



# JUST CHATTING

CHATS Productions Inc

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## Flashback

### **One Random Act: Festival of One Act Plays comes to completion.**

We have bought down the curtain on our very special and successful event 'One Random Act: Festival of One Act Plays'.

The production has been a great success, and the quality of the plays outstanding, and we have now expanded the ranks of potential directors for both CHATS and CHMCC.

The five plays were of outstanding quality and included diverse and inclusive casts that wowed the audiences that saw them.

A massive thank you to Sharon, Bethany and Beckley for the huge investment of time and energy that they put into making this such a successful event, and congratulations to Trudy, Rebecca, Becky, Bec and Lily for putting together such great plays.

Unfortunately, audiences were small, partially due to the aged care sector not engaging in organised outings, and CHATS will make a loss on this production. However, this was anticipated and acceptable given that we have achieved the aims of the exercise in giving some new directors a chance to shine.

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### **Play reading: A great success to be followed up soon.**

Generously hosted by committee members Anne and Ken McClenahan and coordinated by David Bateman, the reading of 'Run for Your Wife' by Ray Clooney made for a fun evening, helped along perhaps a little by a few beverages flowing! It was a fantastic opportunity for members to socialise, practise their cold-reading skills and test out a script for production in future.

Another play reading will be held in August, so watch this space, as well as our socials and e-mailouts for the details. And if there's something you'd like us to consider for future readings, particularly if you'd like to see it produced by CHATS or are even interested in directing yourself, please let us know by emailing [info@chats.org.au](mailto:info@chats.org.au)



# President's Chat

**C**HATS has had a huge first half of the year so far, and the pace isn't letting up anytime soon.

Our Festival of One Act Plays concluded with fabulous performances all round, five fantastic short plays that were loved by all those who came to see them. Huge congratulations to Sharon, Bethany and Beckley, as well as our five directors, actors and crew for a wonderful start to our theatrical year.

Congratulations also to our Play Reading coordinator David Bateman, and Anne and Ken McClenahan for organising and hosting our first play reading in quite a long time. The assembled members enjoyed wonderful hospitality and a fun read through of Ray Clooney's madcap farce 'Run For Your Wife', which is now a contender for a place in next year's line-up.

The next CHATS activity is our very first Musical Theatre Trivia Night, organised by Anne and Ken McClenahan, more information later in this newsletter.

We held auditions for William S Gilbert's 'Engaged', but sadly no one turned up, and subsequent phone calls only yielded four people interested in the ten roles, so the decision was made to not proceed with this play this year.

So the question arises, what will we do in our July theatre booking?

The answer is, many things. We are currently organising a series of training workshops at the theatre that will be open to members and interested parties, hopefully covering areas such as theatre safety, lighting design, presenting Shakespeare, and stage management amongst others.

The final piece in our July line-up will be the James Hall Memorial Variety Show, with all funds raised going to the local charity, Can Do Cancer Trust. Cathy and David Hall have

endorsed this production, and we look forward to hearing submissions for acts from our Theatre Family, details later in this newsletter.

Congratulations also to CHMCC for their fantastic production of 'Wizard of Oz, YPE', which was beset by myriads of challenges and still came out as a top-notch show, such great talent on stage and off, well done all.

Keep an eye out for details of the much-anticipated auditions for 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' directed by Lily Tasker.

In the meantime, I hope to catch up with our members and supporters at the Trivia Night and look forward to seeing you at the theatre soon.

Cheers,

David Tune,  
President  
CHATS Productions Inc.



# UPCOMING EVENTS!



**CHATS PRESENTS  
MUSICAL THEATRE  
TRIVIA NIGHT**

JOIN US  
JUNE 11TH FROM  
6:30PM  
THE COFFS  
HARBOUR HOTEL

FANCY DRESS  
COMPETITION + OTHER  
GREAT PRIZES TO WIN!

**\$10 ENTRY**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO NEW  
SOUND EQUIPMENT

YOU KNOW THE  
SONGS, YOU'VE  
SEEN THE SHOWS  
BUT HOW MUCH CAN  
YOU REMEMBER?

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO  
BOOK A TABLE (MAX 6 PPL)  
EMAIL US AT  
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A big thank you to our trivia night sponsors!

- Brooklyn's Burger Bar
- Cold Rock Ice Creamery
- Hog's Breath Café
- K'pane Artisan Bakery
- Old Johns
- The Pier Hotel
- Sea Salt
- Shearwater
- Twenty46
- Urban Espresso Lounge
- Ken and Anne McClenahan

Some great prizes up for grabs so make sure to book your table!

## ★ Have you ever... ★

Wanted to know what goes into designing those lights that make us look oh-so-pretty on stage?

Thought it might be fun to boss everyone around from the wings as a stage manager?

Wondered if your Shakespearean monologue was ... *Shakespeare* enough?

CHATS is planning a grand festival of theatre

skills in July, so you can have a go at something new or refresh your knowledge. Watch out for more info on our social media and in your inbox!

Have a skill you want to share? We're interested in putting on a range of workshops and talks to engage our performance-loving community, so if you would like to run something please do get in touch with [info@chats.org.au](mailto:info@chats.org.au)

# UPCOMING SHOWS!

## James Hall Memorial Variety Show

CHATS is so excited to be producing the James Hall Memorial Variety Show, with proceeds to be donated to Can Do Cancer Trust. Not only is this event for a fantastic cause, but it will be a fun night with something for everyone.

We hope to embrace the word 'variety' with acts ranging from silly to spectacular! Performance will be 23 July

So we're calling out to our talented community. We're looking for songs, skits, scenes, stand up ... whatever your imagination throws out that we can stage!

If you have an idea for an act, of no more than 10 minutes, with a genuine entertainment factor, share it with us! Email [info@chats.org.au](mailto:info@chats.org.au) with your pitch.

There will be an opportunity to rehearse your performance at the theatre before we open on July 23rd).

The Coffs Harbour & Clarence CanDo Cancer Trust supports patients and families attending the North Coast Cancer Institute. In an effort to ensure funds remain in the local area and help those most in need, the CanDo Cancer Trust Committee, along with the generous support of the Coffs Coast Freemasons, established the Trust to distribute funds to patients and families affected by cancer. For more information go to CanDo Cancer Trust – Supporting Patients and Families attending the North Coast Cancer Institute.



## A Midsummer Night's Dream

Fairies, lovers and amateur dramatists combine in this intriguing Shakespearean comedy. See the poster above for audition details and come prepared to impress us with your lyrical storytelling!

Audition packs will be available soon so email [info@chats.org.au](mailto:info@chats.org.au) to request yours.

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