



# JUST CHATTING

CHATS Productions Inc

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## A Midsummer Night's Cast

Now, we all know it's normal for a director to talk up their cast but when I tell you I am positively spellbound with the absolute magic my actors have weaved in such a short amount of time I am not just waxing poetic, I'm speaking complete truth. You don't want to miss this show.

To say I am proud is the understatement of the century. And it just so happens that all this creative goodness has happened whilst we are short a few players.

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## Ritchies IGA Community Benefits for CHATS.

CHATS are now a registered recipient for Ritchies IGA Community Benefits payments.

To receive money from the scheme CHATS needs to be nominated as the preferred recipient on your Ritchies IGA loyalty card, and the total spent by people who have nominated CHATS exceeds \$2000 in the month.

So if you currently shop at Ritchies IGA and have a loyalty card, you can use either the website or the app to change your nominated recipient to Coffs Harbour Amateur Theatrical Society.

If you shop at Ritchies and would like to nominate CHATS but don't have a card, you will need to get one and sign up to the scheme (which also gives member discounts in store) and nominate CHATS as your preferred recipient.



# President's Chat

Many of the planned events that we hoped to hold at the theatre in July sadly did not eventuate, probably due to the lack of time available to organise and advertise them successfully.

However, CHATS did present two activities in the timeframe.

Firstly the puppetry workshop presented by Drew Wilson was a great success, with 14 participants and a fun and informative three hours dedicated to gaining an insight into how puppets work. We made puppets from paper and learned the rudiments of animating them in a believable manner.

This ties in with the announcement of our first production for next year, 'Avenue Q', more about this later in this newsletter.

We held a special screening of the video of 'The Importance of Being Earnest' at the request of some of Mark Fifield's workmates to allow hospital workers to see his performance, and while we were assured that there would be a full house, only three hospital people turned up. CHATS is looking to fundraise further to be able to fund a Mark Fifield Scholarship to NIDA for new over fifty actors.

We also held the 'James Hall Memorial Variety Show' on Sunday September 25, and I am pleased to say that we had some fabulous local performers, and the charity night was supported by about 100 attendees. The night was helped greatly by the addition of Jade Naidu and 'Frozen Jr' cast from Naidu Theatre Company and Woolgoolga Performing Arts Studio (WPAS) Theatrical Production Program students.

A special thanks to David Bateman and Sharon Tomlinson for coordinating the whole event.

Funds raised will go to the Can Do Cancer Trust at Coffs Harbour.

We held a successful play reading of 'Arsenic and Old Lace' on the 19th of August with 15 people attending. The play is a brilliant farce that was very well received when CHATS produced it last in 2008. We had wonderful feedback from all those attending.

And finally, Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' is to open this Friday October 7 and is taking shape brilliantly under the direction of Lily Tasker and Assistant Director Manny Lagettie and promises to be a fantastic bit of classic theatre. Tickets now available at <https://www.jettytheatre.com/a-midsummer-nights-dream/>

I look forward to catching up with you sometime soon at the theatre (or the play reading!).

Cheers,

David Tune,

President

CHATS Productions Inc.

The James Hall Memorial Variety Show



# UPCOMING EVENTS!

## Play Reading

Our next play-reading is a modern-day story of two people who meet by chance in the waiting room of a psychiatrist's office. Are they too caught up with their own problems to seize an opportunity, or can they help themselves by helping each other?

'**Love at First Psych**' is the first work of a new member of CHATS, Anne McClenahan, who moved to Coffs Harbour in 2019, just six weeks before the lockdown. You may remember Anne doing a comedy routine recently in The James Hall Memorial Variety Show.



Please join us for a fun social night in an informal setting and mix with other CHATS members.

When : **Friday December 2nd at 7pm.**

Venue : Ken & Anne's home  
Townhouse 3, 17 Charlesworth Bay Road, Coffs Harbour

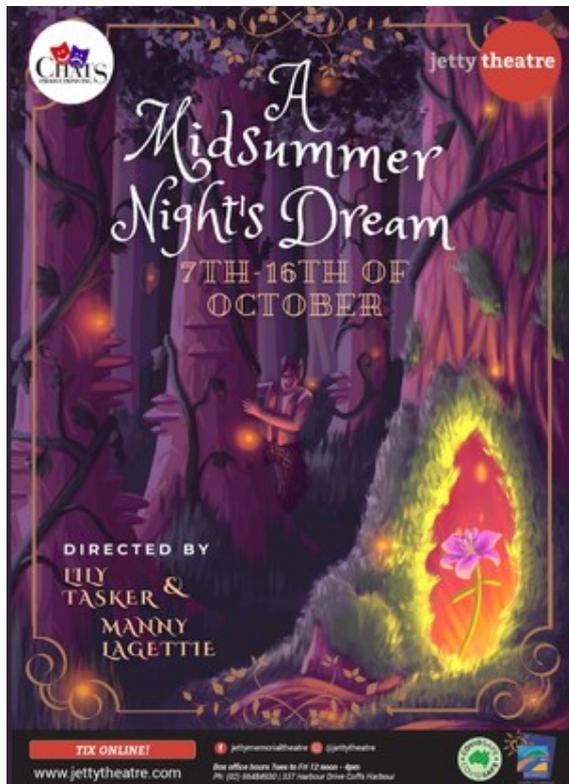
**Light refreshments and supper will be provided.**

**RSVP to [info@CHATS.org.au](mailto:info@CHATS.org.au) - so we may cater for everyone attending.**

Coffs Harbour Musical Comedy Company (CHMCC)  
presents.....



# UPCOMING SHOWS!



## Opening Night

<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 7 - 7pm</b>
Saturday	October 8 - 2:30pm and 7pm
Sunday	October 9 - 2:30pm and 7pm
Wednesday	October 12 - 7pm
Friday	October 14 - 7pm
Saturday	October 15 - 2:30pm and 7pm
Sunday	October 16 - 2:30pm

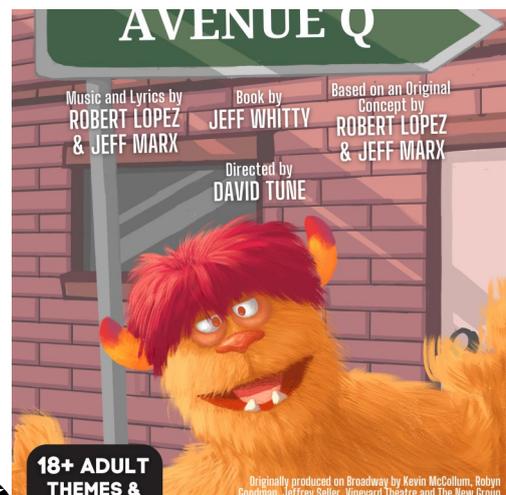
Book your tickets now through :

**Jetty Memorial Theatre**  
[www.jettytheatre.com/a-midsummer-nights-dream](http://www.jettytheatre.com/a-midsummer-nights-dream)

Announcing our first exciting show in 2023 !!

## Avenue Q - the musical

**Avenue Q** is a musical comedy featuring puppets and human actors with music and lyrics by [Robert Lopez](#) and [Jeff Marx](#) and book by [Jeff Whitty](#). It won Best Musical, Book, and Score at the [2004 Tony Awards](#). The show's format is a parody of [PBS's Sesame Street](#), but its content involves adult-oriented themes. It has been praised for its approach to themes of racism, homosexuality and internet pornography.



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