

Z-PAC NEWS

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Rehearsals Revving

Yes, *Prime Minister* rehearsals are powering towards opening night on October 30th. Under the direction of Z-PAC veteran Roger Jennings, the stellar ensemble is made up of many of Z-PAC's most recognisable faces, including: Judith La Forest, Stuart Waters and, of course, Mark Thomson as the eponymous PM. Tickets can be purchased online from <http://www.zpactheatre.com/booking.html> (scan our QR code for immediate access).



Coming Soon

- Oct 9 *Members & Supporters Night*
- Oct 30 *Yes, Prime Minister Opening Night*
- Nov 15 *Yes Prime Minister Closing Night*
- Nov 28-30 *Wireless Wit & 50th Anniversary of Community Theatre in Hervey Bay*



Winner with *Wireless Wit*

A few weeks ago, Z-PAC launched a revival of 2013's *Wireless Wit*. The event, a concept developed by Tamara Bailey, was highly acclaimed by audiences and performers alike as stress-free, high-energy and high-laughs evening of sketch comedy, poetry and song. In an effort to maximise fund raising for the Theatre, some new tactics were employed by our Front of House team.

The bar was re-stocked with premium and craft beer, as well as a new selection of wines chosen by our connoisseurs, Paul Geeves and Derek Barrington. In order to service our patrons more efficiently, Paul and Derek ran a second bar to serve the wine - this allowed more patrons to be served early on in the intermissions, without the pain of waiting in a queue. The Youth members of the *Wireless* cast handed out popcorn to grateful audience members and lead the audience in a few

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USQ Uptake

Z-PAC's Vice-President, Steve Dixon, has started discussions with USQ'S Executive Manager of the Fraser Coast campus. The Management Committee hopes to develop its presence and relationship with Z-PAC in coming months.

Programme Pumping

2015 is set to be a huge year for Z-PAC, with more productions staged than any year in recent memory. The year kicks off in February with the iconic Australian drama *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll*, directed by Judith La Forest. Following on in May comes the musical classic *La Cage Aux Folles* (the story that inspired the 1996 cult classic film, *The Birdcage*) directed by our Artistic Director, Bradley Chapman. In June, we will host a one act play festival. Next, late July, Graeme Roberts will direct the Hitchcockian thriller *A Night of Dark Intent*, a rather different production than Z-PAC has seen in the past.

In September, the celebrated theatrical adaptation of Harper Lee's literary masterpiece *To Kill a Mockingbird* will grace the stage, followed by *Last of the Summer Wine*, directed by Roger Jennings.

dances. Val Grainger and her kitchen team also served up some scrumptious canapés, along with the tea and coffee. One highlight of the night, among many, was Val's recital of Pam Ayers' poems.

The event raised over \$3,500 for the theatre and, more importantly, doubled our membership quota. Tamara Bailey and Liane Mills worked tirelessly in the weeks leading up to the show, which gave many performers a first-time opportunity to perform on the Z-PAC stage. In response to popular demand, the event will return at the end of November for another weekend, this time themed around Christmas.



Confident Committee Constructed

After the resignation of several management posts, Z-PAC welcomes its new committee members. Michael Ware has accepted the role of President and is working with the Management Committee to raise the theatre's finances in order to complete further improvements for the comfort of patrons and actors.

Steve Dixon brings a wealth of governance experience to assist us in developing administrative processes to enhance the organisation of the theatre. Christie Close, a long-time Z-PAC patron, has accepted the post of Treasurer. Working through her Chartered Accountants programme, she is excited to

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Jovial Jubilee

To celebrate 50 years of Community Theatre in Hervey Bay, Z-PAC is doing what it does best: putting on a great show! The last weekend in November will see the return of *Wireless Wit*, with all the usual hilarity to expect, plus a few more surprises.



In commemoration of the Golden Jubilee, Z-PAC will be unveiling new plaques dedicated to the Theatre's Life Members, as well as the history of productions. As a member of Z-PAC, be sure not to miss this grand moment in the Theatre's history.

Memorable Members Night Nigh

It is with pleasure we invite you to our Members and Supporters Night on Thursday October 9th:

- 6:00-6:30 Management Committee meeting - members welcome to attend.
- 6:30-7:00 Drinks at bar prices and complimentary savouries.
- 7:00-9:00 Meeting:
 - Special Welcome
 - Meet your Management Committee
 - 2015 outlined by Directors
 - Membership Benefits
 - Z-PAC Online

manage the theatre's treasury. In the role of Secretary, Z-PAC welcomes Bonny Mallet. Bonny is completing her Masters Degree at USQ and relishes the opportunity to develop her professional skills.

The new Management Committee is grateful to former Committee members, George McLean, Kay Farr, and former President Susie Geddes, for their valued time and hard work serving the Theatre since March. "We are so excited to rejuvenate Z-PAC with a new team as we work to make Z-PAC the pillar of the community it deserves to be," Michael Ware stated.

More information on the new Management Committee can be accessed via the Z-PAC website:

<http://www.zpactheatre.com/committee.html>

ATTENTION ACTORS:

*An expression of interest is going out to those members wishing to participate in Blackadder's Christmas Carol for Wireless Wit. Must be available to perform Nov 27-30. Come along to the theatre on **Sun, Oct 12th at 2:00pm** for a script reading. If interested or have further enquiries, contact Michael Ware on: 0431213445.*



Z-PAC Theatre presents, by arrangement with Origin Theatrical,

YES, PRIME MINISTER

A new stage comedy by
Anthony Jay & Jonathan Lyn,
Directed by Roger Jennings

October 30 - November 15, 2014
Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30pm
Sundays at 2:00pm



Tickets available from www.zpactheatre.com
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