



Light Cues # 2 : June 2010

Williamstown Little Theatre's 'mini news', sent out in between issues of Cues & News

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Send news items/ comments/suggestions to:
LightCues@tpg.com.au

It is with great sadness that we advise our members that Dorothy Porter passed away on Sunday 13th June. Dot had an operation in May from which she didn't really recover.

Dorothy Hughes (as she was then) was in the first production mounted by WLT 63 years ago, *Man of Destiny*. She and Ivor were staunch supporters of the theatre and both played an enormous part in making WLT what it is today. Ivor held the purse strings during the conversion from Bakery/Machine Works to what we have today, while Dot worked tirelessly catering, cleaning and chatting about the theatre to anyone who'd listen. For many years Dot had the job of delivering our posters to the local shops, a job she loved 'cos it gave her the opportunity to chat to shopkeepers, customers and the general public. Dot loved a chat!

During our 60th celebrations she and Ivor were invited to take on the role of Matron and Patron. This they did with enormous pride and attended every function held during that year. If Dot and Ivor were not at the theatre's AGM one of them had to be sick. I think in 64 years they may have missed only a couple.

With her passing, WLT has lost a very loyal and dear friend.

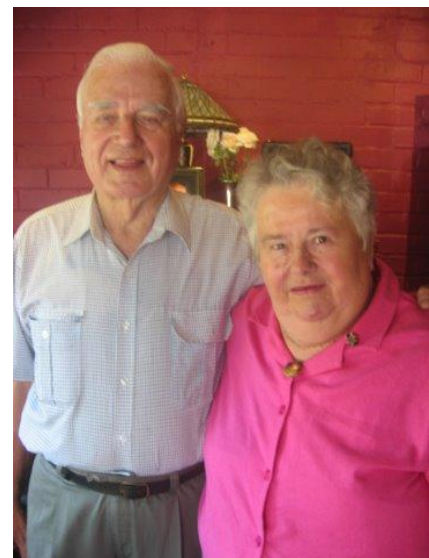
Our thoughts go out to Ivor, David, Bettina and Ian.



Left: a young and pensive Dorothy

Right: 'Patron and Matron' of WLT's 60th Birthday celebrations

VALE
DOT PORTER,
You will be sadly
missed at WLT



Audition Updates...

•**Hotel Sorrento auditions** were held over the long weekend. Over 20 actors presented for audition, some for each character. Ellis was very impressed with the calibre of people auditioning, and had a difficult task finalising his cast.

As of this moment he is waiting final confirmation from people to whom he has offered roles...so we all have to wait a bit longer!! Further revelations in the next Cues and News...can you bear the suspense?

•**Habeas Corpus auditions**

Our last play of the year is Habeas Corpus by Alan Bennett, directed by Lois Collinder. Auditions will be held on 31 July from 1pm. Character information will shortly be on our website, www.wlt.org.au

Enquiries and further information: ring Lois on 9399 2554 or Production Co-ordinator Bob Harsley 0414 917 381 or wltadmin@tpg.com.au.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Jenny Koch

I have decided to put 'pen to paper' or should I say 'keyboard to P.C' over the wonderful 'Article' that Gillian Senior (Wadds) wrote on 'Lorraine West'- It moved me greatly from laughter to tears, I agree with Gillian, it is sad that we have to say these wonderful 'things' about our friends, colleagues when they are no longer here, why do we leave to the last 'minute'?

It must have been very difficult to sit and write or try and reflect on a person's life, I do go back to the Mechanics' days and my first show with WLT being 'Ring Round the Moon' as Assistant Stage Manager and having both Lorraine and Gillian in the cast.....Oh the glamour of the 'Theatre'- I recall one night walking into the ladies??? dressing room only to find Lorraine topless, smiling at me, as she attempted to cover her breasts and stating....'Yes Bruce can I help you?''Oh..... 5 minutes Lorraine', I said as an innocent lad.....her reply.. Thanks Darl, have we got milk for the coffee yet!!.....'Ah I will check', as I ran into the door!

Once again a big thank you to Gillian for the 'Article' and Cheers to Lorraine and my thoughts to her family

Bruce Wapshott

We welcome Member contributions! Email
LightCues@tpg.com.au or

mail to PO Box 35, Williamstown 3016

Members in the Spotlight....

- Chris Baldock** performs in 'The Judas Kiss' by David Hare (who wrote 'Skylight') at Heidelberg TC, 8 – 24 July (See details of WLT Theatre Night below)
- Barbara Hughes & David Macrae** perform in 'Working' at Chapel off Chapel, July 17-31
Bookings 8290 7000
- Michaela Smith** (Dee in 'Role Play') has directed 'And the World Goes Round', starring **Adrienne George** (remember her exotic dance in 'Role Play' ??), Players Theatre Co at Doncaster Playhouse, July 2,3,7,8,9,10: Bookings 9847 5501

STOP PRESS!

**Congratulations Lorraine and Bryan Thomas, grandparents again...
it's a boy!**

Forthcoming Dates to note ...

- Sat 26 June: Working bee – pre-show final clean up of the theatre
- Wed, 30 June: Final dress rehearsal *Glorious!* FOH people welcome to attend.
- Thurs 1 July: *Glorious!* Opening Night
- Tues 20 July: Join the *Glorious bump-out* with dinner and celebratory drinks!
6.00 pm onwards.
- Sat 24 July: Social Night - Village Square Greek Restaurant & 'The Judas Kiss', Heidelberg Theatre Company

It's not too late to join the group: Tickets \$16; dinner \$42

Call Shirley asap 9354 5380 to be included in the booking.

31 July: Habeas Corpus auditions 1pm

Wanted! Wanted! Wanted!

Our next production, *Hotel Sorrento*, requires the services of a person to be Costume Co-ordinator. While organising costumes can be great fun, it is also an integral part in any production. So if you would like to show your **creative flair** doing costumes, or if you'd like to be rehearsal prompt, please contact Production Co-ordinator Bernadette Wheatley on 0437 989 984 or bmwsiena.1@bigpond.com.au

ATTENTION PLAYWRIGHTS

Williamstown Little Theatre
will be holding its fifth season of
PLAY SIX
In mid-December 2010

PLAY SIX showcases some of Victoria's - & indeed Australia's - best new & young playwrights, at the same time as providing a vehicle for local up-and-coming directors and actors to work with cutting-edge material. The venue - WLT's 69-seat theatre - is one of Melbourne's finest intimate theatres.

We are calling for short play scripts of between **10-15 min** in length. Any material will be considered, although preference will be given to plays which involve minimal/no set requirements.

Please send your text to the co-ordinator before **30th June 2010**:
play6wlt@yahoo.com.au

or snail mail:

Play Six Submissions
WLT
PO Box 35
Williamstown 3016

Please observe the above deadline as late submissions will *not* be considered. Any enquiries can be directed to the co-ordinator via email above or on 0424 780 971.

WORKERS WANTED!

Are you interested in being part of a 'working party' sorting and re-organising our props/wardrobe area?

Barbara Hughes will soon be co-ordinating a team to tackle this very necessary task. It will take some time to overhaul the overcrowded 'upstairs': it's a big job so many hands are needed. If you'd like to help, please let us know - call Shirley 9354 5380 or email wltadmin@tpg.com.au

**Have you booked yet? *Glorious!* opens 1 July and runs to 17 July.
Have you Facebooked yet? Become a Friend of WLT on Facebook !**