

LET'S CHAT

Welcome to your June CHATS newsletter

President's Chat



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Hello CHATS Community,

I would like to start my report by giving a huge congratulations to the Director, Emma Watson, and the talented cast and crew of our Jane Eyre production. I thoroughly enjoyed watching this adaptation and whilst mingling at intermission and at the end of show, all everyone was talking about was how amazing and wonderful the show was.

The auditions for our upcoming production of The Tempest, directed by Emily Branster, were a huge success and rehearsals are currently underway. I have been told by numerous people in the cast that rehearsals are exceeding their expectations and are having a great time. This is making me super excited to see the final production.

Auditions for the hilarious farce It Runs in the Family, directed by Steve North, will be held on Sunday 21st June at 10:00am. Head to the CHATS website for the full details in the audition pack. I can't wait to see how this will be cast as our theatre community has such an amazing group of comedic actors. A big chookas to those auditioning.

As most of you will be aware, there has been a go fund me page started for our beautiful fellow thespian and friend, Jacinta Bentley. If you can donate and support Jacinta at this difficult time in her life, please head to the go fund me website at gofundme.com and you will find it under "for Jacinta and her boys".

Lastly, I would like to say a massive thank you to all that have sent my family and I congratulations and well wishes on the birth of our beautiful daughter Alice Georgina (hopefully a fellow thespian in the years to come).

Courtney Bannon





L-R Peggy Dwyer, Ken McClenahan, Anne McClenahan, Courtney Bannon, Chantel Gibb-Thorn, Marcus Nevin, Beckley Vincent, Emily Branster, Bhodi Gibb-Thorn



Our Commitment

Your CHATS Committee is buzzing with enthusiasm as we prepare a lineup of top-notch productions in 2026 designed to entertain, surprise, and elevate your theatre experience.

We will be working hard on your behalf to grow CHATS reputation and standing in the wider Coffs Harbour community.

Your CHATS Committee 2026

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Show dates : July 24 - August 2

The Tempest Cast



Prospero - Beckley Vincent
Ariel - Imogen Taylor & Jess Pearce
Miranda - Chantel Gibb-Thorn
Prince Ferdinand - Harry Watts
Caliban - Farley Hyland-Taylor
Young Caliban - Daniel Hellier
King Alonso - Peter Lewis
Sebastian - Aran Lyons
Antonio - Marcus Daniel Nevin
Gonzalo - Regan Arnold
Stephano - Alex Ryan
Trinculo - Arlo Lane
Nymphs - Ashleigh Miller, Sol Williams,
Seth Harfield, Daniel Hellier
Boatswain - Elijah Mackie
Boatmaster - Sol Williams



From the Director - Emily Branster

The Tempest has now been in rehearsal for nearly a month, and we are happily progressing on schedule, with the cast already close to being off-book for the first half of the play. As director, one of my greatest highlights so far has been the collaboration within the cast. There's a fantastic mix of actors you know and love alongside exciting new talent eager to make the stage their own — all of them restless to bring the magic of the Island to life. Rehearsals are filled with laughter at the chaotic comedy of our clowns, watching in second-hand exhaustion as our two energetic Ariels leap and dance relentlessly across the stage, and occasionally getting caught tearing up at the beautiful chemistry growing between our leads.

Any actors interested in joining the Island's magical ensemble as mischievous Nymphs or Roman Goddesses are encouraged to email: chatsthetempest@gmail.com



presents the hilarious farce...

It Runs In The Family

Directed by Steve North

Running from
October 16-25
at Jetty Theatre



Audition
June 21

An infectious
comedy by
Ray Cooney



Auditions - It Runs In The Family
Sunday June 21 starting at 10am
Where: Village Community Room, 22 Earl Street,
Coffs Harbour (near Coles supermarket)

Please visit our website
www.chats.org.au/auditions for your
audition pack details and audition form.

It Runs In The Family

Performance dates: October 16 - 25

If you are a leading surgeon in London's most prestigious hospital, delivering the "Lecture of the Year" to two hundred of the world's leading neurologists, the last thing you want is a mistress from 18 years ago arriving unexpectedly.

Just as Dr Mortimore is preparing for his big moment, Jane Tate, a former nurse and long-forgotten romantic fling, turns up and drops a bombshell: that their brief affair produced a child, now 18, who is currently in the hospital looking for his/her father.

Dr Mortimore, desperate to protect his reputation, tries to hide the truth. But in true Cooney fashion, every outrageous lie spawns three more, and the situation spirals into a whirlwind of mistaken identities, slamming doors, and frantic improvisation.

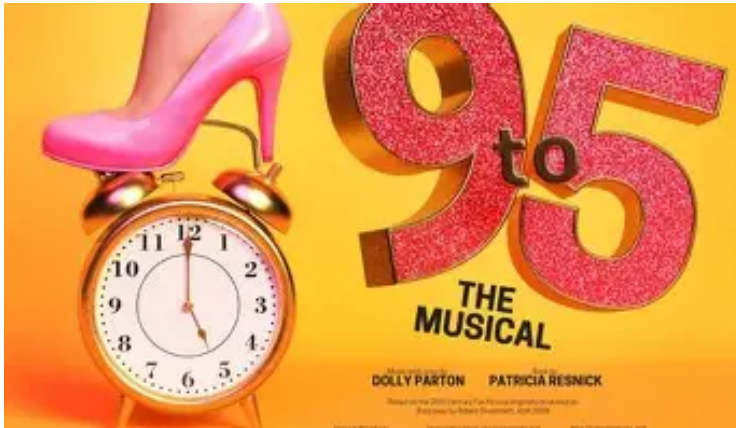
Typical madcap complications ensue, involving faithful friend, Dr. Bonney, a police sergeant, Dr. Mortimore's wife, a severe hospital matron, Dr. Bonney's mother and a disrupting patient who makes the most of being dragged into the whole maelstrom.

There are 12 wonderful roles in this madcap farce

Upcoming Events

**Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy
Company**

Naidu Theatre Company



November 2026 at The Jetty Memorial
Theatre



July 10 at Coffs Harbour Regional
Conservatorium

More CHATS events coming soon!

Keep in touch via our new website

<https://www.chats.org.au/>



CHATS Membership

Now is the time to renew your 2026 membership

Benefits of being a member

Your membership helps support our CHATS productions, performers, and community events throughout the year.

Stay connected socially via our website, Facebook and newsletters.

Widen your social circle and make new friends who have similar interests!

Get involved with CHATS onstage, helping backstage or ushering.

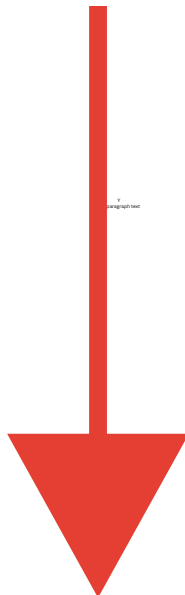
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You get to see the show free of charge as a thank you!

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Membership form on next page



2026 Membership

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Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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(for receipt of newsletters and updates):

Mobile Phone: _____

Working With Children Check number : _____ DOB: _____

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become a member of CHATS Productions Inc.

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In the event of my **admission/renewal** * I agree to be bound by the Objectives, Code of Conduct and By-Laws, including the Member Protection Policy.

Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

(*Parent/Guardian signature is required if applicant is under 18 years – **Junior** membership)

I do / do not agree * to give permission for my child to be photographed for publicity purposes.

Subscription type: Junior (\$8.00) Concession/Senior (\$10.00)
 Adult (\$15.00) Family (\$25.00)

Amount enclosed \$ _____ Direct Debit - Bank Transfer/ Cash

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<p>BSB: 650 000 (Newcastle Permanent) <input type="checkbox"/> Tick Box</p> <p>Account Name: CHATS Productions Inc</p> <p>Account No.: 544171000</p>		
<p>Add the Reference: member + 'Your Name' eg: <i>member Kevin Smith</i> Then EMAIL the details of your payment to CHATS secretary at info@chats.org.au</p>		<p>You can bring this form to any CHATS event or meeting.</p>

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