

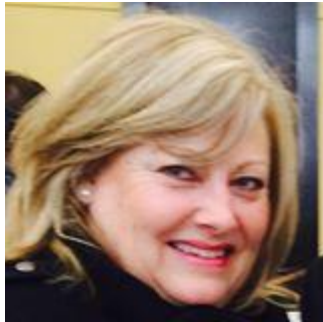
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Your newsletter from The Stirling Players

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Heather Jones

As the newly elected president of the Stirling Players, I'd like to open by extending our gratitude to Miriam Keane for her last two terms in the role. As well as being President, Miriam has contributed a great deal to Stirling Players over the last few years including managing the social media coverage, producing programmes, performing on stage, and not least, directing the highly successful production of *Zigzag Street* in 2015.



To the present, and following our recent AGM on February 7th, we have a new management committee which is detailed below. We are delighted to welcome two new members, Amy Greig and Rebecca Kemp whilst we say farewell and thank you to Joshua Coldwell for the past twelve months. We also thank Kevin Burrett for his outstanding contributions on the committee over the past years and wish him all the best in his role as Vice President of the Stirling Community Theatre Committee.

The Stirling Players are currently between productions with *Variation On A Theme* being packed away for the archives. It was a most successful performance run with award-winning director Dave

Simms, and a wonderful crew and cast. Audiences and critics loved it and were impressed with the high quality of performance, not to mention the stunning set and fabulous costumes. The leading lady's dresses, in particular, attracted a great deal of admiration; they were created through the collaborative efforts of Viki Burrett, Jane Bleby, Rob Andrewartha and Janice Schubert. Next up will be *Our Country's Good* and the committee is already hard at work on the preparations. This play is set in 1788 and tells the story of some of the people arriving on the First Fleet. It promises to be a marvellous piece of theatre so we look forward to seeing you all in Stirling in September.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President: Heather Jones

Vice-President: Debbie Tester

Treasurer: Maurice Kneen

Secretary: Viki Burrett

Committee Members:

- Lori Nielsen
- Mo Johnson
- Jane Bleby
- Glenys Foryth
- Amy Greig
- Rebecca Kemp
- Kate Van Der Horst

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NEXT PRODUCTION

Our Country's Good is based on the novel The Playmaker by Thomas Keneally, which deals with the staging of the first theatrical production staged in the penal colony in Sydney in 1789. Although a fictional account, most of the characters are based on actual people and the events are based on journals and other written accounts from the time.

The play has love, death, comedy, drama and serious philosophical reflections on human nature, as it deals with conflict between the officers at odds with Governor Phillip's wish to bring some degree of civility to the convicts, as well as with the mixed emotions of the convicts who are to act in the production of George Farquhar's The Recruiting Officer.

The director, John Graham, together with members of the committee held auditions in the third week of March and we are pleased to announce the cast which is as follows:

<i>Lee Cook:</i>	<i>Ralph Clark</i>
<i>Peter Collins:</i>	<i>Governor Arthur Phillip</i>
<i>Dave Simms:</i>	<i>Major Robbie Ross & Ketch Freeman</i>
<i>Tim Williams:</i>	<i>Captain David Collins</i>
<i>David Greig:</i>	<i>Midshipman Harry Brewer</i>
<i>David Mott:</i>	<i>Captain Watkin Tench</i>
<i>Jakob Maddocks:</i>	<i>John Wisehammer & Lieutenant Johnston</i>
<i>Nathan Brown:</i>	<i>Robert Sideway & Lieutenant Dawes</i>
<i>Patrick Marlin:</i>	<i>John Arscott and Captain Jeremy Campbell</i>
<i>Jean Collins:</i>	<i>Mary Brenham</i>
<i>Ellie McPhee:</i>	<i>Dabby Bryant</i>
<i>Katherine Silbereisen:</i>	<i>Liz Morden</i>
<i>Ella Heywood Smith:</i>	<i>Duckling Smith</i>
<i>Mo Johnson:</i>	<i>Meg Long</i>
<i>Jason Sardinha:</i>	<i>Black Caesar & Australian Aboriginal</i>
<i>John Graham:</i>	<i>Reverend Johnson</i>

You may be aware that The Endeavour was in Port Adelaide a few weeks ago. Mo Johnson, having sailed on the ship as a paying crew member in 2014, managed to arrange a private tour for the director of Our Country's Good and some of the committee. It was an interesting visit with a chance to explore the quarters which would have been occupied by some of the characters in our forthcoming play and get a sense of the types of props and set pieces we'll need to source over the coming weeks.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Saturday
July 16th

- Play reading of Donald Macdonald's *Caravan*
- Please apply to Stirling Players Secretary for details

Saturday
December
3rd

- Christmas Party & Treasure Hunt
- Please apply to Stirling Players Secretary for details

AND FINALLY, FOR A BIT OF FUN!

WORD SEARCH

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