

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.

SEPTEMBER 2022





SPOTLIGHT COUNCILLORS FOR 2022 - 2023

The SPOTLIGHT AGM was held on Tuesday 16th August.

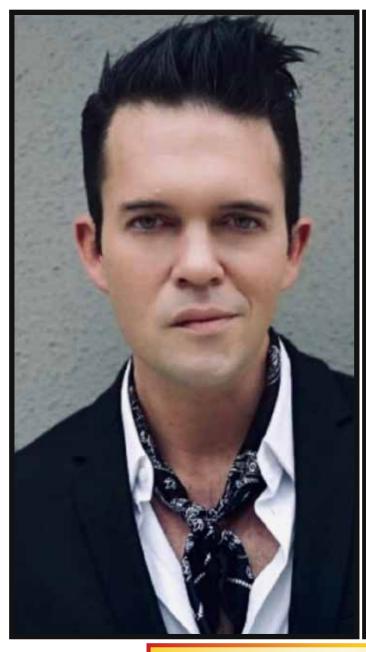
The Executive Committee for 2022-23 remains the same:

President – **Duncan Sims**; Vice President – **Erica Graham**; Secretary – **Noreena Wines** and Treasurer – **Michelle Edwards**.

The following four nominees were selected as Councillors.

In alphabetical order: Dean Giltinan; Danny Nugent; Pina Omeros; Jamie Watt

INTRODUCING OUR TWO NEW COUNCILLORS DEAN AND PINA.







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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to all who attended the **AGM** to hear how we had fared in the 21/22 Financial Year and vote in your new Management Committee to look after the Company's interests for the next twelve months. Michael Sutton took on the role of Returning Officer in place of the Godfather of Little Theatre, Mr Joel Beskin who retired from the position after many years. Thank you to both Joel and Michael for doing this important role.

Your new Committee has been elected and are listed elsewhere in this edition. Thank you for having the confidence in me to continue as your President; an honour that I have now held for 14 Years over two stints. Congratulations to my elected fellow Committee Members and thank you for giving of your time so that we can keep Spotlight Theatre at the forefront and continue as this area's leading Community Theatre.

As always, there are plenty of activities happening at our Theatre Complex.

We have another Spotlight baby to announce. Congratulations to Laura and Clay English as they welcomed **Lily Kate English** into the Spotlight family in August.

The Little Shop of Horrors, Directed and Choreographed by multi award winning maestro **Jamie Watt**, closed with a standing ovation from a very vocal full-house audience on Saturday 20 August. Thank you to everyone involved to make this show such a success. You are a credit to your profession and an asset to the Company.

Youth Theatre shows are now happening as each of the classes perform their own productions.

The last week of August (26 and 27) saw the Senior Drama class perform *She Kills Monsters – Young Adventure* in the Basement Theatre.

Friday 2 and Saturday 3 of September will see Intermediate Music Theatre students perform *Seussical The Musical* in the Basement. This is followed on the Friday 9 and Saturday 10 September by the Freshman Music Theatre students performing *Madagascar* in the Halpin. The next weekend 15-17 September, the Senior Music Theatre students perform over three nights the West End and Off-Broadway smash hit *Heathers the Musical*.

Tickets to all these shows are available by calling the Box Office 07 5539 4255 during office hours. They will also be available online. Please come along and support our students and see our future stars.

Monday 26 September is when our wonderful, experienced **STARS** perform their *Morning Melodies* in the Halpin. Tea and Scones will be provided, and tickets are on sale now online **www.spotlighttheatre.com.au**.

While all this is happening, we are building the set to take to **The Star Gold Coast** as October is the month that Spotlight Theatre makes its first appearance at **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. There are only 10 performances commencing 14 October, so secure your seat now through **Ticketek.https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=BOYFROMO22 or www.star.com.au/goldcoast/**. We need all your support to make this a success. This is our major fund-raising program for the year so please spread the word and see if we can make this a huge success for the Company. There are plenty of seats available so no one should miss out on seeing this great show. The cast has been announced and are already in rehearsal to bring you a memorable and wonderful show.

Costume Hire continues to create new costumes so please support the shop and help out your theatre.

We are always in need of **Volunteers** who can help us build sets, paint sets etc., so if you have that skill set, then please call the shop and let us know, even if you can only give an hour or so.

We held a working bee to clear out some room in the workshop, so thank you to those that turned up. Your efforts were very much appreciated. Thank you Butch, John, Michael, Erica, Darryl, Brian, Laurie and Lorrae for a great job done.

Thank you to all the other wonderful volunteers that give their time to keep our dream alive.

We are planning to hold some **social events outside of the theatre** so that we can all relax and enjoy each other's company. More details next month.

So, until then look after yourselves and each other.

Best regards

Duncan



Congratulations!

CLAY AND LAURA ENGLISH

on the

birth of their beautiful daughter,

LILY KATE ENGLISH.

Clay and Laura welcomed their bundle of joy into the world

at

Pindara Private Maternity Hospital at 4.57pm, 13.08.2022.



Thank You

to our wonderful Volunteers!

Your contribution to our Eheatre
is greatly appreciated.





(Spotlight Theatre Artist's Review Seniors)
present

Morning Melodies Concert

Monday 26th September 2022, 10.30am

The Spotlight Theatrical Company theatre

185-187 Ashmore Road, Benowa

TICKETS \$18 (INCLUDES MORNING TEA)

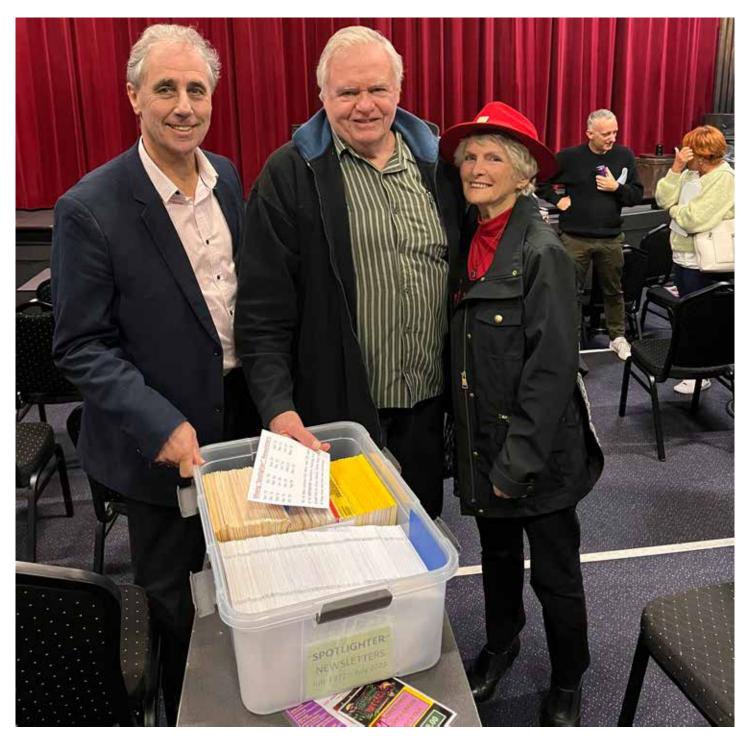
SPOTLIGHT STARS (formerly Spotlight Golden Girls) have spent 32 years entertaining residents in various Aged Care Homes, Retirement Facilities, Senior Clubs and some Service Clubs on the Gold Coast.

In 1995 the Girls were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the Queensland Premier's Awards. In 2006 they were recognised in the Gold Coast Bulletin's Gold Coast Honours.

Come and see variety entertainment at its best with the Spotlight STATS



www.spotlighttheatre.com.au



At the recent Annual General Meeting, former *Spotlighter* Editor, Frank Milburn (centre) handed over his collection of *Spotlighters* to Spotlight They will be placed in our Library for safe keeping. President Duncan Sims (left) thanked Frank for saving them from July 1972 – July 2022 as they contain important and interesting history during that time. Current Editor, Shirley King (right) intends to look through them and pass on information to our readers when time permits.

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES ARE MISSING FROM THE COLLECTION. IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COPIES OR KNOW IF THEY WEREN'T PRINTED CAN YOU PLEASE CONTACT SHIRLEY BY EMAIL shirley@spotlighttheatre.com.au.

Nov 1972, Dec '75, May '76, Sep '76, Oct '78, Apr '79, Mar '92, Jan '94, Sep '97, Aug 2006, Aug '09, Dec '12, Jan '13, Feb '13, Mar '13, Apr '13, Dec '13, Jan '14, May '14.

Known Editors of The SPOTLIGHTER

? - Jul 1972 Wayne Matheson		Jun 1987 - Oct 1987 Gay Milne/Grant Ebeling/		
Dec 1973 - Dec 1974 Frank Milburn		Lind	el Bell	
Jan 1975 - Dec 1975	Jan Partridge	Nov 1987 - Jan 1988 Gay	Milne/Grant Ebeling	
Jan 1976 - Jul 1977	Patricia Cobb	Mar 1988 - Aug 1988 Margaret Hulston		
Aug 1977 - Nov 1977 Patricia Hughes (nee Cobb)		Sep 1988 - Sep 1989 Lindel Bell		
Dec 1977 - Sep 1978	Jan Rose	Oct 1989 - Sep 1991 Fay I	Hansell	
Nov 1978 - Mar 1979	Carollyn Healy	Oct 1991 - Jan 1993 Hele	n Rose	
May 1979 - Oct 1980	Patricia Hughes	Feb 1993 - Aug 1993 Hele	n Lang (nee Rose)	
Nov 1980 - Feb 1981	Jan Rose	Sep 1993 Uncr	edited	
Mar 1981 - Nov 1981	Clem Halpin	Oct 1993 - Aug 1994 Shel	ly Wright	
Dec 1981	Fay Hansell	Sep 1994 - Oct 1994 Kare	en Higgs	
Jan 1982 Fay Hansell/Shirley King		Nov 1994 - Dec 1994 Karen Higgs/Adrianna Nagy		
Feb 1982 - Nov 1982	Shirley King	Jan 1995 - Sep 1996	Karen Higgs	
Dec 1982 - Dec 1984	Fay Hansell	Oct 1996 - Sep 1998	Amanda Price	
Jan 1985 - Jul 1985	Barney Marrows	Oct 1998 - Dec 1999	Kay Van Pelt	
Aug 1985 - Dec 1986	Anita Lockwood	Jan 2000 - Sept 2022	Shirley King	
Jan 1987 - May 1987	Pam Ryan			



Back Row: Beth Fraser, Fay Hansell, Diana Holzworth, Fran Small, Shirley King. In the front row: Judith Dautel, Marilyn Culell and Margaret Hulston.

These Spotlight ladies shared lots of laughs and fond memories while perusing Fay Hansell's scrapbooks of early Spotlight shows at their recent Luncheon. What a splendid way to spend our time - reminiscing!

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)

This month saw our Senior Drama students present their production, *She Kills Monsters*, and it was a great success. Thank you to all the students who came and supported our Senior class, it was a great atmosphere both nights and I think everyone had a good time. I do know that Mr.Mitch and Mr.Liam were really happy with their students and the show; they were very professional.



Our next production, *Seussical Kids*, takes place Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd September in the Basement Theatre. Tickets are on sale at the Costume Hire shop.

The students are really looking forward to performing and have been working really hard.

On Friday the 9th September and Saturday the 10th the Freshman Music Theatre students will perform *Madagascar* in the Halpin Theatre commencing at 7.00 p.m. Tickets for this production are on sale at the Costume Hire shop now.

Our Senior Music Theatre students will be performing *Heathers* in the Halpin Theatre on the 15th, 16th and 17th September. The shows will commence at 7.30 and the Saturday show will be at 12.00. Tickets for this show are not on sale at the present time. I will advise you all when they are available.

Please look at your emails on a regular basis because it is the best way of communication between the teachers, parents and myself. I will be sending out technical rehearsal schedules and dress requirements in the next couple of weeks. COVID and the 'flu virus do not appear to be leaving us just yet, so please do not send your student to class if they are not feeling well. Text me the day before if this is the case. Please reference every text and email with student's name and class.

Kay and I look forward to catching up with you at the productions. Best wishes,







YOUTH

7:00PM FRI 9TH SEPT - SAT 10TH SEPT 2022

THE SPOTLIGHT THEATRICAL COMPANY

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15тн -17тн SEPTEMBER 2022

THEATRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022 LIFE MEMBERSHIP WAS AWARDED TO ERICA GRAHAM (Vice President)

for her outstanding commitment to Spotlight Theatre.

Erica pictured with President, Duncan Sims and the Life Membership cake
that was shared with those attending the AGM.

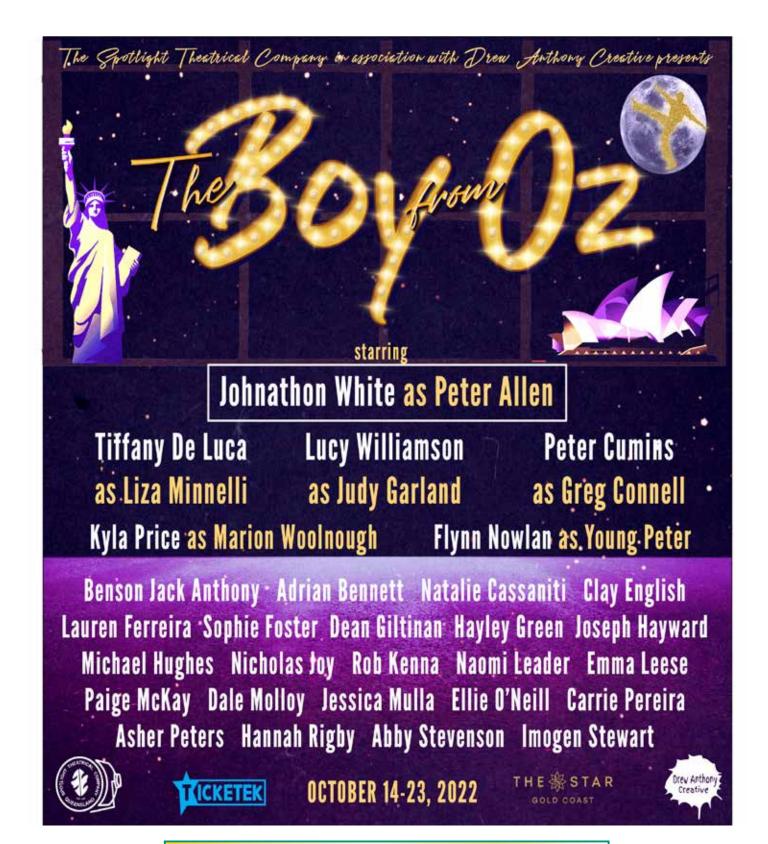


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IF YOU MISS THE TIME SLOT YOU CAN VISIT www.goldcoasttheatre.com.au to listen to the latest recording and view all local shows.



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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 costumes 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.

Happy customers in their Halloween costumes!

Get in quick to book for your Halloween costumes! Here are some of our popular costumes for Halloween.

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



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GREASE CAST IN REHEARSAL





THIS NOVEMBER, GREASE IS THE WORD!

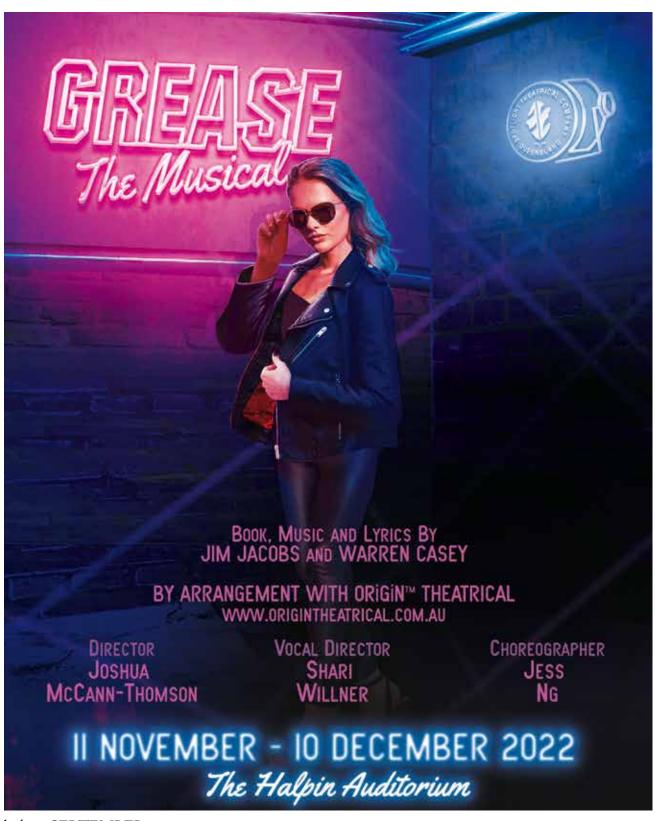
Leave your inhibitions at home, it's time to hand-jive, baby!

Check out our automatically, systematically, hyyyyydromatically incredible cast for GREASE, opening at Spotlight Theatre November 11 - December 10 (online

Get ready to groove your Summer Nights away as we breathe new life into this cult classic. General public tickets will go on sale at 9am, Thursday 1st September via our website www.spotlighttheatre. com.au.

Put your mittens on your kittens and awaaaay we gooooo!

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE CASTING RESULT ON THE SPOTLIGHT FACEBOOK PAGE.





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

NAME	CHAIR/S
Adrian Hoffman	2
Alan and Marilyn Rickard	1
Amanda Felmingham	1
Ann & Russell Williams	1
Arthur & Kate Shacklock	2
Audrey Goetz	1
Brian Bradnam	1
Brian Graham	1
Bryn Jenke	1
Brooke Daley	2
Cheryl Ward	1
Chris and John Dickinson	1
Christina Ives	1
Danny, Rosa & Jack Maher	1
Darryl C Nisbet	3
David Corby	1
David McNeven	5
Dawn Briggs	1
Deborah Beskin	1
Deborah Bolt	1
Don & Madeline Kibble	1
Doreen Hinton	1
Drew Anthony	2
Duncan & Lorrae Sims	12
Erica Graham	1
Evo 1 Pty Ltd	1
Faye Connelly	1
Flynn Van Schrader	1
Fire Up Spit Roast Catering	2
Gordon Muir – In Loving Memory	1
Gerald Moses	1
Gwen Higgs	1
Hannah Rose Healy	1
Harry and Val Leftwich	
Heydon Harvey	3 2
James McNab	1
Janette & Michael Webb	2
Jill Downie	1
Joel & Margaret Beskin	2
John Everingham	1
Joseph and Wendy Hawryluk	1
Judith A Dautel	2
Julz Smith	1
Kane McCarthy	2
Karyn Lively	1
Katherine Ogge	1
Kay Horsey	1
Kerin Hannan	1
Lauren Burdett	1
Leigh Kealton	1
Lisa Story	2
Lorrae Desmond AM MBE	1
Lynn Benson	1
Malcolm Davidson	1

Thank You!

NAME	CHAIR/
Marilyn Culell	2
Marilyn & Graham Hodge	2
Marita Schrader	1
Marjorie Adams	1
Maureen Stevenson	4
Maureen Williamson	1
Mobile Barber Shop Depot	4
Mrs A Watt	1
Mrs B. Elliott	1
Pam & Don Bullen	1
Patricia Drew	2
Patricia Riek	1
Pauline Davies	2 2 2
Peter O'Connor	2
Phoenix Events	
Quota International Of Gold Coast	4
Robert Deatherage	1
Robyn Collins	1
Rod & Gwen Seppelt	2
Ruby Antonia Rose Hand	1
Russell & Elizabeth White	1
Ryan Van Schrader	1
Sandy Ackerman	1
Sea Change Emerald Lakes	3
Sean Van Schrader	1
Sewroo Products	1
Shanna Jones	1
Shirley King	2
Shirlie Foxover	
Spotlight Golden Girls	1
Stella Simpson	1 1
Sue Davies	1
Surfers Paradise Chiropractic Health & Welfare Centre	2
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The Cole Family	1
Tymyka Adele Wines Tanele Storm Graham	1
Terry Kalaf	1
Trish Pederson	11
Victoria Ryder	2
William Collins	1
Yvette McCarthy	2
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Zina Lee	1

Donations received from

Darryl Nesbitt – \$2500 towards Carpark Upgrade Trish Pedersen – \$1000 Robyn Collins – \$500 Elinor and Graham Cox - \$60 Mary Gerrard – \$202 Wayne Edgeworth - Pie Oven Fiona Hardy – Box of Ribbons

CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMIE WATT, CAST, MUSICIANS, CREW AND EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS!

It was another successful season for Spotlight.

We now look forward to a wonderful YOUTH SHOW SEASON,

GREASE

and

SPOTILIGHT ON CHRISTIMAS

to complete the year.

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



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.

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 mailbox@spotlighttheatre.com.au

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 \$3,850 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 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.

(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 2022, so please help us to help you to help the environment.

Thank you

for helping.



Spotlight on Environment

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PLAYBILL CALENDAR

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

UPDATED **Revision 3**

All performances will be held in The Halpin Auditorium.

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

Jan 14 - Feb 6

SEASON COMPLETED Directed by Mitchell Walsh

CALENDAR GIRLS

Mar 11 - Apr 2

Directed by Helen Maden

WE WILL ROCK YOU SEASON COMPLETED

Directed by Clay English

May 13 - Jun 11

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORASON COMPLETED

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

Disclaimer: Subject to change without notice.



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