

News at a glance...

- ◆ CHATS newsletter to go bi-monthly
- ◆ Jetty Memorial Theatre Christmas Party Thu 18 Dec. **RSVP 6652 8088**
- ◆ Date for the **AGM** 14th Feb 2015
- ◆ **Auditions** Jan 31/Feb 1 for *Death of a Salesman*

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Liz, Lloyd and Ray getting into the spirit of things at the CHATS/CHMCC Champagne Christmas Brekkie last week. Good time was had by all... but if you missed it...

MERRY CHRISTMAS
all the same. Yay!

President's Report December 2014

In the words of the late John Lennon, so this is Christmas and look what we've done, three plays are over and a new one's just begun.

CHATS has once again shown it is prepared to give people a go, with two new directors making a debut. Congratulations to Penny and Emilia on jobs well done.

Once again our thanks go out to Front of House, Technical and all those people who work backstage to help bring our productions to fruition. All the hours of work are appreciated by the cast members and the audiences that watch.

To all the actors that have given their time and worked so hard to make sure the audience get their money's worth of entertainment.

Thank you to my fellow committee members who are always ready to put CHATS first and work so hard behind the scenes to make it all happen.

Lastly thank you to David, Natalie and Hilary for making the JMT a great place to perform, we look forward to doing it all again next year.

Speaking of 2015 we start in April with Shirley directing *Mums the Word Teenagers* already well into rehearsal. I am up next directing Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*, which will be on in July. I will be looking to audition in the last week of January - watch for a date. Emilia is back for more punishment in October directing David Williamson's *Birthrights*.

It was great to catch up with everyone at the combined CHATS/CHMCC Xmas brunch at the sheds. We had a good turn up and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Marty, Lehanne and Penny for helping out with the cooking and catering.

Don't forget to show your support for the last local production of the year by going to see go *Scrooge the Musical*. Good luck to David and the cast.

That's it for me for 2014 see you all next year.

Regards

Rex Madigan.

First Production in 2015



On stage at the Jetty Memorial Theatre,
Coffs Harbour 8-19 APRIL 2015

MTW₂ - Teenagers!

The show has been cast and what a line up! There are a few faces from the first *Mum's the Word* - Vanessa Crossley, Penny Dennis, Becky Cole. Plus there's a familiar face or two - Wendy Jeffery, Karolyn Gibson, Arlene Cole, and Ann Poidevin. And, then, there's a couple of 'newbies' to CHATS - Kyria and Alison... But more about them in later issues.

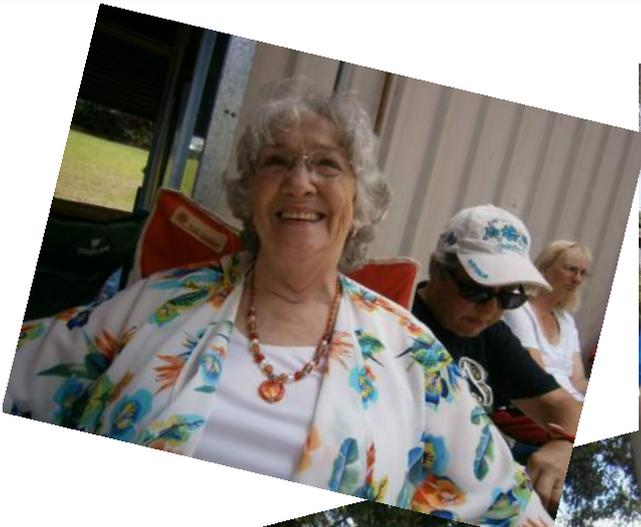
The cast have already started rehearsals and are learning their monologues with gusto and no small amount of giggles. We can promise you some... mmm... how shall I say it? Interesting episodes, such as a featured live broadcast from Radio C-MUM and a gang of superheroes the like of which you will never have seen before unless, like me, you had a mis-spent youth. No spoilers here. You will just have to come along and see the show, then all will be revealed.

And for those of you who think that means there'll be a bit of exposed flesh (as there was in the first one), well that rather depends on how well rehearsals go and how darn hot we can look between now and April.



More Xmas Party





Yet more Xmas Party fun!
Coffs' best cooks!

Newsletter change

From January next year, your CHATS newsletter is going to go bi-monthly. That means that you will get six newsletters a year instead of the current 12. I hope this is not too disappointing for you, but please be assured that we will still continue to let CHATS members know of important events and news via your email.

So, please make sure you renew your membership for 2015 (renewal form attached) and give your up-to-date email address.

Auditions

for *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller will be held on:

Saturday 31 January and Sunday 1st February
at a venue to be advised.

If you are interested to attend and would like more details about the play, please contact the Director, Rex Madigan on 0421 756618.

Whether you are an actor or would just like to be considered for a backstage role, please come along to find out more about the play, performance dates and to meet other cast/crew members.

CHATS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting for CHATS Productions Inc. will be held on **Saturday 14th February 2015 at 11am at The Mud Hut, Duke Street, Coffs Harbour.**

Applications are warmly welcomed from members wishing to nominate for a position on the Committee and a Nomination Form is enclosed with this newsletter. You need one CHATS member to nominate you and another to second you. If you would like to be nominated but are not sure who is a member, call The Secretary (Penny Dennis) on 0407 396038 and we will arrange for your nomination to be authorised by two committee members.

The duties of a committee member are to attend up to 11 meetings a year—usually on the first Wednesday night of every month, except January. Committee members are expected to help with formulating our operating policies and future direction, organising events, helping with productions (eg. Backstage help, Front-of-house, Publicity, Programmes, etc.). We are a happy band whose philosophy is: the more, the merrier. So, please join us in 2015 and help run and develop your community theatre company!

Your current Committee is:

President Rex Madigan; Vice President Shirley Barnett; Treasurer Emilia Guthrie; Secretary Penny Dennis;
Social Secretaries Lehanne Whittaker and Marty Elliott; Facebook Editor Wendy Jeffery;
Website Editor Paul Hutchison; Publicity Arlene Cole.

HSC Drama

Monologue workshops

with Director and Playwright,
Penny Dennis, BA (Hons), GradDipEd

School holidays January



The Education Centre at 62 Bray Street will be running workshops for small groups of 2 – 4 people during the January school holidays: the dates will be dependent on the participants.

Cost: approx. \$90 per 3 hour session.

Facilitated by Penny Dennis (writer and director of *Autumn Song*; actor *Mum's the Word*, *Falling From Grace*, *Flying Pieman*), we will soon have you delivering your HSC monologue like a true professional.

The foci will be on tone, style, enunciation, voice projection and character development.

We can also help you with choosing a great monologue.

Please call Liz Stevens at The Education Centre on **02 6652 2222** or email to

coffsharbour@theeducationcentre.com.au for more details.

ACCTS FUNDRAISING DAY

Put it in your 2015 diary now.

Sunday February 8th, 10am—3pm at The Jetty Memorial Theatre

The Association of Coffs Community Theatres (members: CHATS, CHMCC, Bootlace, Arts Council etc.) is holding an extraordinarily fun fundraising day at the theatre.

There will be stalls, raffles, prizes, performances of dance, drama and singing and all money raised goes into a Trust Account, managed by the ACCTS Committee, which is for the purpose of improving the theatre. Please also give your ideas on what improvements you would like to see at the JMT to your ACCTS representative. (In CHATS, these are Rex Madigan and Shirley Barnett.)

RAFFLE TICKETS (\$2 each or 3 for \$5) are already available from

Rex and Maureen at Gourmand Ingredients in the CBD, or call Shirley on 6651 9098.

Prizes so far are a year's Golden Ticket pass for 2 for all shows at the JMT in 2015—yes ALL shows, even the travelling ones—it's worth \$1000. Other fabulous prizes donated so far are dinner vouchers, hotel nights, wine and gift vouchers.

If you can donate a prize—or know someone who can—please let Shirley know.



But wait! There's more Christmas fun!



*Merry Christmas every-
one—and a very wonderful
New Year to you all.*

Dorrigo Dramatic Club is pleased to announce

A Galah Event SAVE THE DATE! Live Band

When: Saturday January 24th 2015

Celebrating 60 years keeping the stage alive

Dinner, Dance and Drama, Live Band

Save the Date!





NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE POSITION(S)

We, the undersigned members of CHATS Productions Inc.

hereby nominate :

Name:

For election to the following position(s), on the committee of CHATS Productions Inc.

Please TICK the position/s nominated for:
(maximum of 2 positions only)

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Committee member

Name: Name:

Signed: Signed:
(Nominator) (Seconder)