

Waipukurau Little Theatre Inc.

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March/April 2022 NEWSLETTER

COVID-19 and the Theatre

After two years of disruption to the theatre, COVID-19 has reared it's ugly head again. We were on track and looking forward to bringing you live theatre in mid-April.

Unfortunately, three of our cast and crew have been affected by COVID-19 that has led to a halt of rehearsals. This also means a delay to the production dates for the show. We now propose to push back the dates to mid-May.

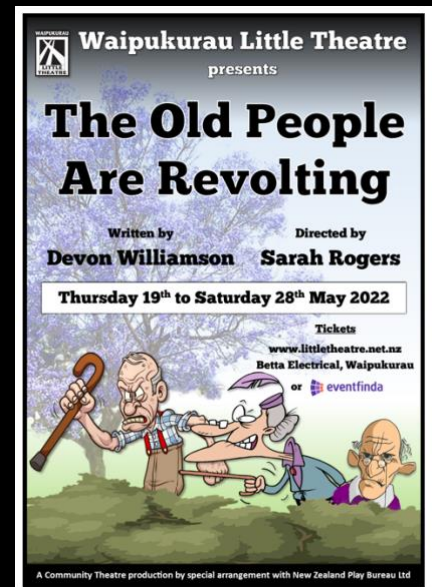
The Old People are Revolting

Thursday 19 May to Saturday 28 May

All current ticket holders will be given the options of;

- Transferring their tickets to the equivalent new date
- If this is not suitable, then getting a refund with the option to book on an alternative date that suits better.

Ticket holders who gave an email when purchasing a ticket will be contacted by Eventfinda. Others will be contacted by our treasurer Rob Blamires (email: accounts@littletheatre.net.nz).



With the ending of vaccine mandate we are now pleased to be able to open our theatre to all patrons. We are also able to increase the number of ticket holders in the theatre at one time.

Until there is more certainty we will not be offering meals other than pre-packaged bar snacks. Tea and coffee will be served and the bar will be open for all performances.

We ask all patrons to wear masks and to not attend the theatre if they are feeling unwell. Further we encourage you to get a test if you are in doubt.

We are also asking our cast, crew and all theatre staff to test regularly to try to keep the theatre COVID free.

We thank you for your cooperation with these matters

Lindsey Bishop – President, Waipukurau Little Theatre

Table Sponsorship

I am pleased to announce that sponsorship of tables at the theatre has been fully subscribed and is now closed. We would like to say a huge thank you to all those that have sponsored tables. Your contributions have enabled our purchase of 14 small tables for coffee and drinks and 11 larger tables for dinners.

These will provide a great addition to the theatre and allow us flexibility into the future.



AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Waipukurau Little Theatre will be held on Monday May 9th at 7:00pm in The Little Theatre.

We encourage all to attend though only paid-up members are entitled to vote.

As always, we are looking for new blood to join our theatre family. We welcome any contribution, be it on the committee, acting on stage or helping out backstage.

Membership forms and Nomination forms are attached to this email. Nominations must be received by the secretary prior to the meeting and must be signed by a member.



Auditions: "Spirit Level"

A comedy written by **Pam Valentine** and directed by **Lindsey Bishop**.

Show dates: Thursday 21 July to Saturday 30 July.

Auditions: Saturday 23 April 2:00pm at Waipukurau Little Theatre

Synopsis:

When famous crime writer Jack Cameron and his wife Susie drown in a boating accident, they are refused entry into heaven – Jack is a card-carrying atheist – so they return to haunt the country cottage where they lived. Life is dull. Their only pleasure comes from spooking the estate agent and frightening away any would-be tenants.

Things change when Susie persuades Jack to allow a young couple, Simon, an aspiring crime writer, and Flic, his pregnant wife, to move in. Inevitably Susie and Jack become drawn into their lives, and whilst Simon has writer's block, Marcia, Flic's monstrous mother, is doing her best to separate them.

With no hope of success, Susie calls up her Guardian Angel who, when she arrives, is not the angelic figure one would expect. Mayhem ensues.

Characters

Jack Cameron: Male 50's – 60's. Famous deceased crime writer. A card-carrying atheist.

Susie Cameron: Female 40's – 50's. Jack's Wife. Expensively dressed with an air of sophistication

Mark Webster: Male 40+. A pompous pedantic buffoon of a real estate agent.

Simon Willis: Male 20's – 30's. An aspiring author. Young, eager, and casual.

Flic Willis: Female 20's – 30's. Simon's wife. Casual – clothes more department store than designer.

Marcia Bradshaw: Female 40's – 50's. Flic's mother. A difficult snobbish and forbidding woman.

Guardian Angel: Female 40's – 50's. Susie's guardian angel. Middle-aged tweedily dressed – bespectacled.

Ages are a guideline only.

For rehearsal details and script please contact the director Lindsey Bishop on 0274 711 550 or email lindseyb@littletheatre.net.nz

Short and Sweet:

Every third Friday of the month. Next Meeting Friday 5 May at 6pm.

A short working bee followed by a shared meal and a quiet drink.

All welcome. Contact: Hilary Blamires 021 906 032