

Waipukurau Little Theatre

Newsletter - March 2017



From the Acting-President

Well, we are well into another year, and as is always the case, a new year sees some change. Cefyn Gauden has made the decision to hang up his hat as President of the club after nearly two years at the helm. Cefyn has been involved with the Waipukurau Little Theatre since 1992 as our resident set designer and artist. He has trodden the boards many times and directed five shows at the theatre, the most recent being Middle Age Spread in 2015.

He has been an integral part of the theatre for a long period of time and it was with sadness that we received his resignation in January. We wish Cefyn and Shona all the best for their future travel plans and thank him for his friendship, encouragement and support over the past years.

As Vice-President I have taken on the President's duties until the AGM. Speaking of which, we welcome all members and new potential members to attend our AGM on Tuesday 18th April. We are always looking for committee members to assist us in the running of the club, so please contact me if you would like to know more on (027) 444 5055. Otherwise, a nomination form is included elsewhere with this newsletter.

Our next play *"The Hound Of The Baskervilles"* is shaping up into a fine production. Director, Lindsey Bishop, is putting hours of work into this classic story done in spoof form. It is a must for all theatre goers.

2017 will be a busy one for the Waipukurau Little Theatre and we hope to see your bums on our seats throughout the year.

Kind regards, **Simon Law**

Annual General Meeting

The 2017 Waipukurau Little Theatre Annual General Meeting will be held this year on **Tuesday, 18th April at 7.00 pm at the theatre**. All Life and paid-up Financial members of the Society are entitled to vote at the AGM, so why not come along and take this opportunity to have your say.

We are calling for nominations for all positions on the Committee (listed below).

A number of the current members of the Committee have indicated that they will not be available to stand for re-election this year so we would really love to welcome new faces and ideas into the team.

A nomination form has been attached to the newsletter email. Please ensure that signed forms reach the Secretary by **Thursday 13th April**.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

OFFICERS

President	Vice-President
Secretary	Treasurer

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Min.—5	Max.—8
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Our Next Production!

The Hound Of The Baskervilles

Cast: Edward Carleton-Holmes *Sherlock Holmes + 6 others + himself*
Owen Potter *Dr Watson + 1 other + himself*
Connor Hirst *Sir Henry Baskerville + 4 others + himself*

Director: Lindsey Bishop

Preview Night: Wed 29th March

Performances: Thu 30th Mar to Sat 8th Apr

Dinner Night: Fri 2nd April

Matinée: Sun 4th April

Steven Canny's and John Nicholson's adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' is anything but ordinary. A farce where NOTHING is elementary. This zany, slapstick spoof follows three members of a theatre troupe haplessly trying to put on their version of this well-known classic against all odds. Gothic thrills and uproarious mayhem ensue when Sherlock Holmes and his trusty sidekick Watson attempt to unravel the ancient curse of the Baskerville family before the Hound claims its next victim.



The show is extremely technical and very fast paced where a small cast of three actors playing 18 parts leads to some enormous challenges. A strong backstage crew of five, who make many on stage appearances, help move the action seamlessly from one scene to the next and add to the hilarity of the situation.

**Tickets are on sale now at
Colour Plus, Waipukurau.**

Coming Soon!

SEXY LAUNDRY

After twenty-five years of marriage, the emergence of love handles and receding hairlines, Alice and Henry have hit a physical plateau. With a "Sex for Dummies" guidebook in hand Alice talks Henry into a weekend of alone time in the hopes of seducing him and unearthing her inner vixen. Henry, however, wants to keep things the way they are - comfortable and easy. Exploring every fantasy from leather to lace, Alice and Henry portray every couple's desire to grow together but maintain individuality.

Henry, an engineer, and Alice, a part-time real estate agent, are holed up in a room at a swanky new hotel where everything is overpriced with very little comfort to offer. Alice wanted this getaway to rekindle a 25 year marriage that has gone stale. Henry is just focused on the minutia, the skimpy towels and plastic champagne glasses.

Written by Vancouver playwright Michele Riml, "Sexy Laundry" has been translated into numerous languages, an indication that the message in this play is universal.

Directed by Emma Walker, auditions for this production will be held on Sunday, 9th April with a planned show season between 8th and 17th June.

And later in the Year!

'The Birthday Boy' by Carl Nixon

Directed by Simon Law

Show: Late 2017

Notes from our Neighbours

The 2017 AGM of Waipawa M&D is March 13th at 7pm at the clubrooms. Supper will follow with a chance to catch up with others.

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Preview Nights

Before every play at the Little Theatre we have a Preview Night on offer for any organisation or group in the community. This is usually held the night before the play opens to the public.

The Little Theatre Committee provides a slice and tea/coffee to be served at the interval and runs a cash bar during the evening.

The group that has the booking is asked to fill the 66 seats that are available and split the funds by half with the Little Theatre. It is best if someone from the organisation who has the Preview Night acts as front of house to greet their guests.

Any enquiries please contact Margie Hewitt on 0272 537939.

We are looking forward to hosting **The Cancer Society** for the preview evening of *'The Hound Of The Baskervilles'*.