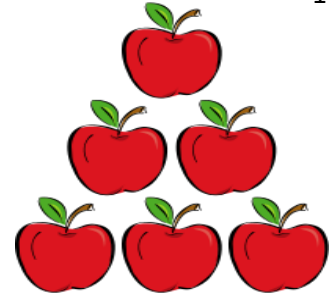




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Autumn Newsletter 2019/2020

COVID-19

Dear Members,



The Fire Station Theatre and Costume Hire is closed until further notice due to the Covid-19 virus lockdown.

How quickly things change and the hectic busyness of the Theatre over the Summer has been replaced in Autumn with the lockdown of the whole country. A Level 4, National State of Emergency no less.

Hopefully the measures New Zealand is taking will eventually control the spread and totally eradicate this virus from within our shores.

While we are lockdown or self isolation, it is important to try and keep in contact with each other whether it be by Telephone, Email, Texting, Zoom, Skype or other Internet options. It seems highly likely that it may be some considerable time before our Theatre is able to stage any productions. In the meantime an innovative and fun idea to keep in touch, is to organise a telephone or Zoom coffee meeting or a group 'coffee break' conference call. The down side is you have to make your own coffee and do your own dishes afterwards.



If you would like to talk, please do not hesitate to ring Ian Chalmers,
 mobile 021 501 861.



From the dramatic perspective, this could be the time you hunker down and write the play or novel that has been waiting quietly to be put on paper.



This competition runs until Thursday 31st May
Please send all entries to the Theatre email
firestationtheatre@gmail.com

This competition is open to everybody and we encourage members to pass on these details to their friends and acquaintances who might welcome the opportunity to get writing. Unlike the structure of the '48 Hour Theatre Challenge', this competition allows writing on any subject you feel passionate about. Work can be in the form of a monologue, sketch, play or poem. The work can be individual work or written within a group. The selected winners will be given the opportunity to stage and showcase their work at the Fire Station Theatre, as soon as we can recommence performances safely.



AWARDS

Our Awards Evening for Anne-Marie Amende's OSTA for Best Supporting Female in a Play and Brian McCormack's Life Membership presentation is now on hold until it is safe to celebrate these prestigious awards.

EXCELLENT NEWS

Mitchell Hay who recently departed for Canada to do a year of volunteering managed to get back safely to New Zealand, just as everything was locking down. He is at home, self isolated for the required two weeks and has now rejoined his family bubble. Welcome Home Mitchell!



THEATRE UPDATES

Please visit our Theatre Website and Facebook page for future updates. Please contact Bernadette at firestationtheatre@gmail.com should you wish to include anything on these pages.

COMMITTEE

President - Ian Chalmers | **Vice-President** - Geoff Smith
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We are keenly aware that many people have family members overseas and/or in other regions throughout New Zealand. We hope that they are all safe and well and remain so. Also to our overseas members, we are thinking of you and wishing you well as we all negotiate these difficult times.

To everyone who has celebrated a significant birthday or anniversary etc during lockdown, we wish you congratulations!

Best wishes and all the very best for the months ahead. Hopefully you have had a happy Easter. Keep safe and well.

Best wishes,

Rosemary Chalmers
on behalf of the **Taiari Dramatic Society Committee**

