

# The Spotlight



**REMINDER – 2019 Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday, 12 February 2019 in the Parish Centre – All welcome**

**2018 Finale** – Once again, Sharon White directed the last play for 2018, Noël Coward's much loved, *Private Lives*. This well-acted and directed play was a triumph for both the director and her talented cast and enjoyed by all who were privileged to see it.



**The Talented Cast (l to r):** Matthew Hobbs, Jane Binstead, David Richardson and Emily McCormick with Philippa Dwyer (not shown).

**Charity News** – During the last play season, Front of House donations to *Aussie Helpers* (drought-stricken farmers) amounted to \$1,300. Thanks to all who contributed.

**Congratulations** to President, Barry Kratzke, on being awarded an Order of Australia Medal, for service to the Performing Arts, in the 2019 Australia Day Honours Awards. Barry needs no introduction to St Luke's Theatre goes in particular, as he has been a member of St Luke's since 1970 as an actor, treasurer, vice president and for the last eighteen years, president. He is still actively involved in all St Luke's theatre activities, including selection of plays and assistance to directors and cast members, as well as set décor and the myriad of things needed to sustain productions and is also well known on the wider community theatre scene.

Since 1972, Barry has also been a member of and St Luke's representative in the Association of Little Theatre Groups, now known as ACT Qld Inc. where he held several executive positions. This body was supportive, particularly in its early days, to Little Theatre member groups in Qld and Northern NSW. It gave information, ran competitions, encouraged fellowship and helped in a variety of ways. Now with access to the internet this body has lost impetus, but for many years was a mainstay for community theatre groups.

This is a well-earned recognition.



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## What's in Store for 2019?

### PLAY ONE

**March 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23 – 7.30pm**  
**March 16, 23 – 2.00pm**

### Twelfth Night



*A Comedy by William Shakespeare - Directed by Matthew Hobbs*

Matthew and the talented cast are busy rehearsing this production which needs no introduction to Shakespeare aficionados, while others will remember the famous quote "If music be the food of love, play on". Another date-claimer for sure!

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### PLAY TWO

**June 2019 (14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June)**

### The Mousetrap

[by arrangement with OriginTm Theatrical, on behalf of Samuel French Ltd]



*A Murder Drama by Agatha Christie - Directed by Sharon White*

This play holds the record for the longest continuously running play in the West End of London.

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### PLAYS THREE & FOUR

Please refer to the President's Letter (following).

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## From the President – Barry Kratzke

Dear Theatre Subscribers and Patrons of St Luke's Theatre

Happy New Year to you all.

I know that you have been waiting to hear from someone from St Luke's Theatre Society to inform you about the 2019 year and subscriptions. There is a strong possibility that a child care centre, which would incorporate a new hall, that we can use as a theatre, could be built on the grounds around the church. This would mean that the Parish Centre and present hall would go to make way for the development.

The theatre society has been told that it can use the existing hall until the end of June should the project go ahead, enabling us to perform the first two plays of the year in the hall. If construction goes ahead, we, hopefully, would move into another nearby hall, in which we would perform the last two plays of the year and the 2020 plays if required. If you know of a hall that you think would be suitable for us, please phone me on 3398 9032 or 0428 989 032.

You have been wonderful loyal supporters of the theatre and we hope you will continue being our patrons during the proposed construction which should be finished for the 2021 year.

As subscribers you can register and pay **HALF** the normal subscription rate for half a year. If we move to other premises, the agreement is that entry will be at the same discounted subscriber's price (\$16 and \$12).

The theatre year will commence with a William Shakespeare play, *Twelfth Night*, directed by Matthew Hobbs. Being an admirer of Shakespeare, Matthew has performed in some of his plays in other theatres, and now it is our turn, with Matthew in a directorial role. The play has a very large cast and we welcome all the actors to St Luke's Theatre, and trust they will enjoy their stay. I know that many of you are looking forward to this production.

I look forward to seeing you at this play, where, I hope, I will have more definitive information for you.

Regards  
Barry Kratzke

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## *The History of St Luke's* (Cont'd) – by Jan Moody OAM

With much talk of things coming to an end happening right now it seems fitting that we should contemplate the close of a very worthy enterprise in what was originally named Association of Little Theatre Groups (ALTG). The brainchild in 1971 of John Donovan and Sheila Dunlop, its purpose was to bring together the many Qld Little Theatre Groups alive at the time, some of which were rather isolated.

A delightful social atmosphere prevailed at monthly meetings, culminating in a very special dinner event every year at exciting venues all over Brisbane. Theatre news, play choices, set constructions, decor, sound and lighting problems, costumes, etc., gave theatre communities the opportunity to learn from each other in a world then lacking in the communication we enjoy today.

The idea of a contest for a Miss ALTG gave a purpose to these dinners and in 1973, St Luke's entrant Annette Smith, coached by our Ailsa Haseman presented a dramatic excerpt from Shaw's *Joan of Arc*. Annette was sashed as the first ever Miss ALTG before a distinguished gathering of judges comprising Lady Mayoress Mrs Clem Jones, Art Dir Qld Theatre Co's Alan Edwards and Arts Theatre President, Kevin Radbourne. Many other such contest entrants came from St Luke's ranks and three more were winners (Suzanne Marshall, Lynne Scofield, and Kym Hill) up to year 1993.

The group changed in lots of ways (even allowing a Mr ALTG) however, with TVs' arrival in everyone's homes, as well as computers, the communication line lost its importance. Barry stayed on as our representative, attending meetings at the Irish Club. He persevered by supporting every dinner and in contributing, along with Peter Parkinson, to the many novel contests to keep interest from flagging; no doubt remembering the glory days and reluctant to let go. We have trophies in our Light & Sound Room as mementoes of their successes.

But as I wrote at the start, inevitably what was a great conception for many years and for many Theatre Groups has had to call it a day, albeit with a good grace and some wonderful memories.

Congratulations Barry Kratzke OAM - you did St Luke's proud and we thank you for it.

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## *Members / Subscribers*

### **What Other Members are doing.....**

**Trevor Bond** is currently in rehearsal for *Heroes* with Wynnum Mercury Theatre (coming soon). **Gabriel King** is busy rehearsing for Jane Austen's *Emma* at Villanova Players (1 – 9 March).

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## *Vale Bart Hosking*

Bart Hosking passed away in his nursing home on 2 September. He was an actor and director in Brisbane theatres including St Luke's. Trevor Bond arranged a fitting memorial for him at the Mt Thompson Crematorium where all present spoke about their association with him, especially Bart's theatre life. Trevor arranged for a plaque to be placed next to Bart's partner of many years.

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## *Theatre Contact Details*

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*St Luke's Theatre Society  
Presents*

## **Twelfth Night**

**A comedy**

**by**

**William Shakespeare**

**Directed by**

**Matthew Hobbs**

March 2019 7.30pm – 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23

March 2019 2pm – 16, 23

at

St Luke's Church Hall / 193 Ekibin Road, Tarragindi

Bookings 3343 1457 or email [daleandsylviaabsolon@gmail.com](mailto:daleandsylviaabsolon@gmail.com)

Adults \$20, Pensioners/Students \$15, Children under 12 \$5.

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## ST LUKE'S THEATRE SOCIETY

### Subscription Application

(Please print clearly)

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25 High Street  
Highgate Hill Q 4101

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<b>8 Tickets</b>		<b>4 Tickets</b>
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for 2019 as per President's Letter (above)**