



Papakura Theatre Company (Inc)

NEWSLETTER



Patrons: Bruce and Jessie Pulman

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Season's Greetings Everyone!

I hope this message finds you well and excited for the festive season ahead.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge everyone involved in our wonderful shows this year, *Looking, We Will Rock You*, and *The Game's Afoot*. A big thank you to all who supported these productions. Our sold-out musical *We Will Rock You*, garnered 6 NAPTA nominations and we couldn't be prouder of our nominees! It was wonderful to hear how much this cast enjoyed themselves and how well they worked together, especially considering this was a large cast, they really supported each other. There were days when, without the amazing and supportive cast we had, the show simply couldn't have gone on. In one performance, a backing vocalist was given just five minutes to run around the theatre, reach the band, and sing a song she had never performed before – teamwork at its finest!

We have two fantastic shows already planned for next year, with the first already in the planning stages. We are proud to announce the following productions for PTC in 2025:

* **Tell Me on a Sunday** featuring Lisa Lorrell

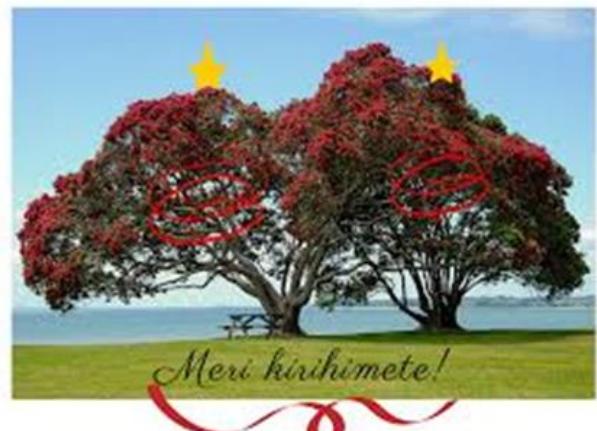
* **Georgy Girl – The Seekers Musical**, The New Zealand Premiere

It has now been a year since we began using ticket scanners, and they have proven to be very effective. They have sped up entry and improved accuracy, helping to prevent seating issues, such as identifying patrons who attended on the wrong night. Additionally, they provided useful information about who we were still waiting on.

PTC once again participated in the Papakura Santa Parade and this year the weather cooperated beautifully. I would like to thank Barry Raymond and Smiths Transport for their assistance with the truck. A special shout-out goes to our amazing truck driver, Izzy. I am delighted to announce that PTC won **1st place** for the '**Most Innovative Entry**.' Thank you to everyone who contributed to the truck, whether by decorating it or wearing the many fantastic costumes. A big thank you as well to the Hawkins Youth Theatre Kids, who donned their amazing Alice in Wonderland costumes and joined us for the parade. We were also accompanied by a quintet from the Papakura Brass Band, playing Christmas carols on our truck.

Congratulations to Barb and Gary Hieatt, who received both the Papakura Theatre Company Distinguished Service Award and Papakura Local Board Volunteer Certificates this year.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of everyone who has supported PTC over the past year, regardless of their role. Your efforts, whether in the spotlight or behind the scenes, are invaluable and play a significant part in making PTC the wonderful place it is. Your contributions enable us to continue producing outstanding shows. Thank you all.



I hope you find time to spend with friends and family during the Christmas and New Year period.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

Paul

**PTC IS DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE OUR 2024 NAPTA NOMINATIONS –
ALL RECEIVED FOR WE WILL ROCK YOU**



Outstanding Leading Performer in a male role in a musical

Zane Nathan as Galileo

Outstanding Leading Performer in a female role in a musical

Liv Shaw as Scaramouche

Outstanding Supporting Performer in a male role in a musical

Anton Elliot as Brit

Outstanding Hair & Make-Up Design

Kenjiah Weir

Outstanding Costume Design

Danni Farrell

Outstanding Direction of a Musical

Anthony Whitehouse

Congratulations to all our wonderful nominees and to all other NAPTA nominees.

Watch for news of the big Awards Night early in the New Year,

MTNZ ZONE ONE VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Every year each society in MTNZ Zone One is invited to put forward nominations for the Volunteer Awards. PTC is pleased to announce our two recipients for 2024.



Sonia has been a regular member of PTC's sound crew for musicals since our 2021 production of Mama Mia. She has also done sound for the Hawkins Youth Theatre for the past six years.

Sonia is reliable and is very competent and capable on a sound desk. Sonia is so co-operative, very well-liked by cast and crew and is a pleasure to work with.



Sarah successfully auditioned for PTC's production of Calendar Girls at the end of 2023, having never been on stage or involved in any sort of theatre before.

Since then, Sarah has:

- * Been part of the stage crew for Looking (March/April 2024) and again for We Will Rock You (August 2024)
- * Filled in for the drummer in the Band for We Will Rock You – playing at 4 performances after many days of practice.
- * Learned how to operate PTC's lighting board and then took on the role of lighting operator for most performances of The Game's Afoot (November 2024)
- * Sarah has become a very active member of PTC, turning up to help at various club activities.

PTC IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR SHOWS FOR 2025!



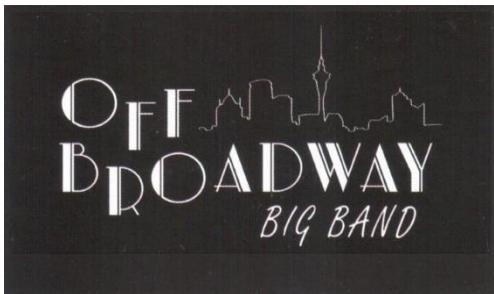
Briefly - The story of an English girl who moves to New York and the relationships she experiences before she realises that she is doing just fine on her own.

Tickets on sale early in the New Year





**Our third show for the year will be a play – to be announced
in the New Year when Rights have been confirmed.
Planned performance dates are 18th Oct – 1st Dec**



We are over the moon to also announce that there will be a Big Band Weekend in August next year so if you are a fan, watch out for confirmed dates!

PEOPLE NEWS

Lorna Clauson – after a short spell in Middlemore, Lorna is now a resident of Papakura Oaks. She is settling in well and all of us at PTC send her our love and best wishes and hope that she will soon be back ready to work with her Longford Park Choir and enjoying family time and everything that goes on around her.

Baby Andisen – granddaughter of Susan, great granddaughter of Gary & Barb, Lily has now graduated from the NICU in Wellington Hospital. Nic and partner Milli along with Lily were flown home to Blenheim last Monday by Life Flight and Lily is now in Blenheim Hospital. She is doing really well and having been born at 25 weeks and weighing in at 380 gms, she is now nearly 3 kg, although still having a little assistance with her breathing. The care and support Lily and her Mum and Dad received at Wellington Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House has been truly amazing and the Andisen and Hieatt families cannot thank them enough.



Congratulations to **Lou van Jaarsveld**. Having signed up for karate lessons on impulse during the Papakura Street Fest a year or two ago, Lou has just won the award for adult female student of the year. Lou says she may be old but not out!

Go Lou!

PTC Christmas Party – Friday 6th December

Lots of fun playing some crazy games - Christmas Charades, Pass the Christmas Parcel, and Pin on Santa's Sack! Good food, good company, lots of laughter – it was a great evening! Thank you to Averil Smith & Carolyn Loader and their helpers for organising a very enjoyable time and to Susan Andisen and helpers who set up the Green Room ready for us to party.





PAPAKURA SANTA PARADE – Sunday 8th December



Well, the sun shone although there was a fair amount of wind! Decorating the float began around 8.30 am to be at Bruce Pulman Park ready for judging at 12 noon. Barb & Gary set up a gazebo and ran a stall with info about PTC and a competition for tickets to a 2025 show to encourage people to sign up for our mailing list.

We had plenty of volunteers for the float, including some of the cast from the Hawkins Youth Theatre's production of Alice in Wonderfund and some members of the Papakura Brass Band playing Christmas carols. Everyone taking part thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

Everyone thought it was a very successful event! There was continuous entertainment on stage from 11am to 3 pm, with our own Off Broadway Big Band playing for more than an hour in the afternoon.

Many thanks to everyone who turned up to help and take part! A fun day despite the hard work to get us all there!

Grateful thanks to Barry Raymond and Smith Transport who provided the truck and to Izzy who drove it!





PTC 70TH ANNIVERSARY – What happened to your koha!

Your committee would like to let you all know what happened to the koha donated at the 70th Anniversary evening. We had said we would donate to a local charity, but without saying which one. The intention was to donate this to Quota as they do such good work in the community, regularly support PTC and had so kindly offered to sort out supper for the night so that all of us could enjoy the evening. But at committee meeting it was suggested that we should share the amount to be donated between Quota and the Little Miracles Trust/Wellington NICU where Lily Andisen was being cared for. Barb and Susan were thrilled with this suggestion, although it did not come from them. Treasurer Marie emailed the Trust to explain why PTC was making the donation and we received back such a lovely reply to say thank you. So \$250 to a very surprised Quota team and \$250 to Wellington NICU. So thank you everyone – PTC loves being able to help out others whilst we are doing something we enjoy!

That's it now folks till next year!

Merry
Christmas