

BAY THEATRE PLAYERS NEWSLETTER



Scene Recreations from our
"No More Drama"
Workshops

WHATS ON

Thursday 8 February 2024
Youth Theatre Commences
4.30pm @ The Playhouse 33 Gregory St

Sunday 11 February 2024
Information Day - War Crimes By Angela Betzien
10am @ The Playhouse 33 Gregory St

Wednesday 14 February 2024
Play Reading - 12 Angry Jurors
6.30pm @ The Playhouse 33 Gregory St

Sunday 18 February 2024
Auditions - War Crimes By Angela Betzien
10am @ The Playhouse 33 Gregory St

14, 15 & 16 March 2024
On Gregory St
@ The Playhouse 33 Gregory St

SHOWTIME

ON GREGORY ST

Tickets on sale 15 Feb: ww.trybooking.com

AUDITIONS!
WAR CRIMES
BY ANGELA BETZIEN

CAST ANNOUNCEMENT

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST
by Oscar Wilde

Play Exploration and more.....

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024!

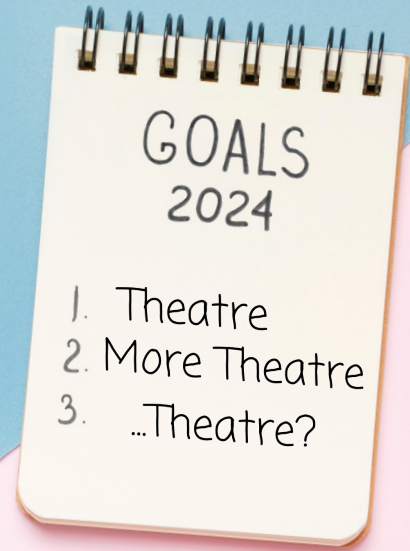
Thank you for your ongoing support of
our not-for-profit community theatre

Adult \$25 - Household \$50 - Concession \$20

Regular Newsletter - Early Access to Ticket Sales

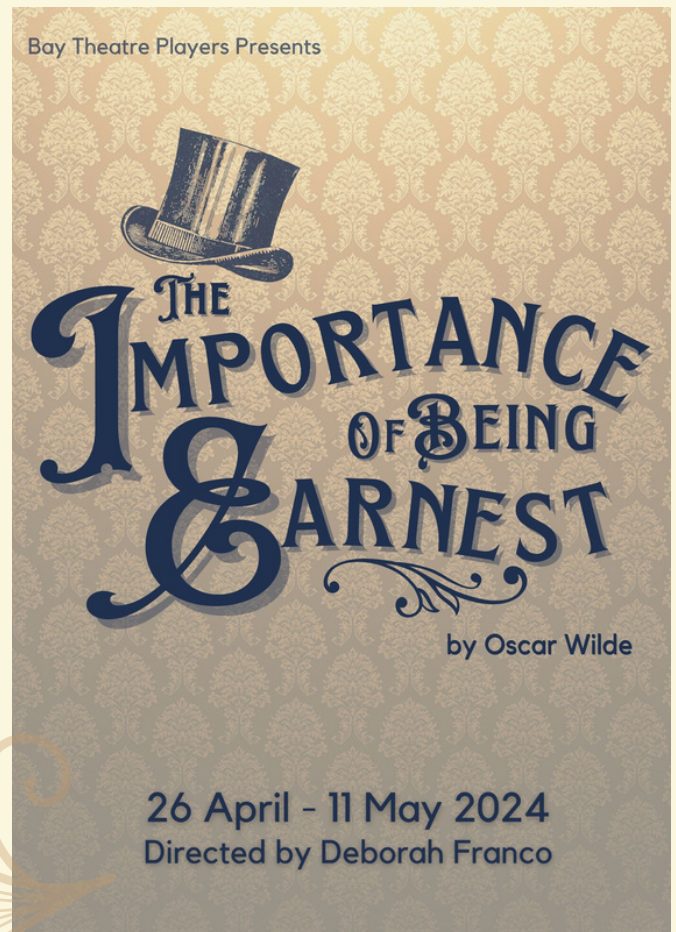
Membership Form Attached

THANK YOU



CAST ANNOUNCEMENT

Jack Worthing - Jeremy Kemp
Algernon Moncrieff - Matthew Burgess
Lady Bracknell - Candy Burgess
Gwendolen Fairfax - Sam Haslam
Cecily Cardew - Jen Aspinall
Rev. Chasuble - Gerry Deevy
Lane - Bernie Du Field
Merriman - Gerard Simms



Here's to Oscar Wilde's
The Importance of Being Earnest

The set is well on its way to completion compliments of Jon Benn. Also, the furniture and props have been sourced for the dressing of our stage.

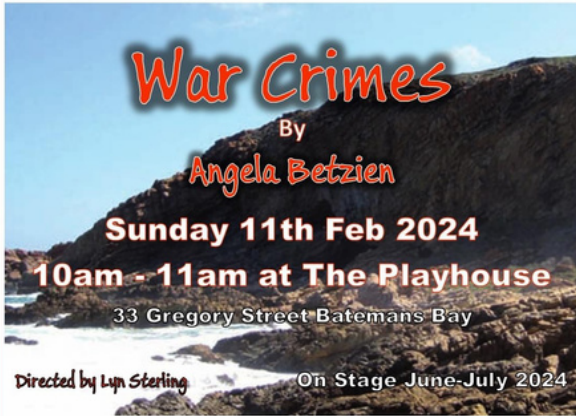
I appreciate this opportunity to direct such a wonderful cast for BTP Inc.

Looking forward to rehearsals culminating into a great show.

Deborah Franco, Director



You're invited to an
Information Day
for the production of



Directed by Lyn Sterling On Stage June-July 2024

What do you do when your country is at war, your town is at war, your friends are at war and there's a war inside your head? You run.

Set in a regional coastal town, *War Crimes* tells a powerful story of five disenfranchised young women who are fighting for respect, railing against authority and struggling to form an identity in a small town with limited opportunities.

A relevant and provocative contemporary Australian Drama.

Audition packs available on the day.

Auditions 18th Feb 2024

Parts for young women 16 years + (Adult themes)

For information please contact Lyn 0416181003

AUDITION OPPORTUNITY

WAR CRIMES BY ANGELA BETZIEN

We invite anyone interested in being a part of our production of *War Crimes* by Angela Betzien to come along to our Information Day and Auditions in February. This play will be on stage in June/July 2024. This play has parts for 5 females between the age of 16- 30's. It has adult themes and requires high energy performers. It is sure to spark debate.

INFORMATION DAY

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY – 10AM TO 11AM

AUDITIONS

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY – 10AM TO 12PM

@THE PLAYHOUSE, 33 GREGORY ST BATEMANS BAY

War Crimes is set in a regional coastal/rural town but is not your romanticized portrait of country life. It is angsty and brutal, heavy handed and unsubtle. Betzien's writing comprises of equal parts poetry and dialogue, yet never lapses into pretention. It will be exciting for the all-female cast to be able to portray multiple characters within quite complex relationships and make it appear to be thoroughly organic, with an unrehearsed feeling and dynamic, among the performers.

Curious? Then come along and find out more about the play, rehearsal expectations and performance dates. As this is an ensemble piece with multiple interactions between the actors, we will run the auditions as a workshop. This gives everyone an opportunity to "try on" multiple characters and have an opportunity to explore the connections between characters. Audition packs will be available at the information session.

If you are interested or need further information or would like to be involved behind the scenes please call Lyn Sterling 0416181003

Play Exploration - February 2024



"ENGAGING, TIGHTLY PACED, AND ONE OF THE CLASSICS OF THE THEATRE"

12 Angry Jurors by Reginald Rose Adapted by Sherman L Sergel

12 Angry Jurors is a play that contemplates the huge responsibility of 12 ordinary people as they consider the guilt or innocence of a young man accused of murder. The 12 jurors bring their own histories, prejudices, and biases to the jury room as they work through this life or death decision.

Wednesday 14 February @ 6.30PM

Tickets on Sale 15 Feb!

SHOWTIME ON GREGORY ST

Tickets on sale soon for our musical showcase "On Gregory St" on March 14, 15 & 16.

A very limited season, so be quick!

Our superb cast of over 40 members will entertain you with song and dance, with music from the golden age of musicals

Oklahoma - West Side Story - Annie - Oliver - Evita - and more....



We are delighted to present "On Gregory St" for our friends at Goodwin Aged Care to celebrate Seniors Week, and also to our members and friends.

We hope you enjoy this show that we have put together in only 6 weeks of Rehearsals!

Youth Theatre is back!

Youth Theatre is back for Term 1 - for all young ones aged 8 - 12 years.

Commencing Thursday 8 Feb - 4.30pm to 6pm.

A great opportunity to explore your creativity, have lots of fun and learn some new skills!

For more information, please contact Lyn Sterling 0416 181 003

Term 2 workshops will be for older kids, aged 13+



Youth Theatre Workshops

For Children 8-12
Commencing Thursday 8th Feb

Workshops provide a fun safe space for children to explore their creativity, learn new skills and make new friends. They will get to investigate many aspects of theatre performance and production. Come along and enjoy the fun.



Running weekly from 4.30pm-6pm at The Bay Playhouse 33 Gregory Street Batemans Bay

To Book Your Place please contact Lyn 0416181003 lsterling@bigpond.com

NO MORE DRAMA WORKSHOPS



FROM LYN STERLING, WORKSHOP CO-ORDINATOR:

Our young women's workshop - No More Drama - was held in January. It was so wonderful to meet this diverse group of women with ages ranging from 16-30's and to watch them embrace all the activities and work together to achieve some interesting, funny and dynamic results. This workshop was created especially for women so that everyone would be able to come together in a space where they could feel comfortable, safe and supported. A place to explore their creative potential, increase their confidence and meet other women with similar interests. I watched the group quickly become a collective force and there is much joy and laughter in the room as they encouraged each other to freely express themselves without judgement or expectations. I hope from this introduction to theatre that many will have the confidence to follow other opportunities to be involved in the creative or performing arts in some shape or form. Workshops can open us up to think about future possibilities and I feel privileged to be able to facilitate this in some small way. These workshops were supported by Eurobodalla Shire Council and The Soldiers Club in Batemans Bay and we thank them for their continued and generous support of the arts in our region.

From the committee....

Welcome to 2024 everyone, we are very excited to present a very full and diverse theatre calendar this year. As you can see from this newsletter, there is a lot going on and many opportunities for members to be involved or to be entertained.

Tickets are on sale for our musical showcase "On Gregory St" - get in quickly as there are only 5 shows! We have a huge group of members eagerly rehearsing and from what I have seen so far, its going to be fantastic. If you like musicals, tap dancing, beautiful ballads and big chorus numbers, this one is for you!

Auditions for our mid-year performance, War Crimes by Angela Betzien, will be held this month, for any young women aged 16-30's. This will be an exciting and challenging experience for our young actors, so come along and get involved.

As a committee, we are consciously exploring new and different ways to bring theatre to our community, to extend our reach and get more people involved with this great organisation and facility. Keep an eye out for some new things to come.

Thank you for your continued support of our community theatre and please renew your membership today, so we can continue the fun and good work we do here at Bay Theatre Players.

Sam Aspinall



Thanks to local artist, Pei-Shan Wu, for creating this vibrant and energising mural for our theatre. Make sure you check it out next time you visit The Playhouse!

Bay Theatre Players Inc Committee 2023-2024

Sam Aspinall - President Lyn Sterling - Vice President
Anna Smart - Secretary Ann Smith - Treasurer

Jen Aspinall - Jon Benn - Rowena Blewitt - Candy Burgess
Lerae Davison - Jeremy Kemp - Tay Mugridge - Michele Whittle