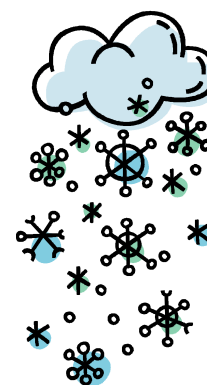


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Winter Newsletter 2019

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter.

I hope this finds you keeping well and warm.

**Have you got your tickets for our upcoming production yet?
Please make your bookings as soon as possible!**



Our major production for 2019 is, **The Vicar of Dibley**, directed by our own Gloria Reid and Geoff Smith. We are staging three new episodes, ***The Engagement, Love & Marriage*** and ***Winter***. Evening performances will be staged from 22nd - 24th August and 28th - 31st August, in the **Coronation Hall**, Mosgiel, at 7.30 pm. There will be a **Matinee** on the 25th August at 2pm.

Bookings are available on line - www.firestationtheatre.co.nz
or cash purchases of tickets can be made at Plain Health, Gordon Road, Mosgiel.
Admission is \$36.00 or Students/Senior Citizens/TDS Members \$26.00.
Enquiries: Phone 027 589 3088.

We have assembled a talented **Vicar of Dibley** cast:

Geraldine Granger	Alison Ayers
Alice Tinker	Anne- Marie Amende
David Horton	Campbell Thomson
Frank Pickle	Doug Leggett
Jim Trott	Keith Richardson
Owen Newitt	Peter Whigham
Hugo Horton	Matt Brennan
Simon Horton	Peter Storer
Woman at the Wedding	Gloria Harris
The Organist	Brian McCormack
Teletubbies and Angels	Luke Payne, Nicholas Reid Grace Fry, Jessica Reid



Rehearsals began on 7th May and have now moved across to the Coronation Hall. The Set once again looks amazing and we have a dedicated team, all working together to make this production a success.

**We look forward to your support,
so please tell your family and friends to come and visit Dibley.**



Farewell to Keith Richardson



Immediately after this production, Keith Richardson will be moving to live in Scotland. We wish him and his wife well and thank Keith sincerely for sharing his time and talent with the Taieri Dramatic Society.

We selfishly hope that it will not be too long before he returns. Safe travels!!!



Otago Southland Theatre Awards Evening

An evening was held at the Fire Station Theatre to celebrate Keith Richardson's OSTA and Tabitha Littlejohn's Scholarship. Keith and Tabitha and others were unable to attend the Awards Night held in Oamaru, so it was lovely to gather them, cast, crew and families together to acknowledge their awards.

Keith Richardson, who played Dan, won **Best Leading Male In A Play** and Tabitha Littlejohn was the recipient of the OSTA's iTICKET Best Upcoming Talent Scholarship of \$1000.00.

Theatre Workshop



Brian McCormack held a very successful Workshop - **Creative Theatrical Illusion with Colour and Design** - at the Fire Station Theatre, on Friday, 21 June.

Brian McCormack is well known in Theatre circles for his many talents and it's fair to say he is a perfectionist with set and costume design. He had obviously spent countless hours preparing for this workshop. The Theatre was a visual symphony with many drawings, set models, Show photographs, a power point presentation and art table. We were briefly lead through Brian's early life which set the scene and sparked his love of Theatre. Brian explained the inspiration and the creative process he uses in designing the colour pallets and sets for each show and emphasized the importance of researching your subject thoroughly. The group also learnt about colours and painting scenery on a low budget, the best brand of paint to use and the techniques required to paint on different mediums and how to care for our very expensive paint and paint brushes. A very valuable lesson! We then all gathered up our paint brushes and learnt how to mix colours and thus create a wide variety of colours from just a few primary colours. Brian has been a loyal and extremely generous supporter of not only the Taieri Dramatic Society but Theatre in Otago and it was very special of him to share his immense knowledge and wisdom with us. A wonderful learning opportunity for all those that attended. The workshop finished on time but many stayed on to ask further questions. We are planning to hold a series of further workshops, date and time to be advised.

Fire Station Theatre

The Theatre has hosted several groups recently.

The **South Otago Theatrical Society. 'Playing Around'** - SOTS's popular annual tour around the Clutha District and beyond. They performed their recent short play Show on Sunday, 30 June at 2.30pm.

Improsaurus a Dunedin based improvisation group performed at the Fire Station Theatre on the 27 July. The topic for each scene performance was suggested by the audience and it proved to be an hilarious evening of entertainment.

The Fire Station Theatre was also the venue for the **MTNZ NEXT GEN BOOT CAMP** training workshops on the 3 August, for ages 16-29 years. The main Boot Camp held at Tirohanga Camp from 2-4 August, was a Musical theatre training weekend for 18 - 29 year olds. Several of our members attended the training workshops along with many other attendees from as far away as the North Island.

We hope to encourage many groups to our Theatre. If you wish to hire the Theatre, please contact:

Ian Chalmers,
Telephone: 027 589 3088 or 021 501 861.

Play Reading

As advised in our Autumn Newsletter, Geoff Smith has written a new play and is planning to have two play readings at the Fire Station Theatre. The date and time is yet to be finalised.

The play, **Cable Cars and Custard**, is both topical and historical. Set in wartime Dunedin circa 1942, the play is a 'slice of life' between two families involving their private lives and their work on the DCC cable cars.



Christmas Production

Open auditions will be held shortly for our Christmas Production directed by Matt Brennan. Notification of auditions will be sent out to all members and advertised.



Taieri Dramatic Society Play Workshop

Tabitha Littlejohn has kindly chosen to use her iTICKET Best Upcoming Talent Scholarship for the benefit of all our members. She is in the process of inviting a Playwright to the Theatre for a workshop on script writing and publishing. The date is yet to be finalised but will be in September. Please confirm your interest by emailing - rosemary.chalmers64@gmail.com.

Committee

President - Ian Chalmers | **Vice-President** - Geoff Smith |
Secretary - Rachel Parmee | **Treasurer** - Paula Wilson

Matt Brennan | Rosemary Chalmers | Gloria Harris | Bernadette Hay |
 Zac Henry | Han Van Leeuwen | Tabitha Littlejohn | Tim Pettengell |
 Heidi Rixon | Judy Spillane

We welcome new members - Annual Membership \$10.00.

Wardrobe

Our Theatre Wardrobe hire has had another extremely successful few months, thanks to Judy Spillane and her dedicated team of volunteers. The Wardrobe is open every Thursday between 6-7pm and by appointment with Judy, telephone 489 1539.



Finally, once again, **many thanks** to everyone who supports the Theatre, your help is vital and very much appreciated.

We've had some freezing cold days and it's nice to think that Winter is nearly over and Spring is on its way.

Best wishes,

Rosemary Chalmers

on behalf of The Taieri Dramatic Society Committee



"It's an odd thing when you think about making theatre, sometimes you make new families, you create a little microcosm... you rely on each other, you make a team and that's part of the joy of it". - DAWN FRENCH

