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Committee

Vice-President: Heather Jones

Secretary: Viki Burrett

Treasurer: Maurice Kneen

Committee Members:

Danny Gibbins, Gayle Hammond, Rebecca Kemp, Mo Johnson, Lori Nielsen

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Message from the Vice-President

Seasons Greetings Everyone!

It's hard to believe that we are coming to the end of another year. And what a great year it's been for The Stirling Players!

Our February production, *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead* was nominated for Best Comedy at the recent ATG Awards. In September/October *Our Man in Havana* was a sellout. We knew that we had two great productions from the outset and critics and audiences agreed. We express our gratitude to directors, **Hayley Horton** and **Dave Simms**, for their professionalism and creativity, and to their respective casts and crew who deserved every accolade.

And now we look forward to 2019. We held the first reading of *Nell Gwynn* recently, and are thrilled to be presenting this bawdy, witty romp for the first time in South Australia. We are sure you will understand why it won the *2016 Olivier Award for Best New Comedy!*

As we approach another AGM, I encourage you to join our energetic and talented committee, and be a part of the team creating great theatre again in 2019 and beyond.

Thanks for your support of our great company in 2018!

Heather Jones



**What the Critics said about
OUR MAN IN HAVANA**

"I could not write enough about the versatility and talent of these actors"

"Dave Simms... has created a physical theatre masterpiece"

"...an excellent piece of theatre. Get up to Stirling and see it"

Shelley Hampton
Stage Whispers

"a rollicking, energetic and innovative package"

"impressive..."

Georgina Smerd
Glam Adelaide

"The energy on stage was palpable. ... their fun and involvement were both seductive and infectious..."

"... a most entertaining evening at the theatre"

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CALL FOR AUDITIONS
Our second production for 2019

A CELEBRATION

by Willis Hall and Keith Waterhouse

Directed by Patsy Thomas

Season Runs 13 - 28 September 2019

Auditions will held at the
Stirling Community Theatre,
Avenue Road, Stirling from 7pm on
Tuesday 26 February 2019

8 female, 8 male roles. Various ages
Good comic timing important

CELEBRATION is a wonderful comedy from the ever witty pens of Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall. One family with two events and, as the saying goes, "Weddings and funerals, nothing like them for bringing out the best and worst in people". Set in the early 1960s, this lovely play introduces us to a very Northern family. The first act sees the family making wedding preparations and the second act is set six months later with the family returning from the funeral of their Uncle Arthur, whose mistress, much disparaged and ignored by the family, turns up. A very entertaining observation of "the family".

Details on our website
stirlingplayers.sct.org.au

More Information:

Contact Patsy Thomas on 0498 677 761 or
email dth27480@bigpond.net.au



Past Minutes

15 July 1984

"Progressive Dinner: 25 July. To make it more fun, the Committee has decided that Fancy Dress will be worn. Prizes for Best and Worst and fines for those who do not wear a costume! "

Ed note: A note in a later newsletter announced that a profit of \$143 was made suggesting that a lot of fines were paid!

10 November 1986

"Jubilee 150 Time Capsule envelope bought by Stirling Players.

Tom Dyster agreed to put relevant details of 1986 productions (photos, posters, programmes) to be sealed in the capsule on 28/11/1986.

To be opened fifty years hence".

4 July 1988

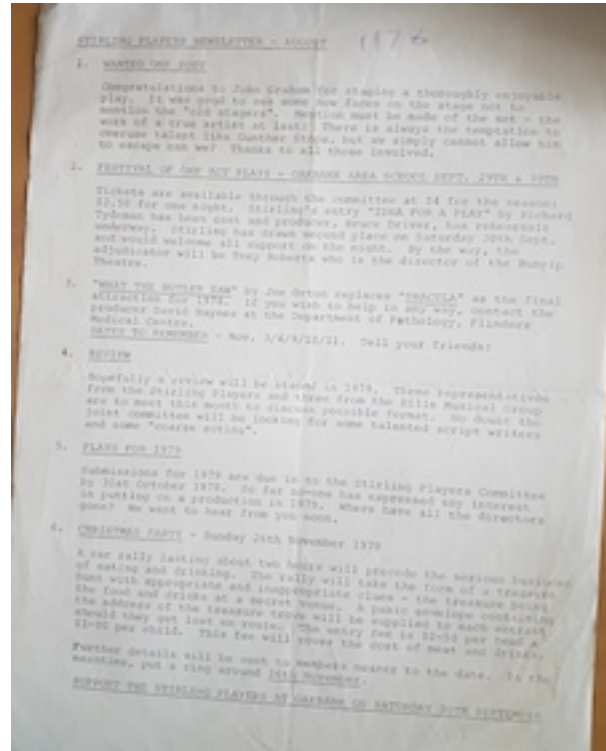
"Tickets for *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll* \$7 and Concession \$3.50"

"No smoking in the dressing room"

"Meeting closed at 11:00pm"

From the Archives

Forty years ago Newsletters were simple affairs. This one-pager from August 1978.



And pre-mobile phones other ways of communicating were necessary!

Christmas Party Sunday 26 November 1978.

"A car rally lasting about two hours will precede the serious business of eating and drinking.

The rally will take the form of a treasure hunt with appropriate and inappropriate clues - the treasure trove being the food and drinks at a secret venue.

A panic envelope contain the address of the treasure trove will be supplied to each entrant should they get lost en route"

COMING NEXT
22 February - 9 March 2019

***“They’ve disgraced our trade. Ruined our art.
 They’ve put a woman on the stage!”***



NELL GWYNN

***Written by Jessica Swale
 Directed by Megan Dansie***

Set in the 1660s when England’s theatres have just re-opened, and the monarchy restored, after the demise of Puritan, Oliver Cromwell, the new king, Charles II allows women to appear on stage for the first time.

Actress Nell Gwynn is courageous, talented and charming. But can her spirit protect her from the dangers of the court when she becomes the King’s mistress?

This play celebrates a woman ahead of her time and is a loving tribute to the world of theatre. Known for its bawdy humour, cheeky double entendres and a cast of larger-than-life characters, it takes history lightly, and plenty of liberties with Nell’s life. So, throw off your puritanical-no-fun-will-be-had hats, and head to Stirling Theatre 22 February - 9 March 2019!

Nell Gwynn - **Emily Currie**

Charles II - **Pete Davies**

Nancy - **Kate Anolak**

Charles Hart - **Brad Martin**

Lady Castlemaine - **Alicia Zorkovic**

Thomas Killigrew - **Lindsay Dunn**

Louise de Keroualle - **Rose Harvey**

Lord Arlington - **Philip Lineton**

Queen Katherine/Old Ma Gwynn - **Karyn Fuller**

John Dryden - **Matt Chapman**

Rose - **Anita Pipprell**

Ned Spigget - **Simon Barnett**

Ensemble & choreographer - **Rebecca Kemp**

Edward Kynaston - **Don O’Donnell**

Tickets on sale now

Online stirlingplayers.sct.org.au OR phone (08) 7481 6152

More on Nell Gwynn... On a recent visit to Salisbury Cathedral with a friend who is a National Trust guide, our Editor, Lori Nielsen, was shown this beautiful house in a corner of the Cathedral compound. It's where Charles II and Nell Gwynn stayed on a visit to the Archbishop. Imagine the carriage carrying the lovers entering through the archway...



DIARY DATE

***The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of
The Stirling Players Inc.
will be held on
Saturday 9 February 2019
at 4pm
at the Stirling Community Theatre
Avenue Road Stirling***

***Want to be part of a dynamic and creative
team with a proud history of producing
quality, award-winning drama?***

***The Stirling Players have a number of
committee vacancies for 2019.
For more information please contact
Viki Burrett, stirlingplayerssecretary@gmail.com***

Christmas Party Time

Thirty eight members enjoyed a great night at the Stanley Bridge Hotel on 8 December!



Our long-standing patron, Isobel Redmond, with Life Members, Vee & Denis Noble



John & Yvonne Zeising. Thanks, Yvonne, for the beautiful table decorations!



Kate Van Der Horst & Peter Bleby catch up on Kate's recent travels.



Madeleine Kneen, who creates the fabulous floral arrangements in our foyer, was in high spirits!



Likewise, Jane Bleby & Lori Nielsen.



Maurice Kneen & Kate VDH



Danny & Liz Gibbins



Mo & Nick Johnson



Steve Marvenek, Gayle Hammond, Denis Noble & Jill Morrell reminisce about our 2008 hit comedy "It's My Party and I'll Die if I Want To..." which was Steve's first ever stage performance!



Mo & Nick Johnson



***And speaking of Christmas...
Gift Ideas from The Stirling Players***

Looking for a gift for a theatre-lover? Tickets for NELL GWYNN are now on sale and would make excellent stocking fillers!

Or, what about a Stirling Players' 2019 membership? [Find all the details on our website...](#)

*Some Memorable Moments
from Our Man in Havana!*

