

Z-PAC NEWS

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Rehearsals revving



With opening night just around the corner, Z-PAC News is pleased to hear that polishing of the first 2015 production are coming along smoothly. Ray Lawler's Australian classic play, *The Summer of the Seventeenth Doll* is directed by Judith La Forest. Judith has cast a stellar company of Fraser Coast favourites.

Sadly, *La Cage aux Folles* had to be postponed, but has been replaced with the Tony-award-winning comedy, *God of Carnage*.

Coming Soon

- Feb 12 **Members' Night**
- Feb 27 *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll*
Opening Night
- Mar 1 **Acoustic Club**



Workshops worked well

Last Saturday, February 7th, Z-PAC Theatre hosted Stage Rats Inc's Series of Theatrical Workshops. Sponsored by the Hervey Bay RSL, the programme covered acting, directing and singing for existing members of both theatre groups and welcomed newcomers. With an average of 30 members in each class, and many of them new faces, the day was an innovative new landmark in local theatre.

Z-PAC thespian Jonathan Dunn opened the day with a two hour extensive introduction into acting and performance technique. The workshop included physical, mental and vocal warm-ups and exercises. The final activities centred around script-work, objectives and interpretation.

Before lunch Bradley Chapman, Z-PAC's Artistic Director, lead the next group in an enlightening workshop on directing for stage. The class began with a focus on leadership; the virtues
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Addictive Acting

Z-PAC's Youth Theatre programme has been revived thanks to fellow member Tamara Bailey and her private drama school, *Addictive Dramatics*. The response was so overwhelming that extra classes have had to be allotted to ensure students (pictured) get the best theatre and fun experience possible.

Student drama classes are held regularly to teach acting skills, stage presence, confidence and belief in their own abilities.



Acoustic Club

On the first Sunday of each month there are a range of performers playing a wide variety of music—something for everybody to enjoy; with varying levels of expertise for an assembly of people who just like to support live music. Whether you play or are learning to play or you have an act but you don't know where to take it, give the acoustic club a try. Music starts at 6 pm and continues on till about 10 pm. Come for the whole evening or just drop in for a while and grab a drink from the licensed bar. Entry is by gold coin donation to perform or just to enjoy the evening.



Scholarship success

One of Z-PAC's newest thespians has just been awarded a Scholarship with USQ, Toowoomba. Last year, Taylor Day joined *Stage Rats Inc*, The Fraser Coast's only Theatre Restaurant Group. Stage Rats is a traveling community Theatre Restaurant group providing local entertainment and opportunity for aspiring performers to gain experience before an audience. Taylor had a wonderful experience with Stage Rats performing multiple roles in their 2014 show. She also put in some appeared in *Wireless Wit* shows in 2014. The skills and confidence Taylor gained from working in community theatre meant that when she applied for the Drama Scholarship, she had the confidence and ability to submit an application that ticked all the boxes and lead her to be granted a \$3000 USQ Residential College scholarship. Taylor starts a Drama Course at USQ in a few weeks. Special thanks to Z-Pac Vice President Steve Dixon for his valuable assistance in helping preparing Taylor's scholarship application.

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of a successful leader and why being well lead is vital to any theatrical production. The second hour examined a director's responsibilities both to their cast and their audience. By the end of the session, every member had tried their hand at directing actors.

Private singing tutor and choir conductor Gunilla Myren concluded the day with a two hour singing workshop, after lunch. This experience was quite illuminating for even the most seasoned singers, as Gunilla shed light on new and innovative vocal techniques she had been studying in Melbourne.

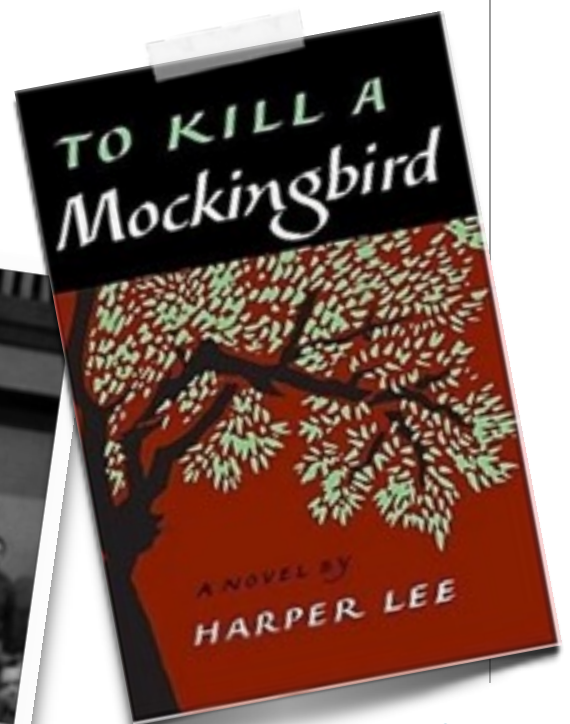
Stage Rats received overwhelming positive responses from the participants. "We hope to invite *Stage Rats* back for more workshops throughout the year." said Bradley Chapman.

Annual General Meeting

The 2015 AGM is coming up next month. Note nominations must be made by the date indicated on the Notice of Meeting. If you have any questions regarding the AGM, please contact the Secretary, Louise Fantinel on 0437 680 672 or email her louisefantinel@bigpond.com

ATTENTION ACTORS:

*Even though it is not the next production, auditions are taking place early for Harper Lee's literary classic, **To Kill a Mockingbird**. Auditions are closed but no appointment necessary. Details of parts required can be found on the Z-PAC website soon. Contact Bradley Chapman on 0431213445 for more info.*



**Z-PAC Theatre Presents,
in Association with Curtis Brown Pty Ltd,**

**Jonathan Dunn, Tamara Bailey, Mark Thomson, Janene Sweetnam,
Judith La Forest, Stuart Waters and Taylor Dunn in**

RAY LAWLER'S
Summer **OF THE**
Seventeenth
DOLL



**Directed by
Judith La Forest**

**February 27th – March 15th
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