

Waipukurau Little Theatre

Newsletter - May 2016



From the President

The last few months have been a time of joy and a time of great sadness. Our first production of the year was ***The Fantasticks***, the world's longest-running musical, still going strong in New York city. I am so very proud of all my committee members who worked so hard to make it such a successful season. We also enjoyed the fantastic support of our friends from the Waipawa Musical and Dramatic Club.

Many of you knew Terry Coyle, the director, was suffering from ill health during the production. Through pain and discomfort, Terry remained resolute and as a result, the production was a huge success. Sadly, Terry passed away recently. His contribution to this theatre was enormous as a president, director, playwright, actor, set designer, set painter, mentor and life member. Terry was loved and respected by everyone and he leaves a wonderful legacy to us all. He was also a very close friend who I shall miss terribly.

Cefyn Gauden

AGM & New Committee

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 18th April at the Little Theatre.

The meeting was advised of the resignation of Terry Coyle and recorded their heartfelt thanks for his many years of dedicated work for the Little Theatre.

Subscriptions were held at the same level (\$30) for the coming financial year.

The following Officers were elected:

Cefyn Gauden	President
Simon Law	Vice-President
Kathryn Gunson	Secretary
Sue Marshall	Treasurer

Other Committee members re-elected:

Emma Walker	Lindsey Bishop
Christine Dooney	Rebecca Wilson
Mike Fleming	Margie Hewitt

Newly elected Committee member:

Rob Blamires



The Committee and Members would like to take this opportunity to congratulate **Sue Marshall** on being awarded Life Membership of the society.

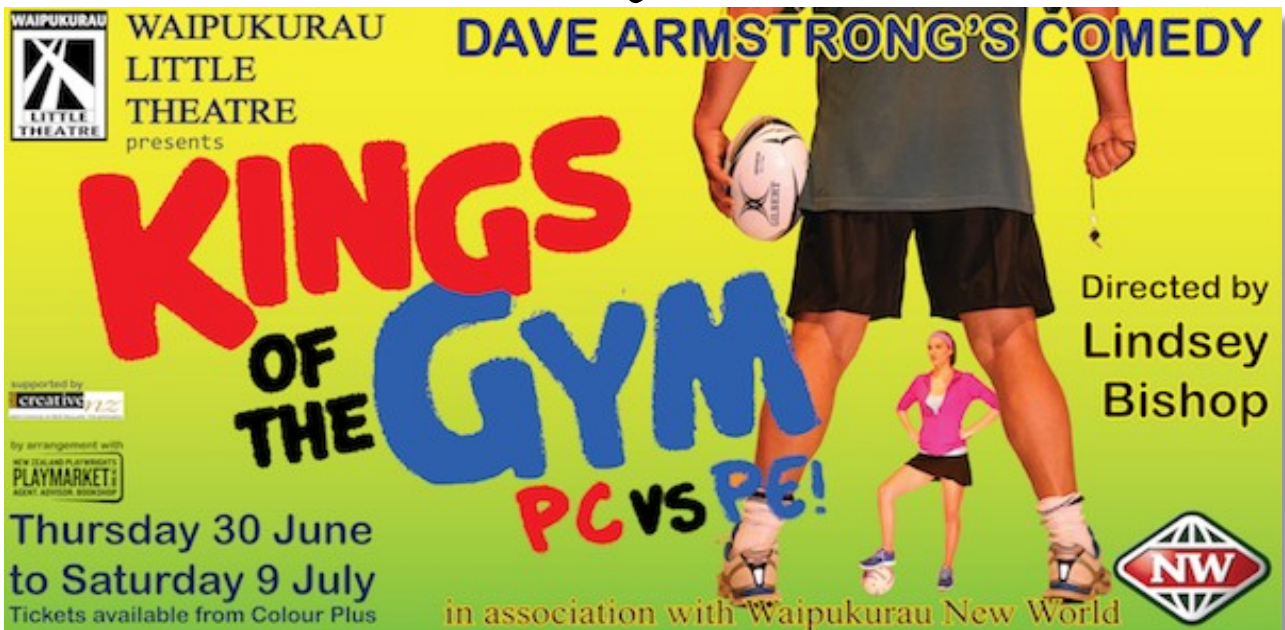
Social Scene

On Saturday 23rd April, the Little Theatre shook to the sounds of a 1980's style disco when members joined Waipawa M&D for a combined social.

This fun evening took the form of an 80's disco and many of those attending got into the swinging mood with themed costumes.

A fish and chip supper kicked off the evening and the music, courtesy of Madi and Simon, provided some nostalgic moments as the party-goers shook a wicked hoof.

Coming Soon!



The Gym office at Hautapu High School is a small and pokey office that looks out over the old gymnasium. This is Laurie and Pat's domain. Laurie has been a PE teacher all his life. He is head of the PE Department at Hautapu High School, a low-decile city school, known to Laurie as 'Howtap' High.

Laurie is unfit and spends most of his time at school watching TV and gambling. Pat, the other staff member in Laurie's small PE department is single, bright, and could have worked elsewhere but he really likes Laurie so happily stays at Hautapu. In fact, Pat used to be Laurie's pupil. Pat is good-natured and reasonably fit, but unambitious to a fault.

Life is good for Laurie and Pat. That is until Viv, the ambitious, new age principal announces they are to host Annie, a rising sports star as a trainee teacher.

Laurie's comfortable world is shattered in the blink of an eye - *"I don't do she!"*

What's On Later!

'Entertaining Angels' by Richard Everett

Directed by Simon Law

Auditions: Sat 2nd July Show: September

'Shirley Valentine' by Willy Russell

Directed by Cefyn Gauden

Featuring Emma Walker in the title role

Show: November/December

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Membership Subscriptions

Yes, it's that time again and we'd like to encourage you all to give your support for another year by taking out or renewing your subscription. A membership form is attached to the email containing this newsletter. Many thanks!