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The Stirling Players Inc.

MARCH 2023

Principal Member of the Stirling Community Theatre

From the President

2022 was a very successful year to celebrate our 50th anniversary. We started the year with a wonderful production of *Amy's View* by David Hare, beautifully directed by Tim Williams and Jan Farr, and superbly acted by a talented cast.

August saw us celebrate our 50th with a number of events. A wonderful Radio Show, arranged and directed by Bronwyn Chapple with a cast of some of our older members, delighted an almost capacity crowd. The Radio Show was followed by a most enjoyable dinner at the Village Well, Aldgate.

Throughout the whole month we had an excellent display of Stirling Players memorabilia in the History Room at the Coventry Library, Stirling. Thanks go to Bronwyn and Roger Chapple and Imelda Grubel for their outstanding work in organising this. Bronwyn Chapple also compiled booklets of posters, cast and crew for every production for each decade of our 50 year history.

Our final production in September was the frenetic, hilarious *The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)* directed by Jethro Pidd, complete with audience participation. One member of the audience even said she enjoyed it more than the production she'd seen in London. What better way to finish the year!

Our thanks go to the Stirling Community

Theatre Committee for supporting three productions this year: *Speaking in Tongues*, *The Flick* and *Accidental Death of An Anarchist*. *The Flick*, to be staged in July this year, by Pulitzer Prize winner Annie Baker, will be directed by Rory Miller-Frost and Louie Collins, both former members of HYT. This will be a shorter season of 6 performances over two weeks.

My thanks go to all the directors, cast, crew and other volunteers who have given of their time and shared their many and various talents with us to make 2022 a memorable Golden Jubilee Year.

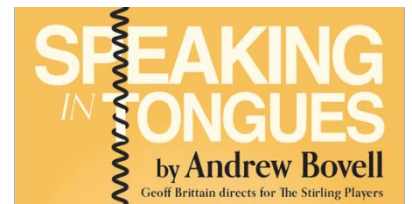
In conclusion, my thanks go to all members of the committee for their support during the year, especially to those who are not seeking re-election: Maxine Grubel (Vice-President), Bronwyn Chapple (Secretary), Joe Thorp (Treasurer), Brian Donaghy and Georgia Raison. All have contributed significantly to our success.

John Graham
President

2023 Committee

- President:** John Graham
- Vice-President:** Bob Peet
- Secretary:** Susanne Marie
- Treasurer:** Kristen Graham
- Members:** Roger Chapple
Jackie Ferdinands
Imelda Grubel
George Jankovic
Tania Thorne

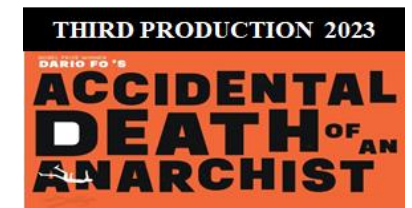
Calendar 2023



SPEAKING IN TONGUES by
Andrew Bovell
Awgie Award for Best Play
Filmed as *Lantana*
March 17 – April 1



THE FLICK by Annie Baker
Pulitzer Prize for best play
July 14 - 23



ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST
by Nobel Prize Winner,
Dario Fo
September 8 - 23

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Introducing Kristen Graham, Treasurer

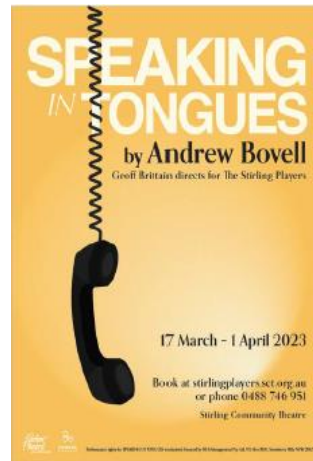
Kristen's first and only real acting role was as Oliver in the Patchwork Players production of 'Oliver' in Booleroo Centre, directed by John Graham. Kristen's subsequent acting focused on role play as a midwifery lecturer for many years. She plays a very convincing birthing woman, and supportive or bossy midwife depending on what the simulation calls for. Supporting theatre from the audience for many years, Kristen led the properties team for last year's production *The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)*. A properties baptism by fire experience a frantically paced production and backstage chaos with swords, daggers, sock puppets, poison vials, crowns, helmets, shrouded body, severed hands, snake, kazoo, teddy bear, shark and a severed head pie all thrown into the mix.



Kristen enjoyed working with a wonderful production team immensely and looks forward to supporting The Stirling Players as the Treasurer and committee member. Kristen has project management experience and will bring attention to detail to the role.

Stirling Community Theatre News

Thanks to the Adelaide Hills Council and the Stirling Community Theatre the Stirling Theatre has had a makeover since our last newsletter! Come and see the lovely new carpet and experience the comfortable new seating!



**Directed by
Geoff Brittain**

Featuring Gary George,
Nicole Ritty, Georgia
Stockham & Tim Williams.

This powerful study of
infidelity and interwoven
lives was filmed as the
multi-award-winning movie
Lantana.

Friday, 17, 24 & 31 March at 7.30pm
Saturday, 18 & 25 March at 3.00pm
Saturday, 1 April at 7.30pm
Sunday, 19 & 26 March at 3.00pm

Please note the change in times

TICKETS \$27, \$22 concession & \$20 group 10+
(Includes programme)

STIRLING COMMUNITY THEATRE

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Or phone 488 746 951**

You won't want to miss this show.

What the reviewers said.....

The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged!)



Jan Kershaw, Glam Adelaide

a wonderful production, combining terrific
performances, physical theatre, comedy, music and
a lot of general silliness.... This whirlwind comic tour
presents the Bard's famous works in a way you
have never imagined

Thomas Filsell, TASA

The stamina of this group of actors is something
really quite astonishing....

Ben Stefannoff, Glam Adelaide

Side-splittingly funny

Read Ben's interview with Director Jethro Pidd [HERE](#)

