

## THE **IMPORTANCE** OF BEING **EARNEST**



Just three more chances to see this classic comedy.

Friday @ 7.30pm

Saturday @ 1.30pm and 7.30pm

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## From the President



Steve Sanders

October was a very busy month for the Group.

The Lamplighters held a fund-raising concert at the Salvation Army premises in Wollongong that was very well attended. The choir was supplemented with adult and ACT performers to fill out the program which the audiences loved. There is certainly indications for further concerts in the next year.

Our 60th Anniversary function at the Builders Club was a great success. Over 100 people including founding members Pat (nee Doherty) and Doug Scroope and Maggie Hamilton as well as many members from the past ten years attended. The evening was organised by Raelene Johnson and her committee. The last to leave around midnight had enjoyed themselves immensely.

Our early 2025 season is shaping up well with *Hello, Dolly!* announcing its cast and their season commencing Friday 7 March along with ACT announcing its cast lineup for *Alice in Wonderland Jr* opening 16 May 2025.

*The Importance of Being Earnest* opened 1 November and has one more weekend to go. A great production team led by Malcolm White to get the show underway until his illness took over. Fortunately, Cilla Aslanidis was on hand to take up the role in consultation with Malcolm from his hospital bed. Audiences have been delighted with this very funny comedy from many years ago which pokes gentle fun at the mores of the day.

In December, the ACT team have organised a fundraising theatre night to see the new movie *Wicked* at the Warrawong Hoyts complex which is due for release on November 22. The invitation is open to ACT parents and kids for the moment but may open to the general membership in a few weeks to fill any vacancies.

# From the President (cont)

We also hope to release our new website in late November, early December. It is in the final stages of development and once tested, training will occur for our personal in how to update it. There is lots of data to be uploaded and loaded for the first time, so we expect a big job ahead to get it complete. A big thank you to Matthew Verhelst for all his efforts in making the website just as we wanted. One of the features will be a shop front where mechanise can be purchased directly. At the 60th Anniversary function, we launched the **BRICK AND PAVER** fundraiser, and this will continue until end of March 2025. Members and friends of the Group will be able to order bricks and/or pavers with their family names on each brick/paver. These items will be used in the building of the extended foyer. **Order forms are at the end of the newsletter.**

On the theatre upgrade, we have had a meeting with the Engineers and Designers and have received schematic drawings of the work to be considered. Our architect has spoken with Wollongong City Council and the DA is progressing and the new gates have been hung. More to come on this front.

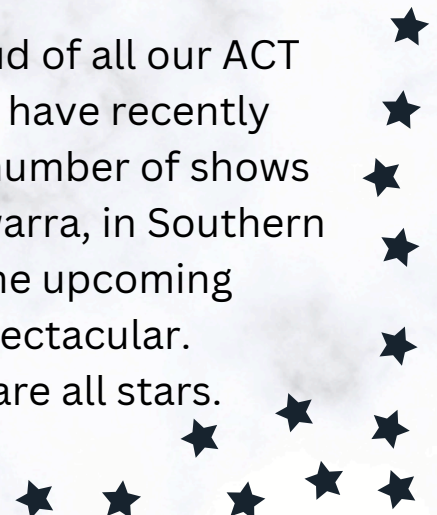
On a sadder note, Board member Nathan Brown and member Susie Hamer both lost their fathers last week. Our thoughts go to them during this sad time.

*Steve Sanders*



Congratulations to our *Sound of Music* and ACT kids who starred in Illawarra Christian School's production of *The Wizard of Oz* - Crystal Nuske as Dorothy, Isaiah Williams as Scarecrow, Rebecca McNeice as Auntie Em, Hannah Williams as the Wicked Witch of the West, Rosie Beavan as the Emerald City guard with Sophia Janeski, Mackenzie Gray and Olivia Gray. Two performances at IPAC saw great support from Arcadians members at both shows. Well done to everyone involved in this delightful production.

We are so proud of all our ACT children who have recently appeared in a number of shows around the Illawarra, in Southern Stars and the upcoming School Spectacular. To us you are all stars.



# Fundraising

Continuing our fundraising endeavours, an audience of over 100 were entertained at the Salvation Army Citadel by the Lamplighters Male Choir and some of our talented performers.



Thank you to  
Doreen & Dave Bryars  
and Kerrie Hartin for  
organising, to our  
performers  
Ruben Aguilera  
Domanique Geerling  
Primrose Gorringe  
Greg McLeod  
and the  
Lamplighters Male Choir.  
Many thanks to our  
accompanists  
Jean Burn  
Valerie Hull  
Jan Oysten  
and to the Salvos for  
providing the lovely  
venue.

# Cast Announcement

Two nights of auditions and we have a cast for our first show for 2025. Congratulations to all.

## CAST ANNOUNCEMENT



DOLLY GALLAGHER LEVI

Allegra Wilson

IRENE MALLOY

Rebekah Mowbray

CORNELIUS HACKL

Jack Arnold

HORACE VANDERGELDER

Greg McLeod

BARNABY TUCKER

Samuel Dyson

MINNIE FAY

Charli Baraldi

WITH

ERMENGARDE

Phoebe Williams

RUDOLPH REISENWEBER

Christopher Dyson

MRS ROSE

Louisa Raft

Amelia Green	Kirra Pincham	Olivia Borman
Annabelle Dyson	Koby Miller	Primrose Gorringe
Crystal Nuske	Mark Warren	Robert Sackett
Isabella Cuff	Matthew Verhelst	Tim Love
Isobel Foye	Megan Spillett	Victoria Shaw
Kate Black	Naomi Sutherland	Zali Whittaker
	Oliver Haise	

AMBROSE KEMPER

Nathan Brown

ERNISTINA

Katie Fist

JUDGE

Chris McRobert



7 - 22 March 2025

Miner's Lamp Theatre

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# Cast Announcement

## Arcadians Children's Theatre

ACT presents...

Disney  
**Alice in Wonderland JR**

White Rabbit Serena Ruscica	Small Alice Sophia Janeski	Alice Emma Wells	Tall Alice Wynnie Batten	Mad Hatter Grace Johnson
Caterpillar Lucille Dyson	Cheshire Cats #1 Joseph Wells, #2 Ash Anderson, #3 Cameron Mitchell		March Hare Billie Finnegan	
Violet Vivi Aguilera	Tweedle Dee Ruby Ford	Tweedle Dum Evie Klem	Queen of Hearts Makenzie Gray	
Lily Evelyn King	Dodo Bird Gabe Aguilera	Doorknob Belle Green	King of Hearts Shay Baraldi	
Petunia Hannah Williams	Mathilda Chloe Bond	Four of Hearts Evie Glover		
Daisy Olivia Gray	Friend 1 (Eloise) Lucy McLean	Friend 2 (Abigail) Harper Pearce	Two of Clubs Heidi Coates	
Rose Jade Woods	Wonderland Ensemble Amelia Walsh, Ava Simms, Charlotte Bond, Clara Aguilera, Hamish Hutchinson, Harry McLean, Henry Miller, Liam Wells, Rohan Green		Three of Diamonds Libby Rowlan	
Tulip Isla Wade			Ace of Spades Eamon Green	

**ARCADIANS THEATRE GROUP**

**MAY 16th - 18th 2025**  
**Miner's Lamp Theatre**

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**Congratulations to all our talented children.  
We look forward to another fabulous show  
from our Children's Theatre.**

# Gallery

## 60th Anniversary Celebration

A wonderful celebration held at the Builders Club in Wollongong.



**Decade 1**



**Decade 2**



**Decade 3**



**Decade 4**



**Decade 5**



**Decade 6**



60th Anniversary cake cut by current President, Steve Sanders and former President, Liza Allen.



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Michael Bond  
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## Arcadians Children's Theatre



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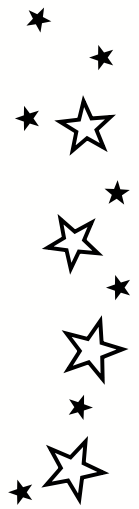


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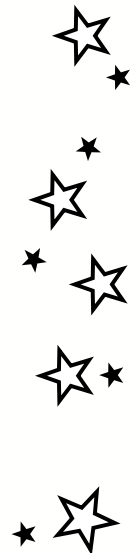
# Congratulations



Congratulations to the graduating ACT performers Cooper Finnegan, Bowan McCann, Isaiah Williams, Ruben Aguilera Charli Baraldi & Pippa Green. We wish you all every success as you navigate the world of adult theatre.



The Inaugural Lilian Bates Award was presented to Cameron Cleaves for his dedication to lighting design and operation for the production of *Aladdin Jr.* Lilian was delighted to present the award.



**The Sound of Music**  
Congratulations to Tannah Kwan who was presented with the Paul Greer Clubmanship Award and Shantelle Hadfield who received an Encouragement Award.



## **Fundraising in the past**

Derek remembers a special fundraising night.

### **CLUB SHOWS**

For one of our fundraising Club Shows we performed at the now defunct Dapto Huntley Bowling Club

When the show finished the President of the Club, the fearsome Ronnie Draper Senior, handed over the cheque whilst we were still standing on stage. He then grabbed the microphone and challenged the club members as follows: "Did you like them?" Reply "Yes" "Well show them how much you liked them" We were promptly showered with notes and coins of all denominations. This combined with our fee for the concert turned the night into what we would call "A nice little earner".

If only it was still that easy to raise funds.



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## Theatre Refurbishment Project 2025

Our plans to extend the foyer area with seating, mobility access ramp and other enhancements will include Named Pavers and Wall Bricks in its construction. A constant reminder of your valued support of the Arcadians Theatre Group.



### SINGLE NAME PAVER: \$50

Your donation of \$50 entitles you to have your name engraved on a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed on -  
The outdoor foyer floor at the front of the theatre

Size: 230 x 115 x 50mm

## ENGRAVING DETAILS

Please print clearly in block letters (CAPITALS) and always use the ampersand symbol (“&”). Each box represents one character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space). Max 16 characters per line, three lines per paver.

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Please copy and pass on to any friends & family.

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

**SIGNATURE**  
ENGRAVING



## Miners Lamp Theatre Refurbishment Project 2025

We plan to extend the outside foyer area to include an Accessibility ramp, Drop-off car space, seating and access stairs which will feature Named Pavers and Wall Bricks in its construction. A constant reminder of your support for Arcadians.



### BRICK: \$60

Your donation of \$60 entitles you to have your name engraved into a brick as a lasting record of your support. The brick will be permanently installed in The Outdoor Foyer walls, raised seating or the access ramp. proudly showing your donation. Size: 230 x 76 x 110mm

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