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SUMMER WONDERLAND

Get set for a great finale to our 2011 season as cast and crew begin rehearsals for Play No.4 - **Summer Wonderland** by Matthew Ryan and directed by Leo Bradley.

Rehearsals are at the theatre and the cast are really enjoying themselves as they bring this zany and entertaining comedy to life.

The play is a great Australian play from the pen of this talented Brisbane playwright.

The play tells the tale of the trials and tribulations faced by an eccentric group of neighbours in suburban Australia.

Leo is very pleased with how the play is progressing and it certainly is a great advantage to be able to have the theatre space for rehearsals for a play such as this one, where lighting and special effects are vital to the play.

Lucy Moxon is designing the set which promises to be great, so don't miss this play which opens on **Friday 18th November**. See you there!

THE CAST

Foster Jones	Lachlan Walker
Bob Jones	Patrick Mullins
Demoiselle	Samantha Yates
Marti	Fiona Kennedy
Eugene	Robert Garnham
Svetlana	Noelle Dreves
Mrs Leopold	Pat Wockner
Gustav	John Beach
King Ludwig	Blaise Ahern
Radio Announcer	Blaise Ahern

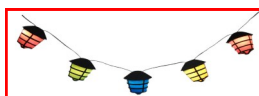
DIRECTOR
Leo Bradley

STAGE MANAGERS
Erin Burton & Leigh-Ellen Potter

SET DESIGN
Lucy Moxon

LIGHTING DESIGNER
Dan Knudson

COSTUME DESIGNER
Noelle Dreves



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Diary Dates for you to note:

- Monthly General Meeting - Wednesday 19th October, 2011, at the TAFE theatre
- Management Committee Meetings and Casting Committee Meetings are monthly.
- Opening Night of **SUMMER WONDERLAND** - Friday 18 November 2011-8pm

SOME PHOTOS



LEO AT THE HELM



THERE HAS TO BE A SANTA



FROM OUR PRESIDENT - LEO BRADLEY

Things never stop in our busy group. Rehearsals have just begun for our next production **Summer Wonderland**. Our energetic cast are laughing their way through the script and having a lot of fun with various accents:-Australian and European. Another great Australian Play from a local Brisbane writer. Please keep the offers of spare Christmas lights coming in. In this show, too many lights are barely enough!

Our next Monthly meeting will be our October Birthday meeting. Come along and celebrate our 63rd birthday. Along with a fabulous night of song and entertainment, there will be the announcement of our season for 2012.

We have some very good news about the future of the campus at Seven Hills and the Theatre. Our local City Councillor, Shayne Sutton was delighted to assure us that the Seven Hill site will retain the Theatre for community use as part of the River Gateway Neighbourhood Plan.

This will be enforced on any future development by the City Council. The Plan is timely, as the Southbank Institute of Technology have just started the process of selling the site.

We are very grateful to Councillor Sutton and to our MLA, Di Farmer, for their untiring support of this issue through the local Government planning process, and, of course, we are still very much indebted to the Southbank Institute of Technology for their continued support, in allowing us to use the Theatre.

With the preservation of the Theatre secured for the long term, we are now in a better position to apply for grants to enhance and develop the building as a performance space, and to continue to produce entertaining, challenging and rewarding local Theatre.

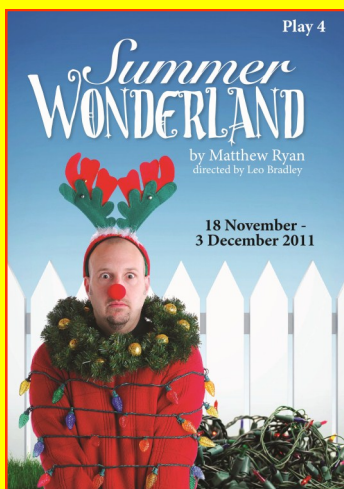
Cheers
Leo



2011 FORTHCOMING PRODUCTION



Play No.4 - SUMMER WONDERLAND
by Matthew Ryan
Directed by Leo Bradley
A true blue parody of life's trials and tribulations faced by an eccentric group of neighbours in suburban Australia.
18th November to 3rd December



MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

AT THE TAFE THEATRE
WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2011
8:00pm

ENTERTAINMENT

It's our Birthday, and on such an occasion we are allowed to indulge in a little sweet treat. Anne Monsour has devised a delicious Cabaret style confection which will be presented in the supper-room as we sip a bubbly and munch on nibbles after the formal part of the meeting. Performers are David Jones, Michael McNish and Samantha Yeates - all fresh from "*Lady Windermere's Fan*" and all showing a very different facet of their talents. Can't wait.

Don't forget to bring something to put on the communal supper table. Tea, coffee, juice and bubbles supplied by VP.

The Casting Committee will launch the 2012 season at this meeting.

Sounds like a great night.

Happy Birthday VPs



[If anyone is interested in presenting an item at our Monthly Meetings, contact a Member of the Casting Committee - phone numbers are on the back page of *The Proscenium*]



[LEFT]
A HAPPY
PHOTO
OF NEIL
AND
MEAGAN
AT THEIR
RECENT
WEDDING
AT
MARBURG
NOT
NANANGO

WONDER
IF
'REX' WAS
INVITED?
WE HEAR
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SORTED
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ALL OUR BEST
FROM ALL AT
VPs

The relevant points from the plan are listed under
" Precinct 2: Seven Hills TAFE"

- Future redevelopment delivers low density residential and community uses that sensitively integrate with the character and scale of the neighbouring Low Density Residential Area, focusing on high quality, ecologically sustainable design outcomes.
 - Significant bushland is preserved and additional public open space for recreational purposes, walking and cycling is provided.
 - **The existing theatre building is retained for community use.**
 - The environmental and hydraulic characteristics of Perrin Creek are protected and managed.
 - New vehicular street access through the site from Foxton Street to Clearview Terrace is provided, with no new access points onto D'Arcy Road.
 - A safe and attractive pedestrian and cycle network that provides direct, convenient access to local shops at The Corso, open space areas, schools and public transport is provided.
- Future redevelopment of the former Seven Hills TAFE site will require a structure plan and for key vegetation to be protected.



SEPTEMBER ENTERTAINMENT

We enjoyed a treatment of a short story by Hugh Lunn, which he had written for radio for Brisbane Festival earlier this year. **"The Search of a Queensland King"** was a rambling tale about State of Origin rugby league football, which took us all over the country from Sydney to Townsville and points between - as you can so easily on radio. Leo Bradley and his cast did an excellent job interpreting the story and locations for the stage, and their wheelie turns driving typists' chairs on the Story Bridge was hilarious.

Blaise Ahern, Jeff Ahern, Samantha Yeates, Paul Liddy and Anthony James are well-known members who took part in various roles. We welcomed new members Donna Thomas and Stephen O'Grady, and welcomed back Robert Garnham, who has been working away from Brisbane for some time. (Robert played Hughie in **"Over the Top with Jim"** in 2006). Lucy Moxon provided a wonderful statue of Wally Lewis, which she just happened to have at home as a feature in her living room, I suspect. Thanks to Hugh Lunn for giving us the opportunity to see this amusing piece - a work in progress, with some re-writing required to take it from page to stage

Maria Plumb - For the Casting Committee



[LEFT]
GUS GOULD
AT THE
RADIO
STATION
WITH THE
ANNOUNCER
AND THE
NARRATOR

[RIGHT]
JULIA
INSPIRES
PETER
STERLING
WHILE
'WALLY'
LOOKS ON



[LEFT]
'DRIVING'
ON THE
STORY BRIDGE



2011 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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	Neil Goodwin	0402 064 487
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WHAT'S ON IN THEATRE

ST LUKE'S THEATRE SOCIETY presents **THE HOLLOW** directed by Peter Parkinson - **18th to 26th November** - Bookings - **3255 6675**

BEENLEIGH THEATRE GROUP presents **SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS** directed by Steven Pimm **21st October to 12th November** - Bookings - **3807 3922**

ARTS THEATRE presents **MONSTROUS REGIMENT** directed by Kate Kunde - **8th October to 5th November** - Bookings - **3369 2344**

CENTENARY THEATRE GROUP presents **RED WHITE AND BOOGIE** by Peter Pinne - **5th to 26th November** - Bookings - **3379 3937**

SUNNYBANK THEATRE GROUP presents **A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM** - directed by Ashley Worsman & Pam Cooper - **11th to 26th November** - Bookings - **3345 3964**

MOUNT COTTON DRAMA GROUP presents **LIFE BEGINS AT 40** directed by Brendan Edgerton - **21st October to 5th November** - Bookings - online at their website

TOOWOOMBA REPERTORY THEATRE presents **LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN** directed by Mike Taylor - **19th November to 3rd December** - Bookings **4632 8058**

WYNNUM MERCURY THEATRE presents **ROME SWEET ROME** directed by Helen Haberland - **5th to 19th November** - Bookings - **0431 988 965**



MORE PICTURES FROM SUMMER WONDERLAND



[LEFT]
GUSTAV CHATS
TO MARTI
WHILE BOB JONES
LOOKS ON



[RIGHT]
A PENSIVE
MOMENT
FOR
FOSTER JONES
BEFORE
FACING THE
TRIALS AND
TRIBULATIONS
OF THE
NEIGHBOURS



[LEFT]
LEO DIRECTS A
SCENE FROM THE
PLAY

[RIGHT]
LEO DIRECTS A
SCENE
FEATURING
GUSTAV
AND NEIGHBOUR
BOB JONES

