

President's report



Happy new year! Following our AGM, I am delighted to be returning for another stint as President. The rest of last year's committee is also back, with the most welcome addition of Joshua Coldwell and Kate van der Horst.

The AGM was an opportunity to look back on the previous year and we were very proud of what we saw. Two fantastic shows, *Inheritance* and *Collaborators*, plus several fun social gatherings, including a play reading and bonfire, the Adelaide Theatre Guide dinner, and a wonderful Christmas celebration.

We are now within a week of the opening night for our first production of 2015, *The Beaux' Stratagem*, directed by Dave Simms, who did such a wonderful job with 2013's *The Lady in the Van*. Everything is going well and we are excited for the Australian premiere of this fun, and funny, play on February 20th.

The second production of 2015 will be *Zigzag Street* by Philip Dean, based on the novel by Nick Earls. This will be a South Australian premiere and I am very excited to be in the director's chair for this one. This production has now been cast, following a very successful day of auditions at the beginning of February. More details on this can be found later in this newsletter.

A call for submissions from potential directors for our 2016 season has also now gone out and further information can be found on page 4. We look forward to seeing what gets put forward.

2014 was a successful year for The Stirling Players and 2015 is looking to continue on that positive trajectory. Thank you to everyone on the committee for their continued efforts and to all the additional helpers that have contributed to another great year of theatre. And thank you to our members and audiences, for sharing in our success. We hope to see you in the foyer again soon.

Cheers
Miriam

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President - Miriam Keane **Vice President** - Heather Jones

Secretary - Viki Burrett **Treasurer** - Maurice Kneen

Members - Jane Bleby, Kevin Burrett, Joshua Coldwell, Mo Johnson,

Lori Nielsen, Glenys Newel, Debbie Tester, Kate van der Horst

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Christmas Barbeque

Thank you to Kevin and Viki Burrett for opening their home to us once again, to celebrate Christmas in true Aussie style.



Much hilarity ensued during the giant cracker-pull.



Zigzag Street Cast

Congratulations to this talented group of actors on their casting in our next production!

Richard Derrington - Lee Cook

Hillary - Caryn Rogers

Jeff - Patrick Gibson

Sal - Nicole Orr

Rachel - Carly Whittaker

Deb - Naomi Belet

Greg - Jonathan Pheasant

Renee - Shona Cameron

Girl - Jasmin Muller

Memberships for 2015

Now that it's 2015, memberships are once again due for renewal. There's still time to become a member and use your complimentary tickets to see *The Beaux' Stratagem*.

Memberships are great value. For just \$30 (\$25 concession) your annual membership (valid for one calendar year, Jan 1st - Dec 31st) gives you two ticket vouchers.

These can be used for either of our 2015 shows, *The Beaux' Stratagem* (February/March) or *Zigzag Street* (September/October). Use both for the same show or one for each, it's entirely up to you.

In addition, you'll be eligible to attend our special member events throughout the year.

Membership of The Stirling Players is one of the most affordable theatrical subscriptions in Adelaide. See our website to join today.

Call for submissions to direct in 2016

The Stirling Players are proud of the reputation we have built for producing unique, interesting, award winning plays, which appeal to both our loyal audience and the wider community. We boast more than 40 years' experience in bringing a mixture of dramatic and comedic theatre to the hills, having had the



honour of staging many South Australian, and even national, premieres. Submissions are now open for our 2016 season.



Performance run #1: February 19th to March 5th

Performance run #2: September 9th to 24th

Applicants should provide details of a maximum of two plays that they would like to be considered for production. All play submissions must be accompanied by two copies of the script. Potential directors are encouraged to provide information about their theatre experience, their vision for the play, and why they think it would be suitable for Stirling Players to produce.



Potential directors must nominate a preferred production timeslot (performance run #1 or #2) and enquire with the



appropriate licencing agent regarding the availability of the performance rights for the plays they are submitting, for that time. Please note: the rights for the selected plays will be formally applied for by The Stirling Players Inc. following confirmation of the season selection.

We rehearse at the Stirling Community Theatre on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Sundays (as negotiated with other users of the theatre) if desired.



Submissions must be received no later than 5pm on Friday April 17th. This closing date is final and late submissions will not



be eligible for consideration. Prior to final selection, potential directors may be invited to meet with The Stirling Players Inc. management committee, to discuss their submissions.

Submissions should be forwarded to the secretary via post: PO Box 455, STIRLING, 5152 or email: stirlingplayerssecretary@gmail.com.



Fridays & Saturdays: 20, 21, 27, 28 February, 6 & 7 March at 8pm, Sundays: 22 February & 1 March 4pm
Meet the cast & tour the theatre after the 1 March matinee

Adults \$20, Concession \$16 (Students, Concession Card-holders, Seniors), Group (10+) \$14

Tickets can be booked online at www.stirlingplayers.sct.org.au or by phoning Pam on 0414 075 413.