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LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN

Play No.3, Oscar Wilde's witty *Lady Windermere's Fan* finishes its run this Saturday and by any standard, has been a resounding success.

Audiences have warmed to this play set in 1890s Britain, where views and values were vastly different from our own. In fact, according to the Duchess, we Australians are vulgar, with kangaroos hopping around everywhere.

Jill Cross should be congratulated for bringing this play vividly to life, with a fine cast and meticulous direction.

The set was simple but very effective in bringing the details of the play to the attention of the audience. The dialogue of the play carried the interest and the storyline and was not cocooned in an overpowering set. Congratulations to Rod Thompson and his helpers.

The characters were well-drawn and complimented each other greatly. As Jill said, the play could digress into the melodramatic, but this production, kept the sentiment of the period and made the play believable.

The costumes were colourful and added to the effectiveness of the overall play. Leo Bradley worked well to bring authenticity to all the scenes.

Overall, the play was a welcome addition to VPs line of successful plays for 2011. We await Play No.4 **SUMMER WONDERLAND**.



NOT GOOD NEWS FOR LADY WINDERMERE TO HEAR



THE DUCHESS 'REMARKS' UPON CERTAIN THINGS HAPPENING



THE 'GENTLEMEN' RETURN TO LORD DARLINGTON'S FOR A DRINK AND A CHAT ABOUT LIFE IN GENERAL

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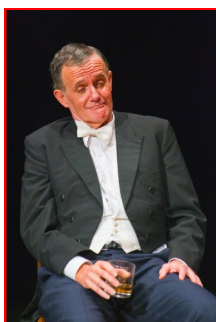
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Diary Dates for you to note:

- Monthly General Meeting - Wednesday 21st September, 2011, at the TAFE theatre
- Management Committee Meetings and Casting Committee Meetings are monthly.
- Opening Night of **SUMMER WONDERLAND** - Friday 18 November 2011—8pm

MORE LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN



FROM LEFT - LADY PLYMDALE, LORD LORTON, MRS ERLYNNE and LADY CARLISLE



FROM OUR PRESIDENT - LEO BRADLEY

As I write this we are just entering the final week-end for *Lady Windermere's Fan* by Oscar Wilde. Our audiences have all remarked favourably on the performances and the whole production. Many thanks to Jill Cross and her dedicated cast and crew.

Those at the 4MBS Shakespeare in the Park production of *Twelfth Night* on September 11th might have recognised some of our fabulous costumes getting another airing.

Our next Monthly meeting will be something quite special. Hugh Lunn, a very well-known Brisbane author and journalist has written a few small scenes for ABC radio as part of the Brisbane Festival. He has been very generous to let VPs have a crack at whether the little short story could be developed as a live theatre piece on our September meeting.

We are very grateful to the Southbank Institute of Technology for their continued support. While the long term future of the campus is yet to be determined, the Institute have assured us that VPs will be considered and we will be informed of any decisions.

In September, the non-profit YPAC Youth performing arts group will again run workshops at the Theatre at Morning-side, with the support and assistance of our members. We are also hoping to work with a group of local artists to use some of the campus to display their work in conjunction with Play 4.

We welcome Andrew Heron to the position of Vice President and Dan Knudson has been elected to Andrew's position on the management Committee.

Rehearsals will start soon for Play 4, *Summer Wonderland*. While the casting is nearing completion, with a few cameo roles to be decided, there are still quite a few roles to fill on crew. Erin Burton has accepted to be Stage Manager but this show will need a few assistants to change the set and to operate sound and lights. Lucy Moxon is working on a fun design for 'Dickens' Court.'

Cheers Leo



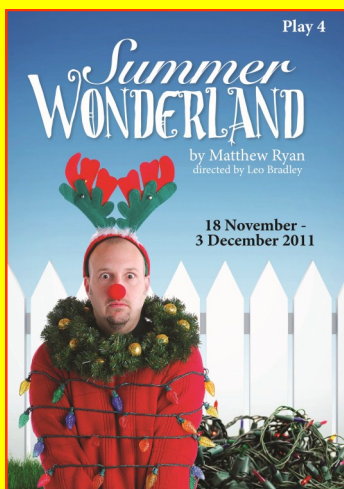
2011 FORTHCOMING PRODUCTION



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

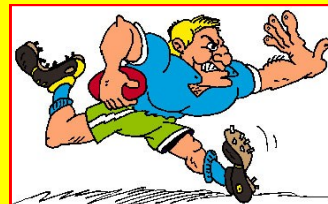


MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

AT THE TAFE THEATRE
WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2011
8:00pm

ENTERTAINMENT *THE SEARCH FOR A QUEENSLAND KING* A short story in five Episodes by Hugh Lunn

Queensland has been hit by floods and cyclones. Power lines are down; the trees have been stripped; the cassowaries have nowhere to hide. The people have been knocked down, and they're struggling to get up again. To lift spirits, an unprecedented fourth State of Origin match against New South Wales will be played at Townsville's Dairyfarmers Stadium. But things do not go smoothly, the Blue's are not going to take another thrashing lying down. The statue of Wally Lewis is stolen from Lang park and MUST be found or Queensland might lo@#! (Sorry I can't say that word)
Will our intrepid spies Kevin-11 and Juliet find Wally in time?!



[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*]

NOTICES

We are sad to report that Dan Kennedy's mother has passed away. Dan is Fiona Kennedy's husband [director of many shows including **Creche and Burn** this year]. Fiona writes, *Dan's mother, Joan Kennedy was 95 and had been married for 70 years. She is survived by Dan's Dad and her six children. We are all very sad. She was lovely. She had been to some of our plays and enjoyed seeing Dan in **Indian Ink** and me in **Edith Stein**.* Her service was recently held at the Bayside Baptist Church.

Play No.4 is looking for any old dolls houses or small children's cubby houses. If you have anything like this, or know someone who does, please contact Leo Bradley on **3891 5769** also contact Lucy Moxon.

September is a very happy time for two of our committee members. Neil Goodwin and Meagan Lawson will tie the knot later this month in Nanango. We're sure this will be another fantastic VPs production for 2011.



Just goes to show the talent we have in VPs. You may remember Jim Solomon [above] who recently played the younger brother in VPs **Marvin's Room**. At the recent Brisbane Eisteddfod, which was held at our theatre, Jim won an 'Oscar' in his section. We congratulate this young man on his win and hope to see more of him in the future.

AUGUST ENTERTAINMENT

Andrew Heron directed excerpts from "**48 Shades of Brown**" by Philip Dean from Nick Earls' coming-of-age novel. Set in Brisbane, the story centres around Dan - not-quite-17. Andrew, in his first direction for VP, set the locations of each scene well, so we knew immediately where we were in this rambling Queenslander, which is inhabited by the younger nephew (Dan - Stephen Quinn) of the bond-holder (21 year old Jacq - Catherine Blake), and another university student (Naomi - Samantha Yeates). Of course, not-quite-17 Dan develops a romantic, but unrequited, interest in the "older woman", Naomi, - all of 18 - and is annoyed by the all too frequent visits to this young man's paradise by his dorky school-friend, Chris, (Matrim Shea). The two hapless lads are overawed by the "sophistication" of Naomi's boyfriend (Michael McNish). This young and exuberant cast engaged the audience of members and friends, and had them laughing throughout.

These monthly meeting features are a training ground for new actors, directors and technical operators. They also give the members an opportunity to have a preview of plays that the Casting Committee may be considering for major productions, as we often recommend these to our monthly meeting directors. We like to hear your opinions of what you see.

Maria Plumb
For the Casting Committee



[LEFT]
DAN AND NAOMI
GET TO KNOW
EACH OTHER



[RIGHT]
CHRIS AND DAN
TALK ABOUT THEIR
FAVOURITE SUBJECT
- GIRLS



[LEFT]
JACQ HAS A
SECRET THAT
INVOLVES
NAOMI



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WHAT'S ON IN THEATRE

ST LUKE'S THEATRE SOCIETY presents **GREENROOM - YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT** directed by Francine Smith - 23rd & 24th September - 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 **SO YOU DIE A LITTLE** directed by Gregory Rowbotham - 3rd September to 1st October - Bookings - 3369 2344

CENTENARY THEATRE GROUP presents **THE MOUSE-TRAP** directed Kurt Lerps - 3rd to 24th September - featuring Paul McGibbon from **THE CLUB** - 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 **SPEAKING IN TONGUES** by Andrew Bovell - 24th September to 8th October - 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 'THE FAN'



Mr DUMBY FLAKES OUT



THE FAN IS DISCOVERED



LORD DARLINGTON'S BROKEN HEART



BUTLER PARKER ATTENDS TO THE LADIES