



# Under the Spotlight

Arcadians Theatre Group Newsletter

June 2015

Firstly, we apologise for the lack of newsletters over the past almost 12 months. Unfortunately, we have not had anyone on committee to undertake the task, so other than quick emails to those members who can receive them, there has not been much information sent out. Hopefully we can make a change to that for 2015! So, we trust you have had a good Christmas and Easter and that you have been able to get to see some of the shows on offer at the Miner's Lamp © 2015 kicked off with a brilliant production of *Spamalot* and congratulations must go to Juran and Melissa Jones and their cast and crew for bringing us much fun and laughter.

Committee will be looking for directors for 2016 very soon, so if you have an interest in directing a show come and talk to us!

Sadly, once again, the AGM was not well attended this year and a couple of changes were made committee positions. Our 2015 committee is:

President – Liza Allen  
Secretary – Ross Dill  
Treasurer – Chris Micallef  
Box Office Manager – Stephen Barnes  
Marketing Officer – Phil Harris  
Lamplighters Rep – Ken McDougall  
ACT Rep – Pauline Darrand  
General Committee members – Tony Mahar, Louisa Raft, Patricia Green, Paul Greer  
Vice President – Tony Mahar

Thanks to all those who have stepped up to take on these positions and don't forget, if you have an interest in a particular task, we are happy to have you on board in any way which might help lighten the load.

Hearty congratulations go to the ACT team for their wonderful sell-out season of *The Little Mermaid*. ACT's new director, Maggie Thomas and producer, Christa Gray had a fabulous success in their first time roles. We say "well done" to them both and to the kids and the parents, old and new! Great show and many happy memories for you all.

Christa has now handed the Producer's reins over to Janne-Maree McNeice, so welcome aboard J-M and many thanks Christa!!

Also congratulations to Geoffrey (ACT's retired director!) and Yvonne Markham on the safe arrival of their new grandson Knox!

One of the motions discussed at the AGM was the cost of our annual membership fees and it was decided to increase the fee (after many, many years) to \$30.00 per year. It was also decided to delete the joining fee and that there will no longer be a half-year fee. You can forward a cheque to PO Box 1135, Wollongong NSW 2500 for your \$30.00 annual fee or go online and transfer the money to Arcadians Theatre Group BSB 582 067 A/c # 2643 7540 but do make sure you put 141 and your name as a reference so we know who you are!!

Some things to remember when you are at the theatre which will make for peace and harmony!! Please be aware of the bins in which you put your rubbish and try to divide it between garbage and recycling; please remember to keep the noise down when leaving the theatre and think of neighbours.

Congratulations to all of the following people on their successful auditions for *The Addams Family*. It looks like a really great cast and Malcolm mentioned that the team had a difficult task with so many quality auditions to work through. *The Addams Family* tickets are already on sale and their season is from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July until Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Do make sure to get in early or you may end up like those people who could not get tickets for *Spamalot* or for *The Little Mermaid*!

**THE ADDAMS FAMILY CAST**

<i>Gomez</i>	Roberto Galanti
<i>Morticia</i>	Lauren Kenyon
<i>Wednesday</i>	Emily Ritchie
<i>Lucas</i>	Brayden Kennedy
<i>Pugsley</i>	Benjamin Hunter/Juan Kuhn
<i>Fester</i>	Colin Coakes
<i>Grandma</i>	Liz Geraghty
<i>Mal</i>	Brian McGinn
<i>Alice</i>	Clare Greer
<i>Lurch</i>	Aidan Morrissey

**THE ADDAMS FAMILY ENSEMBLE**

Katelin Koprivec, Emma Hatton, Elanna Zaprain, Genevieve Sutton, Emily Nugara, Philippa Woods, Tian Molnar, Annabel Cook, Taylor Haynes, Anastasia Feneri, Andrew Gobran, Jay Gomez.

**Crypt Singers** – Diana Brown, Nyla Collis, Barry Younger, Marion Dill

**Production Team** Director/Producer – Malcolm White, MD - Scott Jackson, MD Vocal - Meryl Jackson-Kew, Choreographer – Linda Shaw Wilson, SM – Cilla Aslanidis.

Special celebrations were held recently for **Rhoda Boyce** – long-time Arcadian & Minstrel - as she reached her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday! Many happy returns Rhoda and we wish you good health and happiness.

Most of you who have been around for a while would remember Hope Jowett. Hope, who was a valued member of Arcos for many years, was a nursing sister and before retiring she was Matron at Towradgi Park Nursing Home. Hope became a resident there in her later years and died last month at the age of 99 years! At her funeral service an account, handwritten by Hope, was read out about her early years as a dancer. Most of us knew she had danced but had no idea of the extent of her gifts. If you go to the [drop box](#) you can read for yourself an amazing story – even for those of you who did not know her it is a delightful account of part of her life.

**A WINTER WARMER** a Musical Revue is to be performed at the Miner's Lamp Theatre, Corrimal on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 10.00am and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2.00pm.

FEATURING:

Arcadian **Lamplighters** 60 plus Male Choir singing for you in breathtaking and spine- tingling harmonies a collection of well-loved songs (including some performed with the All Australian 400 voice Choir in Canberra last year) and the Arcadian **Minstrels** back with their new bigger line-up performing songs from some well-known musicals like *Oliver* together with a selection of Aussie toe tapping singalongs with a ukulele backing .

*But wait there's more*

By popular request we have the return of the **Lamplighters Swing Quartet** and they will have you dancing in the aisles. We have SPECIAL GUEST ARTISTS & COMEDY GALORE !!

TICKETS \$15.00 (including Tea/Coffee)

BOOKINGS [www.arcadians.org.au](http://www.arcadians.org.au) or phone Pauline on 4284 8348 and leave your name and number and she will call you back and help you with your booking.

**JERRY'S GIRLS**

Info nights Tues 23rd June and Thurs 25th June 2015

At 7.30pm at the Miner's Lamp Theatre

Auditions nights Thurs 16th July and Friday 17th July 2015

From 6.30pm to 10.30pm at the Miner's Lamp Theatre

By appointment only

Audition songs – choice of 2 of the following:

*If He Walked Into My Life*  
*Before the Parade Passes By*  
*So Long Dearie*

**Production Team**

Director	Patricia Green
Producer	Cilla Aslanidis
MD	Scott Jackson
Choreographer	Pauline Young
Costumes	Malcolm White
SM	Cilla Aslanidis
Set Design	Malcolm White
Lighting	Peter Allen
Sound	Andrew Varga

We are looking for 6 leading ladies and 6 ensemble ladies. The leading ladies will have the songs shared amongst them and will need to be able to move well and sell a song, whether it be a ballad or an upbeat number! There is also a simple tap dance. The ensemble ladies will need to be competent dancers, esp tap dancing and capable singers including harmonies. The music is wonderful and will showcase the many talents of the ladies of the Illawarra, so strut your stuff at the auditions! There is no actual dialogue – it is not a story from start to end but we need to tell many short stories throughout. Costumes, hair and makeup are a big part of the production. Season is from 20<sup>th</sup> Nov until 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at The Miner's Lamp Theatre – the usual 10 performances. Rehearsals commence 31st August and will be Monday and Thursday nights from 7.30pm until 10.30pm.

**For your diary:**

July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup> - *The Addams Family*

August 20<sup>th</sup> 10.00am & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2.00pm – *A Winter Warmer* Lamplighters and Minstrels

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> – Arcadians Children's Theatre production of *Snap*

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> to Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – *Jerry's Girls*

Tickets for all these productions are on sale NOW via our website or box office. We look forward to seeing you soon at the Miner's Lamp.