

Newsletter July/August 2020



Presidents Message

Hi everyone,

Another month has flown by and we are slowly moving out of hibernation. We hope you are keeping well. It has been an exciting week for Sandgate Theatre.

We have been offered a great opportunity to partner with Sandgate Hawks Football Club on Lemke Rd at Taigum. You are probably asking how does a theatre and footy club work? The club has generously agreed to let us rent the top section of their building to run rehearsals and events and if everything goes well this will be the venue for our November show. It offers a more intimate setting: plenty of car parking and a bus stop outside the door. We are also working with the club to be able to offer a bar service and light meals at shows. More to come on that. We are looking at different ideas and will keep you updated. It is a chance for us to support each other during these strange times.

As put beautifully by our Vice President, 'Come soar as the Hawks do with Sandgate Theatre'.

In other exciting news auditions were held on Thursday night for our next production of Keeping Up Appearances. It was great to catch up with everyone. There were smiles and social distancing greetings all round. It was a good turnout and our talented cast are now looking forward to starting rehearsals. See our cast announcement on the following page.

I would like to thank the committee for their ongoing support over the last few months.

Looking forward to theatre becoming part of our lives again even if it may look a little different.

Take care.

Wendy and Committee

**GREAT
NEWS!!!!**



**I invented a
new word!**

Plagiarism!

WOW!

Why did Shakespeare
only write in pen?

Pencils confused him. 2B
or not 2B?



3D entertainment has been
around for thousands
of years.

**It's called
'THEATRE'**



COMMITTEE

President – Wendy Thomas

Vice President – Michelle
Whitmore

Treasurer – Kerry Heath

Secretary – Helen Royle

Assistant Secretary – Paul
Chong

Stage Manager – Peter Donato

Lighting – Chris Packman

Sound – Tim Yin with Katie Brice

Publicity – Open

Membership – Open

Front of house – Kerry Heath

Web Master – Fiona Smith

Newsletter editor – Danny
Cruise



**We are excited to announce the cast for
'Keeping Up Appearances'.**

Five shows, November 13 - 22nd 2020.

Hyacinth - Michelle Whitmore

Emmet - John Sayles

Liz - Carrie O'Rourke

Daisy - Glenda Lawrence

Onslow - Peter Lovely

Rose - Sandii Mahoney

Millie Edward Milson - Greg Jones

Mrs Avery and Mrs Debden - Jane-Louise Turner

Appearances by Richard (Paul Chong) and Daddy
(Jacqui Geary)

'CONGRATS TO EVERYONE!'



Thinking of becoming a member of Sandgate Theatre Company, or perhaps you have let your membership lapse? Well, if you are a member of Sandgate, on top of joining one of the friendliest theatre companies in Brisbane, you will also gain reciprocal rights at ACT 1 Theatre, Mousetrap Theatre, and King Street Players. This means you can see plays at all these venues at Members' prices. NICE!

Membership forms can be downloaded at our website: <http://www.sandgatetheatre.net/images/>



'SUZY and JOHNNY'

'It Takes 2'

Arts &

Entertainment Show
99.7 Bridge FM

6-10pm Sunday Nights!



KSP THEATRE

SYNOPSIS:

Set in Ritzy's, a sophisticated night-club of the roaring twenties, this script offers scope for a stylish production. The glamorous nightclub

people (including the worldly Nick and the unworldly Irma) join forces with Ma Baker against the dedicated ladies of the Purity League and the even more dedicated Rafia Gang! A lot happens in the Ritzy and it's all fun for the actors and the audience. This show's got the lot – glitter, gags, goils and gangsters!



Performance Dates:

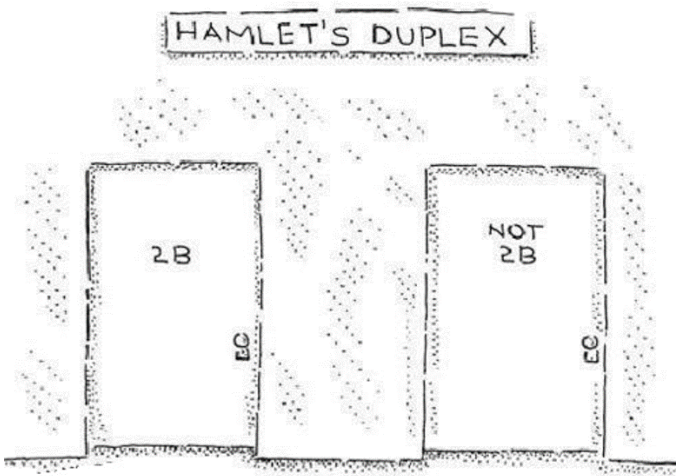
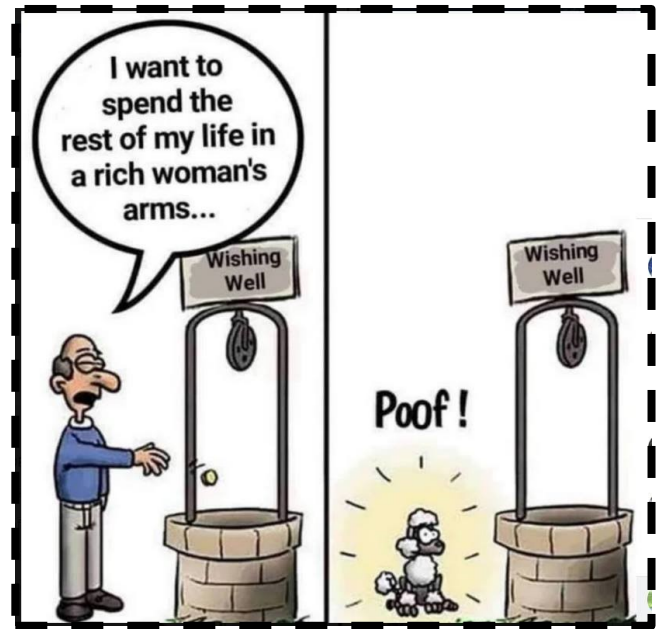
4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 September 2020

Billboard

Peter Lovely has 3 sweet female kittens to give away. Born 2nd May. Weaned and toilet trained. Contact Peter on 0415 155 895



What's so Funny?



Interesting Facts:

Walt Disney World, Florida, has a record 1.2 million costumes in its theatrical wardrobes.

Noel Coward ran the British propaganda office in Paris during World War II

Members from the Past!

Ian Linning



Ian Linning joined the Sandgate Theatre on 1991. He was sitting in the audience when a member came up to him and asked if he would like to be on stage, he said no but soon after an older lady asked if he could come and help with the auditions for the "Cafe One Acts" which were on the following week. Ian & his wife, Christine went home and the family talked him into going. He got the part of the 'Holy Ghost' in "What We Need Is A Golf Club" directed by Margaret Straight winning 3 or 4 trophies on the Festival Circuit. Over the years he was Vice President, Treasurer and President (for 3 years). He worked behind the scenes, doing anything that was required. He loved being on stage playing the English gentleman and had a great comedic sense of humour. Even though he got very sick in 2000 he still enjoyed coming to rehearsals. He died in November 2013. He will be greatly missed, particularly by the love of his life, Christine.



'The Villain was a Lady' - 1997 (Who do you recognise?)

Getting to know your team



Michelle Whitmore

Michelle has been performing in community theatre since 2010 and calls Sandgate Theatre Company home. From first treading the boards reciting the Gracie Fields classic "Walter, Walter" to her upcoming portrayal of Hyacinth Bucket, pronounced as "Bouquet" in *Keeping Up Appearances*, Michelle has always had an absolute passion for acting, theatre and performing to and making an audience laugh. Over the years she has performed in many productions ranging from 1 Act plays and Theatre Restaurants to larger productions such as *Calendar Girls*, *Allo Allo*, *Oliver*, *Brigadoon* and *Are You Being Served* where she played the lead character of Grace Brothers stalwart Mrs Slocombe. Well known for the many comedic characters she has played, in 2019 she decided to have a break from comedy and take on some more dramatic roles firstly performing in the one act play, *Baby Giraffe*, in which she played the role of woman meeting her birth mother for the first time and then a lead female role in Grownl Theatre's haunting production of *Mary Rose*. 2020 started off great with her taking on a role in Sandgate Theatre Company's production of *Playhouse Creatures* where she portrayed the character Nell Gwyn, one of the first English actresses in the history of theatre and the mistress of King Charles II of England. She was thoroughly enjoying being a part of this production however the performance season was cut short due COVID 19. But the as the beginning of 2020 went great so too will the ending be with her scoring the lead role of Hyacinth Bucket. With theatre goers having the opportunity to one again see live performances Michelle will be working hard on learning lines and studying characterisations to ensure she delivers a high-quality depiction of this well-known "lady of the house".



Paul Chong

Hi, my name is Paul Chong, I started out at Sandgate Theatre approximately 4 years ago, and since then have been involved in 3 major Productions such as *Brigadoon*, *Haunted Halloween*, *The Full Monty*, and a one Act play, *There's always spring*.

This year I have an appearance in our latest production, *Keeping up Appearances*, coming up in November. Also have been involved with *Guys and Dolls*, and was in *Robin the Hood*. It has been great getting up on stage and learning the ropes working behind the scenes, and being on the committee to help with Publicity and secretarial work. Its has been great time getting to make new friends and being involved in Community Theatre.

Have an interesting fact? Have a great joke you'd like to share with others? Or perhaps you'd like to contribute a great story to the Newsletter? Email david.corrie@yahoo.com.au.

Cheers Danny Cruise (Newsletter Editor)