

Z-PAC THEATRE

Creating Entertainment and Opportunity



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A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT, Liane Mills

New Life Member – Robert Garland

To be eligible to be nominated as a Life Member, the person so elected shall be one who has rendered conspicuous service to the Theatre in an active or administrative capacity during a minimum of 10 years.

Robert has certainly full-filled that Criterion, having performed in numerous show at Z-PAC since 1994. As a past member of the Fraser Coast Regional Councilor, and with the arts portfolio, Robert always promoted and supported the theatre. In 2017, he assisted in obtaining the grant of \$5,500 from the council to help pay for the backstage air-conditioning. When not acting, Robert volunteers regularly for Front of House and can often be seen cheerily chatting with patrons from behind the Bar.



A big Thank You to Mayor George Seymour who officiated at the AGM. We thank him for his time and positive feedback on the Theatre.

Z-PAC New Committee 2018

Congratulations to our Z-PAC Committee who were all re-elected at our AGM with overwhelming support. Thank you to all those who attended – we had over 70 at the AGM which in itself is a wonderful indication of the support of our members.

- **President - Liane Mills**
- **Vice President – Derek Barrington**
- **Secretary – Steve Dixon**
- **Treasurer – Deb Hunter**
- **Artistic Director – Louise Fantinel (assisted by Mark Thomson)**
- **Technical Director – Jeff Sweeney**
- **Promotions Co-Ordinator – Joanne Spencer**
- **Committee Member Graeme Roberts**

THE AGM was a Celebration of the wonderful success story that is your Z-PAC Theatre. Some of the points raised at the AGM included:

- **ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT NUMBERS MORE THAN DOUBLED IN LAST 3 YEARS**
 - Attendance numbers rising from avg **43** persons per show in 2014 to **109** in 2017. (our theatre holds 128)
 - Two shows in 2017 sold out completely, with one show, Sex Please We're Sixty that I directed, having a record breaking 1,440 people attending.
 - Total attendance rose from **1,799** in 2014 to **4,929** in 2017.
 - Financial Membership rose from **9** in 2013 to to **227** in 2017.
 - Supporters on our mailing list rose from **45** in 2013 to **862** in 2017.

- **OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS, RECEIVED OVER \$35,000 IN GRANTS INCLUDING ONES PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES**
 - **2016 Indy Foundation \$5,500** to fund advertising in the newspapers for two years. Money raised with a raffle at the Indy Masquerade ball. Thank you to Liane Mills, Steve Dixon and Robert Garland and all those who made generous donations to this raffle.
 - **2016 Gambling Community Benefit Fund \$18,000** Hearing Loop System in the main theatre + Hearing packs.
 - **2016 RADF regional arts development fund \$750** for Acting Workshop with Jonathan Dunn
 - **2017 Fraser coast regional council \$3,000** For the Disability ramp for theatre access
 - **2017 FCRC & Councillor David Lewis \$5,500** Air conditioning back stage (special thanks to **Robert Garland** for his assistance with this application)
 - **2018 RADF \$3,000** Acting Workshop Fingers Crossed - **in Application**. (Thank you to **Robyn Edwards** for assistance with this.)

- **LIFTED Z-PAC'S PROFILE IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY**
 - Our Z-PAC President is actively engaged in the Business Community, attending Chamber of Commerce Meetings, as well as weekly and fortnightly Breakfast meetings (currently with Business Connections Hervey Bay) on behalf of Z-PAC Theatre. This has led to an increased awareness and support of the theatre from the business sector, and sponsorship and support from local businesses.

- **LIFTED Z-PAC'S PROFILE IN THE COMMUNITY**
 - Our Z-PAC President is actively engaged with Senior Community Groups, giving talks at monthly meetings of groups including:
 - Probus (both Fraser Coast Combined and Hervey bay City). We have helped them with skits and have such a good relationship I am invited to their Christmas Parties as a special guest.
 - National Seniors
 - Rotary (two Hervey Bay Rotary Groups)
 - NSW Retired Police Group
 - Fraser Coast View Club
 - As a result, these groups and others often come as a group booking to most shows.
 - One new innovation was offering groups over 10 supper/afternoon tea at no extra charge, this has helped increase group bookings.

- **COUNTRY ROCK BLUES CLUB**
 - Developed, with Ken Sutton, the Country Rock Blues Club which has brought a whole new group people to the theatre and who provide the pre-show music our Patrons enjoy so much. They hold weekly Sunday Night sessions as well as several concerts every year.

- **Z-PAC REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY**
 - Z-PAC Performace at Torbay, Urangan Community Centre and involvement in the Hervey Bay Community Centre.
 - I've welcomed the Home Schooling students to the Theatre for a day of fun with a tour of the theatre and theatre games.
 - We have opened the theatre to Dance Schools, Singing Schools, and other community groups including last year a wonderful Jon Vea Vea Concert.

- **SEASON PASSES**
 - For \$140 (concession) or \$175 (adult) patrons receive that value in tickets, along with one free drink per show, free program and Annual Membership
 - These provide our patrons with a great way of saving money on tickets, while Z-PAC receives an annual commitment from patrons.

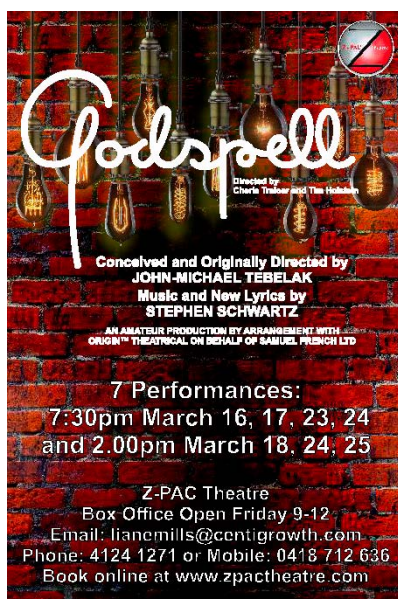
- **VOLUNTEER SHOW NIGHTS**
 - Volunteers are invited to a special show preview night and are given food and drinks and a special pre-show screening of each show. It's the theatre's way of saying thanks.

- **FINANCIAL SECURITY**
 - Our Treasurer reported that we generated over \$125,000 last year, with surplus of \$40,000 and our budgeted income for 2018 is \$180,000. This financial security means we are able to keep our equipment and theatre in excellent repair.

- **FRONT OF HOUSE INNOVATIONS**
 - When patrons walk into the theatre now, they are greeted by smiling faces in uniforms, great drinks at the bar, live music, decorated tables, walls and ceilings and a general atmosphere of warm and community. We receive so many comments from many long-term theatre goers, on how much they enjoy these improvements.

- **FINALLY**
 - Before the Current Committee, there was no money in the bank, member numbers were extremely low, show numbers low, it was difficult to get Directors, actors, and general volunteers. We didn't even have such simple things as online booking, a working photocopier, or even Internet. Today we have a vibrant active theatre with a wonderful community of volunteers, and our reputation for quality theatre is secure. Congratulations to your wonderful committee and all the many many volunteers who have worked so hard together to make this happen.

Liane Mills President



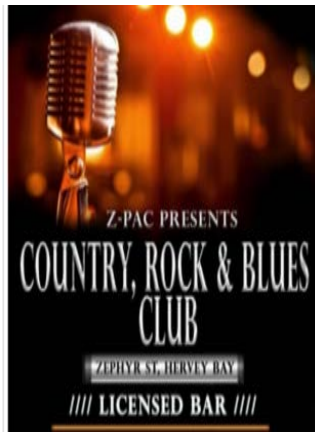
Godspell The Musical - March 16 - 25

Directed by Cherie Treloar and Tim Holstein

7 shows only. Don't miss out. Two of the performances are almost sold out so Book today.

A well-loved musical based on the Gospel according to Matthew, Godspell, features a comedic troupe of eccentric players who team up with Jesus to teach his lessons in a new age through parables, games, and tomfoolery.

Online Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/TJIS>
or at the Box Office at the theatre Fridays 9-12



COUNTRY ROCK BLUES CLUB

Club Nights Every Sunday from 6pm

Come along on a Sunday from 6pm. Everyone welcome to attend. Weekly Club nights are FREE for Z-PAC members; \$5 for Visitors.

CONCERT First concert April 15

Concerts run Sundays 1pm-6pm and feature guest artists along with our local club members.



AUDITIONS COMING UP.....

March 17 9-12 for *The Games Afoot* by Ken Ludwig,
Directed by Liane Mills

Cast required 3 Males, 5 Females Ages 20-50 (1 F 70)
Show running September 7-22.

April 14 10-12 for *It's Only a Play* by Terrence
McNally, Directed by Mark Thomson and Theresa
Saunders

Cast required 4 Male, 4 Females
Show Running July 27-August 11.

For More information, visit our website
www.zpactheatre.com and click on Membership and
Auditions.

BOOK NOW

Bookings are now open for:

- New Memberships & Renewals
- Season Passes ALL Shows for 2018.

Go to our redesigned website at

www.zpactheatre.com for more information.

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