



Papakura Theatre Company (Inc)

NEWSLETTER

Patrons: Bruce and Jessie Pulman

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Hi Everyone

I trust this newsletter finds you well and, like me, I am sure you are being reminded of the close proximity of Christmas everywhere you turn. Where has this year gone?

I am very excited as *Anne of Green Gables* is just around the corner and shaping up to be another cracking show produced by PTC. I had a glimpse of the set this week and as always, the set building team have once again produced a simply stunning set.

PTC has a very busy end of year ahead and, as in previous years, we will be involved in the **Santa Parade** again. If you are interested in partaking, we would love to have you involved and showing off many of our wonderful costumes. More details will be sent out within the next week or so regarding the theme and what will be required. Last time we very proudly won our category and it would be wonderful to have another great entry.

On behalf of PTC, I would like to welcome Anthony Whitehouse to Off Broadway as our Director for *Noises Off*. We are all looking forward to working with Anthony to bring this hilarious comedy to our stage in May next year. You will find some information about auditions further on in this newsletter and, as always, if the date doesn't suit, we would still like to hear from you as we will look at a second date to accommodate everyone interested.

In the meantime, don't forget to book your tickets for *Anne*!

Paul

Opening this coming Saturday night, 12th November

TICKETS ARE SELLING WELL – HAVE YOU BOOKED YOURS YET?

iticket.co.nz or ph 09 361 1000

Or in person at Off Broadway every Wed & Sat 11 am to 2 pm



This is a lovely story, very family-friendly, suitable for all ages. With Emma Love and Grant Waugh playing brother and sister Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert and 12-year-old Jaime-Rea Ruiterman as Anne (with an E!), you are in for a treat. These three lead a great cast who are so looking forward to bringing their work to an audience! So come along to Off Broadway and let us transport you to Prince Edward Island for a couple of hours!

COMING IN MAY 2023 – AUDITIONS ARE 15TH JANUARY FROM 1 PM

**AUDITIONS
JANUARY 2023**



NOISES OFF

**THE CLASSIC FARCE BY MICHAEL FRAYN
DIRECTED BY ANTHONY WHITEHOUSE**

SEASON 13 - 27 MAY 2023

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AUDITION@PTC.CO.NZ

This is a fun, fast-moving British farce in three Acts, which depicts a play within a play. The audience will see the actors “onstage” and “back-stage” beginning with a chaotic technical rehearsal in Act One, followed by the on-going problems and mayhem as the company continues with its ten-week tour, determined to see it out to the end.

More information and audition packs available shortly.

PTC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER from 3pm till 6pm

Family picnic in Central Park, Papakura

(Adjacent to the stage area)

Bring yourselves a picnic and things to sit on.

Let's have some good old fashioned picnic fun and games!

Egg & Spoon Races – Sack Races and more



Wear your best Christmas hats!

*PTC will provide soft drinks and OJ and there'll be
Christmas mince pies and cake.*

IF THE WEATHER IS INCLEMENT, WE WILL HOLD OUR CELEBRATION IN THE THEATRE.

GARAGE SALE AT THE THEATRE

Saturday 10th December
9 am – 2pm

Tables \$15 each or 2 for \$25

(we may be able to provide some tables)

If you would like to book a table, please email garagesale@ptc.org.nz
Or txt Barb on 027 252 8265

This will be an indoor event, although if you want to be outside and use the boot of your car, you can still book a space for \$12.

We would love to have a bake stall but need people to be prepared to bake and donate for this to be successful – please could you let Barb know if you are prepared to bake a cake or perhaps some cookies so that we know if it is going to be viable. A bake stall is always very popular as a fundraiser. Thanks!

So, start clearing out those wardrobes and cupboards! Get into that garage or shed! Earn yourself a bit of spare cash towards Christmas.

You know what they say

One person's junk is another person's treasure!

MORE CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN PAPAKURA



Carols in the Park in Papakura – Friday 2nd December from 6 pm in Central Park.



After the Santa Parade on Sunday 4th December, how about “Chilling in the Park” with the Off Broadway Big Band and other entertainment. From 4 pm onwards in Central Park. Food trucks, face painting and more.



Thursday 8th December - our Papakura Town Centre shops will be open until 7 pm, with Christmas fun, music (again with the Big Band and other bands) and Santa and other entertainers roving through town. Get your shopping done early and support local businesses!

GLENBROOK VINTAGE RAILWAY RE-ENACTMENT TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS SINCE THE OPENING OF THE RAILWAY LINE TO WAIUKU.

Marie von Keisenberg received the following message from Ross Crook, Centenary Organiser, GVR.

Dear Marie

I would be grateful if you would forward this email to your members, expressing my, and GVR's sincere gratitude for the efforts of those who accepted the call to help us, and the Waiuku community, to celebrate the Centenary of the 1922 opening of the Waiuku Branch Railway by W F Massey, NZ Premier and MP for Franklin, last Sunday.

From my perspective, out of the seeming chaos caused in part by the late running of the train from Auckland, and one or two other "glitches" on the day, the event seems to have been an overall success, with people telling me that they really enjoyed their day.

My efforts at "directing" on Sunday, however, convinced me that it is definitely not my "thing" and I can relax that I didn't miss my calling! I will be comfortable continuing in my role as Stationmaster on Glenbrook Vintage Railway operating days!

I was acutely aware of how long the re-enactors had to wait for the "official" photo in the afternoon due to unforeseen train operating issues, and sincerely hope that there were no cases of pneumonia caused by the cold and persistent wind!

I have attached photos taken of the re-enactors in the carriage in the morning, a photo of the dais with "W F Massey" aka Mike Morrow, speaking, and a photo of the "breaking of the ribbon" re-enactment in the afternoon.

Hopefully those who took part will agree with me when I say that their efforts were worthwhile.

Keep an eye out for future GVR events, trips and tours on www.gvr.org.nz

Many thanks again, to everyone

Kind regards

Ross Crook

Centenary Organiser - Glenbrook Vintage Railway



This was a fun day, and we enjoyed the chance to play “dress up” in suitable clothes for the 1920s and ride the train. Marie von Keisenberg got to hold one end of the ribbon as the engine edged towards it. Speeches were made by Paul Radden, Merv Stowers, Mike Morrow and Sean White playing the roles of the various important dignitaries present on the day 100 years ago. Thank you so much to all who came along to support this event.



QUIZ NIGHT

The Quiz Night on 14th October was a big success. The quiz was run by Ann Raymond-van Daalen and she set us some great questions. There was lots of scratching of heads, whispering of answers and much laughter throughout the evening. First place went to Nancy Manning and her team. Sadly I can't tell you who came second and third or who got the booby prize cos the organiser (me!) has misplaced that information. But it was definitely a fun night that we'll do again sometime next year!

Thank Ann for doing this for us – we really appreciate you giving us your time and hope you'll come again and do a quiz for us.

Thinking of other ideas for next year's Club Nights – anybody fancy a night of Bingo?

PEOPLE NEWS

We're a little late with this lovely news. Congratulations to Lara and Zac on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Lillian Rose Wyatt Wilson, born on 2nd October. That makes Allan Wyatt a very proud grandfather!

Barb Hieatt was recently invited to an evening with Quota, which was held at Off Broadway, where she was presented with a certificate of thanks to Papakura Theatre Company for the support given to Quota over the years. It was a really nice evening and Barb was amazed at the thousands of dollars this small group of women has raised for various small charities over the years, some of which were represented at the evening. Thank you, Quota – as Barb said at the time, it works both ways. Quota supports us too when we are able to welcome you all to one of our shows as a group.

Well folks, that's it for now. I'll leave you with these photos of some of our Anne of Green Gables cast, taken at Howick Historical Village. To say thank you to the Village, we made a small donation and many of the cast went back in costume a week or so later to support the Village's Open Day.



Oh, and then our clever Director Lou did this – went up to the Papakura Library and persuaded them to put up a display featuring Anne books and DVDs with our fliers!

