



March 2026

THIS MONTH

"BLIND EYE" A play by APRIL PHILLIPS

Directed by LINDSEY BISHOP

SHOW SEASON – Thursday 19 March to Saturday 28 March.

"Blind Eye" is a poignant play that captures the lives of Wally and Vera Matthews, an elderly couple whose deep affection for one another defies societal norms. Set in their modest home,



the story unfolds through their tender interactions, revealing the profound bond they share despite the escalating challenges of aging. Wally, a retired bricklayer, tenderly cares for Vera, who is blind and beginning to show signs of early dementia. Their tranquil life is turned upside down when Wally is injured during an assault, prompting Alice, a dedicated district nurse, to step in and assist Vera during his recovery.

As the play progresses, it becomes clear that all is not as it appears to be. The play leaves viewers to ponder the complexities of human connections and the lengths one will go to, to safeguard those they cherish.

Link to details and Tickets for next show <https://www.littletheatre.net.nz/>

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Meet the *Blind Eye* family! Left to right: Rob Macintosh, Kate D'Ath, Helen Griffin, Andrew Laird and Director, Lindsey Bishop. Photo by Lupin Berry.

2026 proposed events:

July: *The War of the Worlds* by Howard Koch . Director: Helen Griffin.

Volunteer vacancies

Treasurer:

This position would suit someone who would love to be involved in theatre not just as a treasurer but also as part of our theatre team, behind the scenes and/or on stage, if interested. It would suit a part time worker or a retired/semi-retired person with an understanding of Xero accounts (or willing to learn). We give support when you need it. The treasurer role is an important one and has been well organised to ensure successors transition smoothly.

Publicity Team Members

Interested in promoting our Little Theatre and shows. but not sure how to get involved ?

We have solid links with local advertising, Facebook, and online media. It needs additional people on our team to support each other, willing to maintain these contacts and to bring in their own ideas too. This position would suit someone who loves being involved in theatre not just covering advertising but as an important part of our theatre team with the opportunity of being involved in theatre life, behind the scenes and/or on stage.

Youth Officer

Contact the Secretary if you would like to know more. We will also organise a tour of the theatre and an opportunity to meet some of our members and volunteers.

Fundraising for your Organisation?

For every production we offer the opportunity to raise \$875 by selling 50 theatre tickets at \$35 per ticket.

For \$875 we offer:

- A preview night with 50 auditorium seats
- Front of House team to welcome your guests
- Free coffees & teas
- A licensed bar with bar manager and staff

Your organisation:

- Pays \$875 to Waipukurau Little Theatre
- Sells the 50 tickets
- Provides any snacks or light supper for the event (optional)
- May also wish to run a raffle, to increase your funds

Interested and want to know more?

Contact the Secretary, info@littletheatre.net.nz



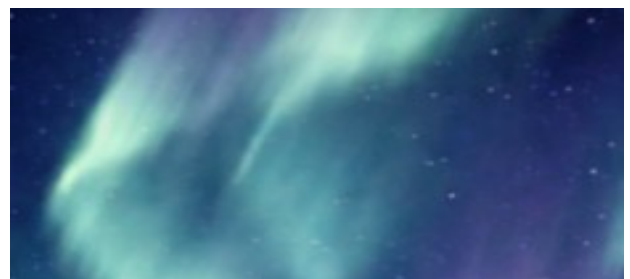
Committee Officers

President / Bar Manager	Helen Griffin **
Secretary / Newsletter	Hilary Blamires
Treasurer	Vacancy
Publicity/ Social media team	Lupin Berry
	Vacancy
Front of House / Facebook	Donna Te Amo
Ticketing	Jacqui Gilbertson
CHB College Drama	Chris Scanlan**
Youth Officer	Lupin Berry
Set building/maintenance	Bruce Poole*

Sub-Committees

Set building / Lighting	Lindsey Bishop* **
Set building / Sound	Rob Blamires* **

* Life members ** Production Directors



2026 AGM

Waipukurau Little Theatre
7pm, Monday 4 May 2026

The Membership year is now from
1st June to 31 May annually.

Little Theatre Info

Membership for 2026/2027

The new annual membership year is now June 1st to 31st May annually for Waipukurau Little Theatre. To make it even easier to be a member, the Membership form is attached to this email and can be filled in on computer .

The Charities Commission and Companies House both require that every applicant consent in writing to becoming a member (Para 17.) which means that your signature(s) must be on the application.

Please continue support us by being part of the theatre community as a paying member. If you have time to spare, we are keen to have you on board not only as an audience, but as part of a production team, an actor, a crew member and front of house.

Acknowledgments



Central Hawkes Bay District Council (CHBDC)



WEEKLY WEDNESDAY WENCHES!

(WWW) 11.30 till 2pm when no show

If something needs doing at the theatre, between shows, we do it. Wardrobe, kitchen, props, archives and scrapbooking. Something for everyone.

If you can't stay or prefer to work on something at home, no problem.



Successful Preview/Charity Night Applicants 2026

Show 1: March
Rotary Club
Alistair

Show 2: July Friends of the Library
Vera Smith

Show 3: October/November
Vacant