





**Steve Sanders** 

### From the President

Hello, Dolly! opened this year's program of live theatre with resounding success. Very appreciative audiences flocked to see the revival of an older but fabulous musical. The Glover crew and Production team put together an experience that cast, crew and audiences will remember forever. Big thank you team.

Last Sunday saw our 60th Annual General Meeting take place with a record number of members attending. Congratulations to the members of Board re-elected for another term (see more in the Newsletter) and welcome to the new members elected – Katelyn Pearce and Matthew Verhelst (Marketing Managers) and Rebecca Glover (General Member). We thank Isabella Cuff and Koby Miller who were nominated for the Board but unfortunately missed out. I'm sure that if called upon to assist through the year, they will jump at the opportunity. Special thanks to Isabella for her service as Marketing Manager in the past and to Tanniah Kwan who chose not to stand again this year due to family commitments.

Those present on the day voted unanimously to regard this Board as interim until a Constitutional review could take place. The increase in Board numbers was recommended by the outgoing Board this year due to the expected workload in dealing with refurbishment developments, potential closure of the theatre for a period and the need to continually engage with members while the theatre is dark. Once the Constitutional Review takes place, we will call an Extraordinary General Meeting to obtain members agreement to the proposed changes and as a result, determine if further Board elections will be required.

After extensive consultation with our expert advisers and Wollongong City Council, we expect to receive approval of our DA by April 14 – this year. Once received, the task of detailed planning of the work to be done and scheduling of same begins. The documentation is ready to go out for tender and contracts will then be let. Obviously, we need to continue to raise funds at an accelerated pace to smoothly undertake the schedule. To that end, now is the time to buy the Brick or Paver or both if you were intending to do so. Order and pay on our website www.arcadians.org.au to place your order. Some members who have already purchased, chose to buy "In Memory of" a member of the Group who has passed as an enduring dedication to their memory. Something to think about!

#### From the President (cont)

Another fundraiser taking place now is our "Figtree Travel Voucher Raffle" for \$1000 generously donated by them, and to be spent on travel organised with Figtree Travel. The raffle closes in July so get in quick. You can scan the brochure in this newsletter to purchase tickets instantaneously.

By the time you read this, tickets will already be on sale for Arcadians Children's Theatre production of Alice in Wonderland Jr. The kids are so excited with this show and can't wait to see all their families and friends come to see their hard work.

Also, already on sale is Oliver!. The season is our normal three weekends but is already selling fast. I suggest if you don't want to miss out, buy now!

We have also recently announced a fundraising cabaret style performance about the lengths we go to for our love of the theatre. Called What I did for Love, the production team of Rowan Keyes and Katie Pearce have put together a stellar cast to present for one weekend only over three performances on 23-24 May. Tickets are now on sale.

Those at the AGM heard of a very special announcement of a production coming up in August. We were given permission by the agents to announce the season verbally at the AGM but can't publicise it on social media until our advertising design is approved. This is BIG! If you want to know what I'm talking about, talk to someone who was at the AGM. Otherwise, keep watching social media for the announcement. You can get firsthand news about the Group by joining "Arcadians members Welcome" on Facebook or #Arcadianstheatregroup on Instagram.

It is ACT's 40th Anniversary this year. That time has flown! They are planning a special event to celebrate and are keen to capture as many past members as possible for the event. Please pass onto those you know that may have been part of the ACT family about this special get together. Contact kylie.actproducer@gmail.com to register your interest in obtaining further information.

We wish all our Members and families a safe and Happy Easter.

Steve Sanders President



## Upcoming Shows

#### **Arcadians Children's Theatre**



**TICKETS ON SALE NOW** 

### Cast Announcement



# TICKETS NOW ON SALE



### What's On at the Miner's Lamp









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### Fundraising

Our fundraising is in full swing and you can help. On the next few pages are some ideas. Thanks to the generosity of Figtree Travel, we are running a raffle for a \$1000 travel voucher. How great would it be to win this ... well, you've got to be in to win it, so scan the QR code on the poster below and buy yourself a ticket .... or 12.

Maybe you'd like to support Arcadians in another way. Why not purchase a brick or a paver which will be used in the upgrade to our foyer? You'll find the forms for the brick and pavers on the next couple of pages.





#### NAME BRICK TEMPLATE

#### 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

Please print clearly in block letters. Each box represents a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space). Max 16 characters per line, three lines per brick.

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Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment by cash or cheque to the address: {Alternatively, go to <a href="www.arcadians.org.au">www.arcadians.org.au</a> and complete your order and pay}.

Arcadians Theatre Group P.O. Box 1135, Wollongong NSW, 2518

Company/Contact Name					
		State	Post Code		
Phone ( )	Email	Our Donation	Our Donation		
Offer closes on 31 July 2025.					

SIGNATURE ENGRAVING



### SINGLE NAME PAVER TEMPLATE

#### **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 into 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 a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space). Max 16 characters per line, three lines per paver.

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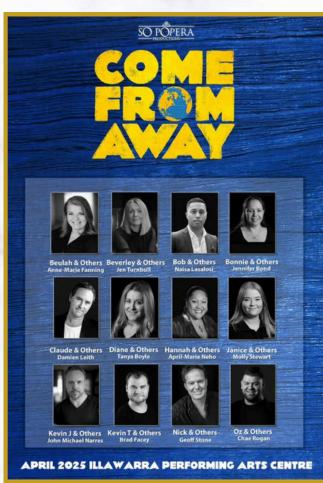
### Member News



Congratulations
to Dimity & Daniel Stefanovski
on the birth of their new baby son,
Louie Aleksander Ray
born 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 a brother for Poppy.



Photographer: The Sweetest of Things



#### So Popera's production of Come From Away

features a number of present and past
Arcadians' members - Jennifer Bond, Tanya
Boyle, Anne-Marie Fanning, Molly Stewart,
Chae Rogan, Brad Facey and Damien Leith.
Don't miss it! Now at IPAC.



Congratulations to
Isobel Foye and Rebekah Mowbray
on being cast in
Wollongong Workshop Theatre's
production of
Crimes of the Heart
directed by Peter Scrine.





















Final Dress Rehearsal was attended by three of our original cast members from the 1972 production of Hello, Dolly! Jane Rees with Katie Fist (Ernestina) Maggie Hamilton with Allegra Wilson (Dolly) and Clare Greer with Rebekah Mowbray (Irene Mollloy)



Rebecca Glover was awarded the Paul Greer Clubmanship Award for for her outstanding contribution to Hello, Dolly! - a well deserved award.







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