



Papakura Theatre Company (Inc) NEWSLETTER

Patrons: Bruce and Jessie Pulman

May 2024



Hello Everyone

Please forgive me for the brevity of this message.

WE WILL ROCK YOU rehearsals are well underway with music, dance and blocking in full swing. The full ensemble joined together for their first music rehearsal last week with some great harmonies coming through. The choreography is demanding but the dancers are tackling this head on and are starting to look very polished.

My sincere thanks to all those members who stood for committee again at our AGM at the end of April. We are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated and strong committee to look after PTC this coming year.

My personal congratulations to Rita Stevens on being awarded PTC Life Membership. Rita works incredibly hard on Front of House and has been involved in other facets of our theatre in the past and this recognition is well deserved.

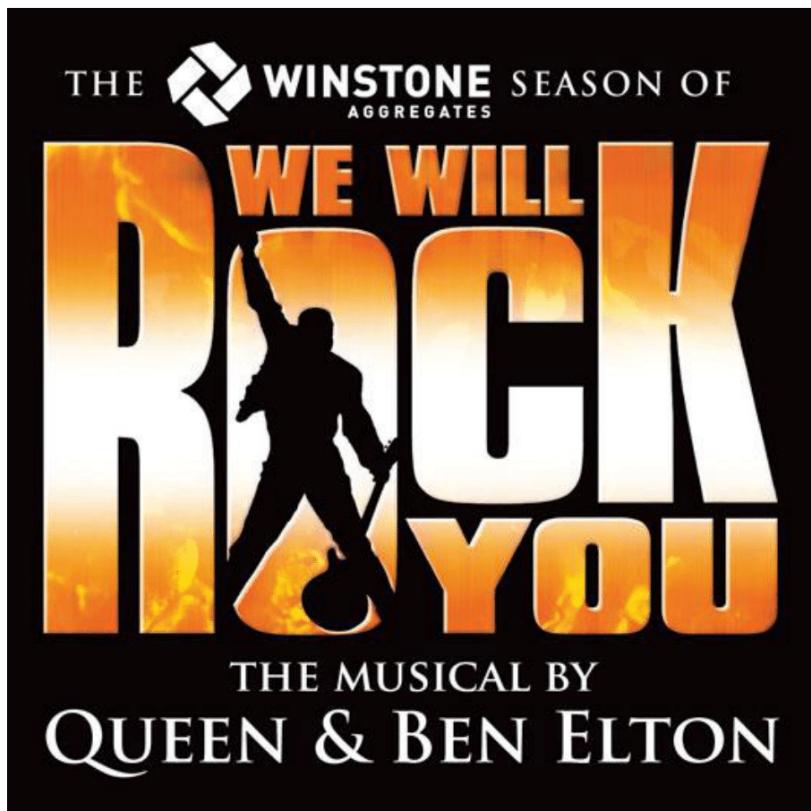
We recently held another garage sale of clothing and I would like to thank Judy Wilson and her team for organising this event.

Barb will update you on all the other events happening in and around PTC further on in this newsletter, including the rescheduling of our 70th Anniversary,

Take care!

Paul

AND HERE'S THE NEWS SO MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!



PTC is thrilled to announce that
WINSTONE AGGREGATES
has taken on the sponsorship
for our season of
WE WILL ROCK YOU

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE
through iTICKET
And from Off Broadway
as from 29th June Sat & Wed
11 am to 2 pm

Please be sure to check the
dates for alternative cast
appearances before booking

BRIEF NOTES FROM THE PTC AGM HELD ON SUNDAY 21ST APRIL AT 7.00 pm

President Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting - pleasing to see such good numbers at our AGM.



Following the reading and adopting of last year's AGM Minutes, Paul presented his 2023 President's Report, which is attached. Treasurer Marie then presented her financial report which showed our Club is in a reasonably healthy position.

The election of officers was then held with Paul Radden being re-elected unopposed as President. All of the previous year's committee were elected together with the three members who were co-opted to committee last year. The motion was then put to the meeting and carried that the three co-opted members be given full voting rights as committee members. This needed to be done as under our current Constitution it appears that co-opted members may not vote – a grey area from an out-of-date document! (The planned revision of the Constitution will take this into consideration.) The 2024/25 committee is listed at the end of this edition.

The motion was put to ask our current Patrons Bruce & Jessie Pulman if they would like to continue in this role. Carried. Paul will talk to Bruce & Jessie about this.

Our Constitution is being updated – this project is being led by committee member and lawyer Cheryl Simpson. Once a final draft is completed a Special General Meeting will be called to present the updated Constitution to PTC members who will then be asked to vote as to whether it is adopted.

At the end of general business Barb was invited to present a citation and a motion that the meeting approves the awarding of PTC Life Membership to Rita Stevens. **Carried Unanimously!** Paul then presented Rita with her Life Membership pin. Congratulations Rita – you have earned this for your loyalty and hard work!

Meeting was followed by supper and refreshments.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP – CONGRATULATIONS RITA STEVENS!



RITA first joined Papakura Theatre Company in 1998 after chatting with the late Patty Reid at a gathering and saying how much she enjoyed coming along to the PTC shows. Patty suggested Rita might like to get involved and should audition for the panto Cinderella. Rita did just that and made it into the cast, playing a wee mouse in Cinders' kitchen, and has been a loyal member ever since.

She does a great job organising the rosters for the team of helpers who meet and greet our patrons when they arrive and then she mans the front desk on show nights.

Rita is the smile behind the ticket desk on show nights; she is the helper in the kitchen when suppers are prepared and served, and the cleaner-upper when everyone has had their fill.

Rita, you are a lovely, caring person – your cheery self is an asset to PTC. Thank you so much for all your hard work over those many years. We hope you will accept this Life Membership with the love and fondness with which is offered.

(Above is a copy of the citation read out at the AGM)

NEXT CLUB NIGHT



PTC 70TH ANNIVERSARY – NEW DATE



Saturday 19th October is the new date for our 70th Anniversary celebrations. How about you pop it in your diary now and please do share with anybody you know who has been involved with PTC in the past.

Entertainment is planned for the evening event so if you are interested in being part of this, please let Barb know – email bgheatt@xtra.co.nz.

Plan is to do 3 very short excerpts from plays and later approximately 30 minutes from musicals we have produced.

CLUB NIGHT – FRIDAY 26 APRIL

A small number of members enjoyed an evening of pizza and karaoke at the April Club Night. Lots of fun and laughs and camaraderie! Here are some great pics taken by Carolyn. Many thanks to Carolyn and Avril and others who put this event together.



Rita & Lou 1



1 Avril



6 KING OF THE ROAD - Dave



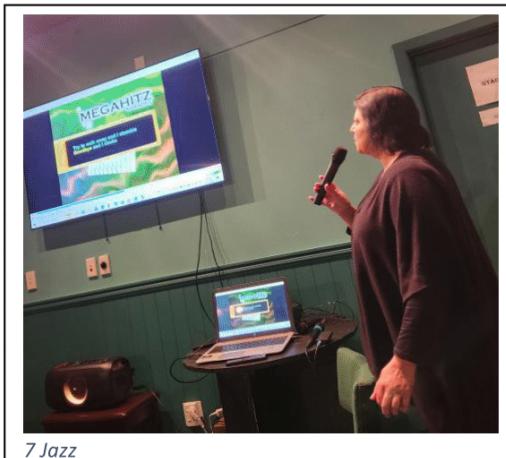
5 Rio



4 Avril & Arthur



3 Barb & Gary



7 Jazz

PTC HAS SOME EXTRA STORAGE SPACE



Recently PTC took over a small shed on the Wellington Reserve (opposite the Coastguard premises), courtesy of our Papakura Local Board, for which we are paying a very nominal rent. Items of scenery, large round tables and other items are being stored there to give us more space at Off Broadway. The shed is small but very useful!

CLOTHING SALE

On Saturday 18th May our wardrobe team held a clothing sale at Off Broadway. There was just so much stuff – boxes and boxes of clothes and shoes - at 50 cents per piece people were buying bagsful! It was actually quite good fun! A profitable morning's work from the PTC team and a little more space in the wardrobe! Any items left from the sale were given to charity. Thank you to Judy W, Judy S, Steph and the ladies who went to help set up on Friday afternoon.



NEW ADDITION TO THE GREEN ROOM

A 65 inch TV was recently installed in the Green Room and the frames that held photos etc of past decades have been removed. The idea is to use the TV to roll through photos from over the years. Robert is currently scanning in photos and should have this up and ready to go by the time WE WILL ROCK YOU opens.

Robert is looking for any photos from the following shows:

- Footrot Flats – 2012 production
- Four Flat Whites
- Whistle Down the Wind
- Blackadder 2 (the one with Queenie and Nursie in)
- Catch Me If You Can
- The Opposite Sex
- Here's A HowdyDo!



If you do have any photos from the above shows, would you please be able to scan them and email to Robert at robert.mitchell@pegasussystems.com. Can you name the show and maybe the people in the photo too please. If you are unable to scan, could we please borrow the original photos so we can scan them and return to you.

The poster features the MTNZ logo (MUSICAL THEATRE NEW ZEALAND) on the left and a stylized award ribbon on the right. The main title 'COMBINED, MTNZ ZONE ONE MEETING & NAPTA AGM' is displayed in large, white, serif capital letters against a dark blue background with vertical light rays. Below the title, text in yellow reads: 'With thanks to our Guest Speaker - Kate Martin-Booker 'Accessible Arts'' and 'Playhouse Theatre Sunday June 16th - 10am to 12.30pm'.

Come along, catch up, connect, learn and reflect and enjoy a chat over morning tea

This meeting is open to all members of MTNZ affiliated community theatre societies.



MEMBERSHIP OF PTC – What it means and what you “gets for yer money”

Currently Membership of PTC costs \$30 for Adults, \$45 for a family (this can be 2 adults/2 children or 1 adult/3 children) and \$15 for a child at school

Being a financial member of any club (and yes, pretty well all clubs require a membership fee) means you “belong”. It means you support that club and are part of it. There are usually personal benefits to being a member but also the club benefits in having you as a member, both from your membership fee and from your interest and participation in club activities.

A club, any club, is somewhere you can follow your interests, make new friends, a place to relax and often expand your skills and knowledge – all benefits to you personally.

The benefits you get at Papakura Theatre Company for your membership fee are:

- Membership prices at the club bar (membership card must be presented)*
- 3 free drinks per member or 5 free drinks for a family membership
- Early notice of auditions
- Early advice of PTC shows to allow you the best choice of seats and/or the opportunity to organise yourself a group booking (bookings of 10 or more attract a 10% discount)
- Regular social nights at Off Broadway
- Regular newsletters and emails keeping you informed as to what PTC is up to, what's on around Auckland, news of our members etc. Contributions to this publication are always welcome from everyone.
- Discounted rate for hire of Off Broadway (conditions apply)
- And most importantly, membership entitles you to the right to vote at the PTC AGM, meaning you can play a part in the running of the club.

Membership fees for any club help towards the administration costs and all the other expenses incurred in running any club, things like power, water, toiletries, insurance, repairs and maintenance, fees to “umbrella” national associations (in our case MTNZ), to our body corporate and so much else – so all financial contributions by way of fees are valued.



We get many comments from visitors to our theatre about how warm and friendly they find us and our theatre. That's something to be really proud of!

So why not “belong”?

If you receive this newsletter and aren't already a financial member but would like to join, membership forms are online at www.ptc.org.nz and fees can be paid with online banking, or you may like to pop down to Off Broadway when open and pay by eftpos and complete a membership form whilst there.

* PTC Membership cards have been prepared and will be available for pick up from the bar upon your next visit to the theatre.

PTC has survived through thick and thin for 70 years – let's make sure we keep it going so that future generations can enjoy the excitement of live theatre and hopefully get to celebrate PTC's centenary!

MUSICALS AT THE MOVIES



Just a note for those of you who enjoy musicals.

At the Hawkins – ***Waitress the Musical*** is showing through the month of June (check the Hawkins website for dates and times or pick up their June pamphlet at the theatre).

At Hoyts Botany Town Centre – ***42nd Street*** – film of the live show from London's West End

Only 4 showings

- Friday 21st June at 1 pm
- Saturday 22nd June at 12.50 pm
- Monday 24th June at 1 pm
- Tuesday 25th June at 1 pm

Here is the committee as elected at the recent AGM

Paul Radden – President

David Child – Vice President : **Marie Parker** – Secretary

Marie Von Keiseberg – Treasurer

Robert Mitchell – Minute Secretary & Website : **Susan Andisen** – Venue Hire & Props

Emma Love – Marketing & Publicity : **Carolyn Loader & Avril Hunt** – Social

Cheryl Simpson – Law & Constitution : **Barb Hieatt** – Newsletter

Lillian Cameron : Loree-Anne Smith

Contact committee through info@ptc.org.nz

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Don't forget – this is your newsletter – any contributions you would like to make will be most welcome – any news you'd like to share with members too

Email to Barb – bghieatt@xtra.co.nz

That's all for now!



GET BOOKING!