

PLAYERS PONDERINGS

OCTOBER 2024



UNNECESSARY FARCE - Directed by Steve Harris. Opens Fri 11th Oct.

Two cops, three crooks, eight doors, no waiting.... Unnecessary Farce is an award-winning stage comedy that combines all the elements of classic farce with a contemporary plot. In an economy motel room, an embezzling mayor is supposed to meet with his female accountant. In the room next door, two undercover cops are supposed to catch the meeting on videotape. But there's some confusion as to who's in which room, who's watching the video, who's taken the money, who's hired a hit man, and why the accountant keeps taking off her clothes.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW: [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE](#)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JAN COOK

SEPTEMBER 2024

September is almost over, and 2024 is racing away. I ask myself, where has the time gone?

We have had a very successful year so far. The Season opened with the musical '*FAME THE MUSICAL*', under the direction of Daniel Parlevliet. There was wonderful energy and vibe from the predominantly young cast of performers. This was followed by the comedy play '*MOTHER & SON*' with Paul Bishop as Director. The well-loved TV comedy came to life on the Players stage and was well received. With no time to spare, '*LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL*' launched with first time Director Wendy Beck at the helm. Well done Wendy on surviving your directorial debut. A superbly talented cast.

Here we are, almost ready to open the hilarious, comical '*UNNECESSARY FARCE*'. This side splitting comedy will keep you laughing until the very end. Director Steve Harris is well known to most, ably assisted by Jordan Frith. The Season finale will see '*SHOWTIME: AWESOME EIGHTIES*' with pop and novelty songs from the 1980's, directed by Paul Bishop.

The Management Committee sadly lost two members recently. Recognising the need to embrace a different approach, we have created a Marketing Team. Thank you to Jordan Frith who has accepted the role of Marketing Coordinator. Jordan will shortly establish his team of assistants.

Our Social Events Team remains busy planning opportunities that will benefit us all. Hats off to our set construction crew, the technical crew, the costume department, our Front of House and bar volunteers, all of the tireless workers who make sure every production will be a success.

Jan

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE PLAYERS THEATRE

- 28/09/2024** Information Session – *Showtime: Awesome Eighties* directed by Paul Bishop
- 05/10/2024** Script Writing Workshop – *Chains the Musical* written by Spencer Ratcliff
- 11/10/2024** Opening – *Unnecessary Farce* directed by Steve Harris (tickets on sale now)
- 12/10/2024** Auditions – *Showtime: Awesome Eighties*
- 19/10/2024** Information Session – *Clue* (2025 play)
- 01/11/2024** Open Mic Night
- 09/11/2024** Auditions – *Clue* (2025 play)
- 29/11/2024** Opening Night – *Showtime: Awesome Eighties* (tickets on sale now)
- 07/12/2024** Information Session – *Bonnie and Clyde* (2025 musical)
- 07/12/2024** Members Xmas party, organised by our enthusiastic new Social Events Team

COMING IN 2025:

CLUE (Play)	28 Feb to 16 March	Directed by Paul Bishop
BONNIE & CLYDE (Musical)	2 May to 25 May	Directed by Kate Simpson
ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL	8th, 9th, 10th June	
FINE ART OF DECEPTION	15 to 31 August	Directed by Guenter Bieniasch
(EXCITING MUSICAL T.B.A. *) *To Be Announced soon)	31 Oct to 23rd Nov Pending Rights	Directed by Wil Ferguson

PLUS THE FOLLOWING:

SCRIPT WORKSHOP PROGRAM

- *Chains the Musical* written by a local author, hoping to be submitted for 2026 show season.
- A locally written family pantomime *Betty Forgetting (With Hair Like Spaghetti)*, with over ten original novelty songs and an assortment of unique and hilarious characters.
- Submissions currently being accepted for other unpublished scripts.

PLAY READINGS

- A locally written jukebox musical *A Solitary Man* will be presented as a special singalong play reading, with over 20 well known songs of Neil Diamond.
- A radio play *Summer of the Aliens* by Louis Nowra to be recorded with foley sound effects.

Information about all of the above will be added to our website and social media:

www.playerstheatre.org.au

[FACEBOOK](#)

[INSTAGRAM](#)

COMING SOON:

SHOWTIME 2024: AWESOME EIGHTIES
(INFO SESSION 28th SEPT, AUDITIONS 12th OCT)

Showtime: Awesome 1980s is a retro-celebration concert featuring a selection of classic rock, pop and novelty songs from the most totally radical decade for music: the 1980's. Featuring a LIVE cover band of talented local musicians and an exciting ensemble of live performers, including solos, duets, and groups.

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED!

Performers can register via Jotform:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Information and schedule on our website
www.playerstheatre.org.au/showtime80s



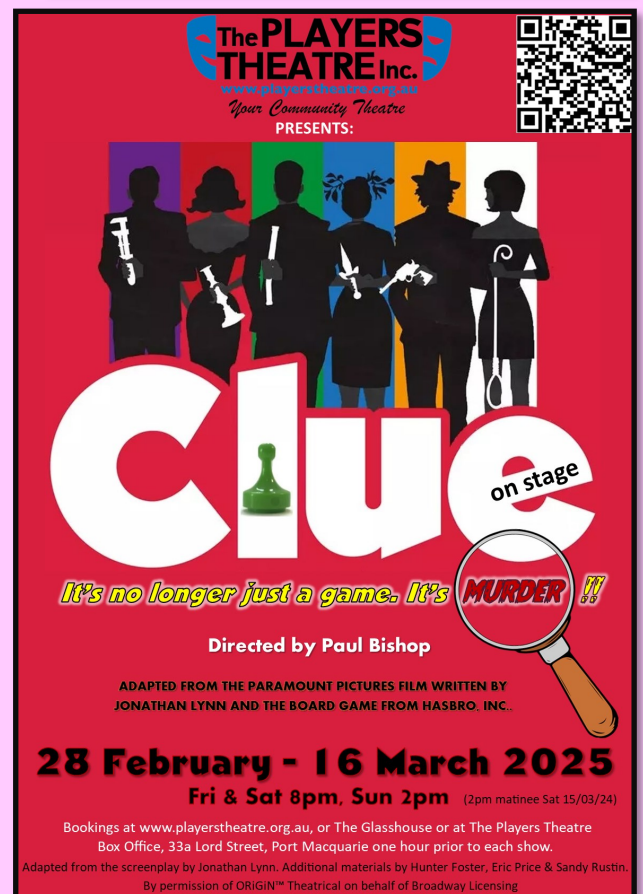
Clue

(INFO SESSION 19/10/2024)

Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount cult comedy movie starring Tim Curry and Christopher Lloyd, which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game CLUEDO, the play Clue is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. Clue is the ultimate comedy whodunit that will leave both cult-fans and newcomers in stitches and keep them guessing until the final twist as they try to figure out...

WHO did it? WHERE? And with WHAT?

Audition information available on our website www.playerstheatre.org.au/clue



SCRIPT WORKSHOP

Saturday 5th October 2024

Our next Script Writing Workshop is at 10am at The Players Theatre, with an exciting new submission by local author Spencer Ratcliff, who has written a new Australian musical, set in 1819 in colonial NSW.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact secretary@playerstheatre.org.au.

Involvement is free and all members are welcome to attend, to either participate, or observe.

Non-members are required to purchase or renew their memberships via our website at www.playerstheatre.org.au.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Friday 1st November 2024

PERFORMERS REGISTER VIA JOTFORM:

<https://form.jotform.com/222552065328857>

Live performers may include singers, musicians, poets, dancers, comedians or whatever your talents might be. Depending on the number of performers, each act will have 10 minutes to entertain the audience in a family-friendly environment.

Entry is FREE for members, \$5 for non-members. There will be lucky door prizes and trivia, the chance to win merchandise, bar items, plus a double pass to see our next play *Unnecessary Farce*.

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Script Workshop

SAT. 5TH OCTOBER 10AM

Chains

A NEW AUSTRALIAN STAGE MUSICAL
WRITTEN BY SPENCER RATCLIFF

MEMBERS ONLY

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND COLLABORATE WITH THE AUTHOR ON THE SCRIPT OF HIS FICTIONAL MUSICAL ROMANCE SET IN CONVICT-ERA SYDNEY, BASED ON HISTORIC COLONIAL AUSTRALIAN LOCATIONS AND CHARACTERS

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OPEN MIC NIGHT

Fri, 30th Aug 2024
Fri, 1st Nov 2024
Fri, 17th Jan 2025
Fri, 21st Mar 2025
Fri, 30th May 2025

7PM to 10PM
Register to perform

BRING YOUR FRIENDS
SHOWCASE WHERE YOU SHINE
HAVE A DRINK TO CELEBRATE

FREE FOR PLAYERS MEMBERS
\$5 NON MEMBERS

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Merchandise



MERCHANDISE FOR SALE ONLINE

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SPECIAL SHOUT OUT!

To our hard-working and dedicated Set Construction Team, led by Jan Cook. Always busy behind the scenes making the magnificent sets for our wonderful plays and musicals, plus looking after regular maintenance of our theatre. **Thank you!**



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