the dancing, singing and costumes the same and the music, (especially the band up high) well, what can one say. Everyone came out with a smile on their face.

Please pass on our congratulations to everyone involved with the show as they deserve a big pat on the back.

One more thing. I need a wheelie walker and somehow when I was booking the tickets, I failed to check I was right near the door at Table 37. However, the volunteers, especially a lovely lady who I had never seen before, moved chairs to allow me to use the walker to get to my seat with a beautiful smile on her face and then helped me again after the show. I would be very appreciative if you could pass on my grateful thanks to her and also the other volunteers who help out as well. They are real gems. Is there anything which I can give them as a thank you? I appear to be the only oldie with a walker so am even more grateful.

The Spotlight Theatre is a wonderful bonus for us lucky people living on the Gold Coast and all of us are so grateful to everyone who make these shows so fantastic.

I am now looking forward to *Grease* later in the year and am also going to see *The Boy from Oz* at the Casino in October which should be great as well.

Kind regards,

#### Pam Bullen

PS: Incredible to hear a group from Bribie Island came down for the show I saw - your fame has spread afar!!!!

#### **HELLO FROM THE ORIGINAL JESSIE - CALENDAR GIRLS**

Hello to the Gold Coast and Spotlight Theatre.

Let me introduce myself.

I now live in an OAP home in Skipton and I am an ex school teacher. I am the second cousin to Jean Allwood the mother of one your members, I believe. Hello Jon.

Jill, Jean's daughter is visiting me and brought an emailed copy of your program for me to look at. Firstly I must say I very much like the calendar program and well, I think my good friend Annette Crosby (so there is the give away), would very much approve of the casting of Miss January, Laney McLean.

It is quite overwhelming to know that on the other side of the world on the Gold Coast Australia, that I am being portrayed in what I understand is a magnificent production.

So keep your chin up cobbers (ha, ha),

With love,

#### The Original Jessie



## WE ARE ROCKETING TOWARDS OPENING NIGHT LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

### Thra ss

With under a month to go, the cast and crew are working tirelessly to bring this classic, hilarious and quirky musical to life!

Head over to the Spotlight Facebook page and check out the sneaky BEHIND THE SCENES video. BOOK NOW 07 5539 4255 or online at www.spotlighttheatre.com.au before it's too late!

### AUDREY ? IS COMING FOR YOU!

### THE CAST



Seymour -Benjamin Hambley Audrey -Hannah Crowther Audrey II -

> Matt McKenzie Mr. Mushnik -Rob K

**Orin Scrivello D.D.S** -Dean Giltinan

Urchin - Crystal -Gabriella Pegler **Urchin - Chiffon -**Shaylee Gear

Tori Waiata Aston



Ensemble -Clay Carlaw

Ensemble -Andrew Kassab

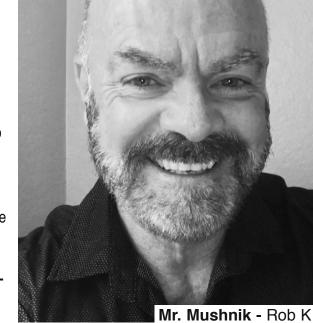
**Ensemble -**Naomi Leader

Ensemble -Angelique Giuffre

**Ensemble -**Jemma Gailey

Female Swing -Jennifer Cole











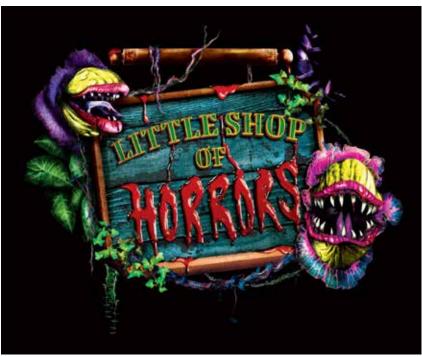






















Proudly presented by The Spotlight Theatrical Company

Monday 26th September 2022 at 10.30am

BOOK & PAY (07) 5539 4255

www.spotlighttheatre.com.au



Keen to be part of the Spotlight Family and support community theatre?

# WHY NOT Volunteer Today!

We are looking for those wonderful volunteers who have an interest in Set Building, Painting,
Back Stage Crew, Stage Managers,
Lighting Operators, Sound Operators,
Front of House, which includes
Ushering, Bar Work, Raffle Selling, Door Greeting and many other tasks

If you have done similar roles before, then that is a bonus, but no experience is necessary as training and guidance will be provided.

Under current QLD Government Health Guidelines, all volunteers must be fully vaccinated or be able to show an approved exemption.

#### How do I sign up?

If you are keen to join the team then call 5539 4255 during the day or send an email to <a href="mailbox@spotlighttheatre.com.au">mailbox@spotlighttheatre.com.au</a>

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# Spotlight Costame Hire

Come check out our store and get dressed by the best!

Costume Hire has literally thousands of adults and children's costume of all types and sizes in stock to hire. We cater for just about any requirement, whether it is a Birthday celebration, Fancy dress party or a Character-themed event.



Come support our local business!



www.spotlight-costume-hire.com

#### 07 55394700

We are located at: 185-187 Ashmore Road, Benowa

Opening hours: Mon to Fri 9 am to 4.30 pm and Sat 9 am to 3 pm



Since our last newsletter we have performed shows at the following venues:-

Bolton Clark Banora Point; Bupa Tugun abd Odyssey Robina
I have included two current photos, the first is of Gae in *Knock On Your Door* and the second photo is Lyn in one of her fabulous sequined outfits.





Noni Buckland STARS Liaison







# SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY

## **SPONSOR A CHAIR**

Please contact SPOTLIGHT THEATRE on 07 5539 4255 and they will assist you!

# Thank You!

# Sponsor a Chair ONLINE www.spotlighttheatre.com.au or phone 07 5539 4255

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NAME	CHAIR/S	NAME	CHAIR/S
Adrian Hoffman	2	Malcolm Davidson	1
Alan and Marilyn Rickard	1	Marilyn Culell	2
Amanda Felmingham	1	Marilyn & Graham Hodge	2
Ann & Russell Williams	1	Marita Schrader	1
Arthur & Kate Shacklock	2	Marjorie Adams	1
Audrey Goetz	1	Maureen Stevenson	4
Brian Bradnam	1	Maureen Williamson	1
Brian Graham	1	Mobile Barber Shop Depot	4
Bryn Jenke	1	Mrs A Watt	1
Brooke Daley	2	Mrs B. Elliott	1
Cheryl Ward	1	Pam & Don Bullen	1
Chris and John Dickinson	1	Patricia Drew	2
Christina Ives	1	Patricia Riek	1
Danny, Rosa & Jack Maher	1	Pauline Davies	2
Darryl C Nisbet	3	Peter O'Connor	2
David Corby	1	Phoenix Events	2
David McNeven	5	Quota International Of Gold Coast	4
Dawn Briggs	1	Robert Deatherage	1
Deborah Beskin	1	Robyn Collins	1
Deborah Bolt	1	Rod & Gwen Seppelt	2
Don & Madeline Kibble	1	Ruby Antonia Rose Hand	1
Doreen Hinton	1	Russell & Elizabeth White	1
Drew Anthony	2	Ryan Van Schrader	1
Duncan & Lorrae Sims	12	Sandy Ackerman	1
Erica Graham	1	Sea Change Emerald Lakes	3
Evo 1 Pty Ltd	1	Sean Van Schrader	1
Faye Connelly	1	Sewroo Products	1
Flynn Van Schrader	1	Shanna Jones	1
Fire Up Spit Roast Catering	2	Shirley King	2
Gordon Muir – In Loving Memory	1	Shirlie Foxover	2
Gerald Moses	1	Spotlight Golden Girls	1
Gwen Higgs	1	Stella Simpson	1
Hannah Rose Healy	1	Sue Davies	1
Harry and Val Leftwich	3	Surfers Paradise Chiropractic Health &	
Heydon Harvey	2	Welfare Centre	2
James McNab	1	The Cole Family	1
Janette & Michael Webb	2	Tymyka Adele Wines	1
Jill Downie	1	Tanele Storm Graham	1
Joel & Margaret Beskin	2	Terry Kalaf	1
John Everingham	1	Trish Pederson	11
Joseph and Wendy Hawryluk	1	Victoria Ryder	2
Judith A Dautel	2	William Collins	1
Julz Smith	1	Yvette McCarthy	2
Kane McCarthy	2	Zina Lee	1
Karyn Lively	1		_
Katherine Ogge	1		
Kay Horsey	1		
Kerin Hannan	1		
Lauren Burdett	1	Thank you also to Dono	rs
Leigh Kealton	1		
Lisa Story	2	Robyn Collins who donated \$5	500
Lorrae Desmond AM MBE	1	Elinor and Graham Cox donated	
Lynn Benson	1		
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## **Spotlight on Environment**

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 \$3,500 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.

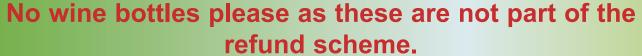
Or you could drop them off at the theatre when you next visit and when we have collected a decent amount, a volunteer takes them to the recycling depot. It doesn't matter if you only have one or two or twenty or more, every one you give to us will be your theatre earn valuable coin to help meet the costs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



(They are recyclable so put them in your yellow top bin.)

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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#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Aron Palmer who donated a vintage portable radio belonging to his late uncle, Mr Russell Harris, to Spotlight Theatre for use in *LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS*.

Thank you also to Ann and Russell Williams, Spotlight's Small Props & Stage Furniture Co-ordinators for their time and effort in searching, co-ordinating and organising props for our shows and also to the many people who kindly donate props and help in many ways. Spotlight is greatly appreciative.





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