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JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

A Message from the President

Thank you for being part of Waipukurau Little Theatre. A request from me to you as our audience: Oisin left Waipukurau College last year and out of several hundred New Zealand students only 24, including Oisin, secured a scholarship at the Shakespeare Globe Theatre in England. Oisin returned to Waipukurau and is keen to share his talents on our stage as both Director solo actor. We really hope you can be there for him. Please see the details overleaf.

ShortNSweet 6pm Third Friday of the month. Repair, maintenance, cleaning, and upgrade activities throughout the theatre. You are welcome to join us for an hour or so. We order fish and chips for 7pm

Weekly Wednesday "Wenches" .1130 to 2pm. When we get together, we sort out wardrobe or props. If there is a show coming up, we start to plan what is needed to support the properties and the wardrobe assistants and we usually have a shared lunch. You are welcome to join us

Hilary Blamires

President

★★ IMPORTANT NOTICE ★★

To all Life and Current Members,

The committee of Waipukurau Little Theatre hereby gives notice of a **Special General Meeting** to be held at the **Little Theatre at 7pm on Monday 10th February 2025.**

The purpose of the meeting is to agree a course of action with regard to re-registering the society under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

This [Summary of Reregistration](#) explains the three options that are open to us:

1. Choose not to re-register
2. Do nothing
3. Choose to re-register (**Committee recommended option**)

It is very important that you, as a Member, attend this **Special General Meeting** and give your vote for the option you feel is right.

Thank you, and we hope to see you there.

NOTE: If Option 3 above is chosen then the committee will carry out the required changes outlined in the Summary of Reregistration and final ratification will be sought from the Members at the **Annual General Meeting**, currently planned for **Monday 5th May**. Further notification of the AGM will be sent closer to the time.

Rob Blamires

Secretary

COMING TO THE LITTLE THEATRE IN FEBRUARY ...



This one-man show is written by Duncan MacMillan with Jonny Donahoe and has been performed to sell-out audiences around the world. Self-directed and acted by young local talent, Oisín Casey Galloway, fresh from his multiple roles in *A Christmas Carol*.

3 Performances Only - All tickets \$20 - Available Betta Electrical, Waipukurau and [Eventfinda](#)

Evenings:

Thu 13th & Fri 14th Feb @ 7.30pm

Matinée:

Sat 15th Feb @ 2.30pm

The Story

You're six years old. Mum's in hospital. Dad says she's "*done something stupid.*" She finds it hard to be happy. So you start to make a list of everything that's brilliant about the world. Everything that's worth living for:

1. Ice cream.
2. Kung Fu movies.
3. Burning things.
4. Laughing so hard you shoot milk out your nose.
5. Construction cranes
6. Me

You leave it on her pillow. You know she's read it because she's corrected your spelling. Soon, the list will take on a life of its own. A play about depression and the lengths we will go to for those we love.

Oisín Casey Galloway sets out to bring this phenomenal solo show to Waipukurau Little Theatre, as both actor and director. ***Every Brilliant Thing*** is a funny, sad, hopeful, and honest look into a world where there is joy to be found in every possibility.

"[EVERY BRILLIANT THING] is sad, but it is also gloriously funny and exceptionally warm. It's a show that spells out a little of what depression can do to people, but it also highlights the irrepressible resilience of the human spirit and the capacity to find delight in the everyday."
- Time Out London.

"One of the funniest plays you'll ever see about depression – and possibly one of the funniest plays you'll ever see, full stop..."
- The Guardian

Contains references to self-harm and suicide and is recommended for ages 14 and above

HYPNOSIS

Originally planned for April, sadly, this production has had to be postponed until later in the year due to a cast shortage. However, we are confident that we'll be able to bring you this intriguing and humorous play, from the author of 'Last Tango and Last Panto at the Little Theatre', in our mid-year slot.

A mesmerizing thriller with plenty of twists and a liberal dash of comedy ...

The Great Gordo, an alcoholic stage hypnotist in the twilight of his career, randomly chooses Alan Briggs as his next stooge. Briggs, a mild-mannered policeman, is a good sport, the audience laughs, and everyone goes home

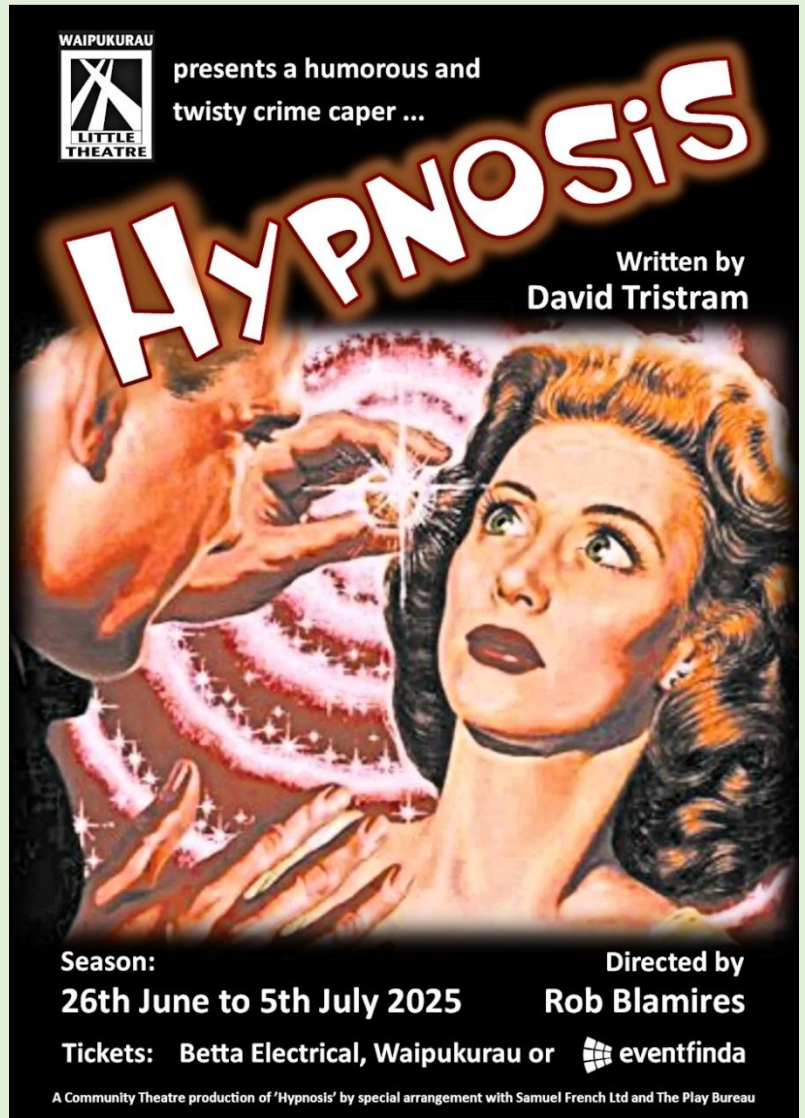
For Gordo, it's just the end of another show, and time for a drink or three before bed. But someone out there has other ideas ...

... Extraordinary ideas!

The mind games begin, the stakes are raised, and we sense there can only be one winner - but who?

The play is a crisp three-hander taking the audience on a roller-coaster journey of deception and intrigue.

THREE EGOS. ONE MASTERPLAN. WHO'S IN CONTROL?



WAIPUKURAU
LITTLE
THEATRE

presents a humorous and
twisty crime caper ...

HYPNOSIS

Written by
David Tristram

Season:
26th June to 5th July 2025

Directed by
Rob Blamires

Tickets: **Betta Electrical, Waipukurau or eventfinda**

A Community Theatre production of 'Hypnosis' by special arrangement with Samuel French Ltd and The Play Bureau

YOUR COMMITTEE 2024/2025

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