

Summer Newsletter March 2022

2022 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The AGM was well attended at the Stirling Theatre on Sunday 6 February, & a full committee elected.

The 2022 committee members are:

President	John Graham
Vice President	Maxine Grubel
Secretary	Bronwyn Chapple
Treasurer	Joe Thorp
Other members:	Brian Donaghy, Bob Peet, Roger Chapple, Imelda Grubel

We welcome our new committee members and sincerely thank our 2021 retiring members, **Mo Johnson, Lori Nielsen, Rob Andrewartha and Peter Collins** for their commitment and work during their time on the committee:

AMY'S VIEW

Amy's View written by British playwright, David Hare launches the 50th anniversary year of The Stirling Players. The play is set in England and the action takes place over a sixteen year period, from 1979 – 1995.

Well-known West End actress, Esme Allen, receives a visit from her daughter Amy, together with her new boyfriend, Dominic Tyghe. This sets in motion a series of events which only fully come into shape 16 years later and takes the audience on a tense and emotional journey between a strong mother and her loving daughter.

The cast includes: Jo St Clair, Rose Harvey, Simon Barnett, Jill Morrell, Steve Marvanek & Jackson Barnard. Rehearsals began in January.



TSP 2022/2023 Calendar!

2022

Amy's View

Season: March 25 to April 9
Bookings are now open.

Radio Show & Dinner Gala Day

Date: Aug 20
Invites/info packs have been posted

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abr)

Season: September 9-24
Auditions completed and cast finalised

2023

Speaking in Tongues

Season: March 17 to April 1
Directed By Geoff Brittain

The Flick

Season: July 14 to 23
Directed by Rory Miller-Frost & Louie Collins

Accidental Death of an Anarchist

Season: September 8-23
Directed by Lesley Reed

David Hare's characters are renowned for being "real people with real flaws, struggling with their own lives and succeeding as best they can." This is what Tim Williams, says is the reason he chose to direct the play for The Stirling Players. "What is quite different about this play from others that I have directed is that we follow the characters over 16 years of their lives so we see each character evolve as the years progress and that is proving exciting to work through"

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN

book on line at:

www.stirlingplayers.sct.org.au

or by telephone at:

[0488 746 951](tel:0488746951)

Dates:

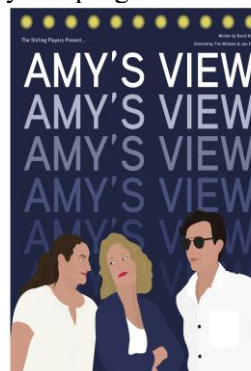
Fridays Mar 25 Apr 1 & 8

Saturdays Mar 26 Apr 2 & 9

Sundays Mar 27 Apr 3

[Evenings at 8pm](#)

[Matinees at 3pm:](#)



PLEASE NOTE THE SUNDAY MATINEE TIME OF 3PM



**MEET OUR
NEW
PRESIDENT**

**JOHN
GRAHAM**

John was elected as The Stirling Players President for 2022 at the AGM held on 6 February. He is not new to the role. In fact his first foray as president of the group was in 1973! And he remained on the committee in some role until 1978. And then again as Vice President in the late 1990s/early 2000s.

Yes, you will realise, with this being our 50th anniversary year, that John was one of the group's founding members, and that his contribution over the years has been considerable. His name is up there with other well-known stalwarts of the group: Tom Dyster, Miss Jo Lyons and Judy Riederer who banded together to form a community theatre group in 1972, and rescue the iconic building (now known as The Stirling Community Theatre) from demolition. It was earmarked for a supermarket!!! What a coup!

And of course, it was not surprising when the group was under threat of disbandment in 2020, that John was happy to serve on committee again. And he went from there to take on the role of Vice President in July-2021, and Acting President in October 2021. During this time he has chaired or been a member of at least three Stirling Players sub-committees as well. And significantly, he led the group that dealt with Constitution Amendment and development of an all-important Governance Policy to 'shore' up the flagging strategic future of the group.

But John has taken on various other roles as part of the group including make-up (even a workshop on stage make-up), FOH, set construction and design, audition panel member, and actor and director. He has directed or acted in 21 productions. *The Man who Came to Dinner* has to be one of the most memorable. He spent the whole play as the 'not so welcome guest' in a wheel-chair!

Among his directing accolades are his two award-winning productions;- *'It's my Party and I'll Die if I Want to'* for Best Comedy in the 2008 Curtain Call Awards and *'Family Lore'* in the 1995 Hills Drama Festival. And just as an aside, John also chaired and was a committee member of the Hills Drama Festival of One Act Plays. This was a unique festival which for many years involved local community hills theatre groups in friendly competitive networking.

John was made a Life Member at our 2022 AGM! As his sponsor so aptly said in her supportive speech, "We can literally say The Stirling Players wouldn't be where they are without you, John. It is high time you received recognition for your foresight and commitment over the last 50 years". Thank you.



You are invited to our
50th Anniversary
Gala Day Celebrations

We have put together a Radio Show with a series of humorous skits from the 50s and 60s. It will be presented 'Live on Stage' by some of the 'older' members of The Stirling Players at 3pm on Saturday August 20th at the Stirling Community Theatre. And will be followed by an anniversary dinner at the Village Well at Aldgate.

A brochure with details of how you can be involved has been mailed out to all those we have current contact details for. Some sleuthing has been required to find out postal addresses. . If you have been involved with the players, would like to be part of the Gala Day celebrations, but have not received letter, then please email the secretary at spsecretary@skvmesh.com.au and we will quickly rectify the situation



To further celebrate our anniversary year we are offering for sale, five (5) booklets that have been compiled of posters and cast/crew lists from productions 1972 to 2021. Each booklet showcases a decade of productions. The content has been faithfully reproduced from each production's original publicity material and programme

So enjoy reminiscing, and re-living pleasant times spent as part of cast/crew during your time with the players.

The booklets list the productions of each decade by year so that you can easily identify which booklet contains the productions you are interested in, and each decade booklet is colour-coded to make it easy to identify where your particular 'era' lies.

There will, of course, be many of you who will have been involved for more than one decade so you may want to purchase more than one booklet!! Just let us know. We would welcome early orders to ensure we have enough copies printed ahead of time.

PRICE

\$25 for one booklet

\$20 each for 2 booklets

\$15 each for 3+ booklets

For more information on booklet content & to order, visit our website at www.stirlingplayers.sct.org.au

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