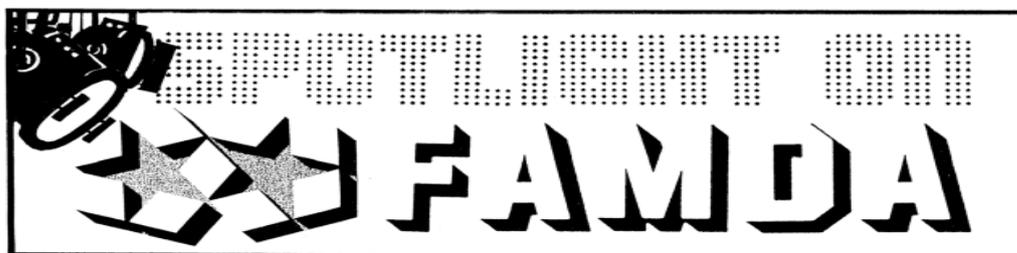


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CONSIDER YOURSELF INVITED



Judy Barnard deals with the script with host, Dianne Paragreen, and Alison Hodgson, Marg Rudge, Jean Moore and Dianne Berryman
Photo by Robert Paragreen

Gippsland Theatre Menu 2018

Maffra Dramatic Society

LEAP OF FAITH

2 - 11 February

CPAC @ Pakenham

ANNIE

10 - 24 February

Leongatha Lyric Theatre

CALIFORNIA SUITE

16 - 24 March

Bairnsdale Production Line

THE WEDDING SINGER

4 - 20 May

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group

THE BOY FROM OZ

27 May - 11 June

Warragul Theatre Company

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

15 - 17 June

Leongatha Lyric Theatre

ANNIE July

Latrobe Theatre Company

SWEET CHARITY

July - August

Off the Leash Theatre

RENT August

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group

THE BOYS

September - October

Warragul Theatre Company

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

9 - 11 November

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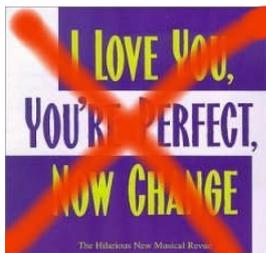
Interested in a night of do-it-yourself theatre with no rehearsals and no lines to learn? A play reading is ideal for anyone wanting to give theatre a go but too shy to audition or for an old hand wanting to try reading new roles. Whether you want to meet up with old friends, or perhaps meet some new ones, you are welcome to join in the fun of a FAMDA play reading.

If you have ever seen the British television comedy series, 'The Vicar of Dibley', you will realise you are in for a treat with FAMDA's next play reading. Featuring a script based on 'The Vicar of Dibley', laughter is guaranteed with roles for everyone who would like to read.

The evening's activities kick off at 7:30 Friday, January 19, at Dianne and Robert Paragreen's home, 38 Devlin Road, Foster.

Anyone interested in theatre is invited to come along. You don't have to be a FAMDA member or an experienced actor. Just bring a bottle or a plate for a shared supper.

DIRECTOR(S) WANTED



The FAMDA committee was very disappointed to have to cancel our production of 'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change'. When planned for October 2017 we had very talented girls but no guys. We thought postponing the show until March would give us the chance to find suitable men - and we had two excellent performers step forward - but by then our women had moved on to other projects.

Losing this show has left a big hole in our 2018 program.

FAMDA is keen to hear from anyone with a theatrical project they would like to bring to fruition with FAMDA in 2018. It could be a full length production or perhaps a one act piece to be staged in our August play festival (and even toured on the circuit).

Please contact FAMDA president, Tania Pell, on 0427 832 303 to discuss your ideas and to put forward a proposal.



Norman Willoughby passed away on January 8 following a short illness. The FAMDA community is immensely saddened at the loss of a most wonderful gentleman and FAMDA Life Member.

Norm's interest in theatre began in 1955 with the then Coburg National Theatre. His last stage appearance was with The Yarram Players in 1963 before professional life in South East Asia and the Middle East temporarily curtailed his theatrical activities.

He made his FAMDA debut in 2001 in the one act play *Altered Egos* and went on to perform in *Hotel Sorrento*, *A Month of Sundays* and *Shadowlands*, earning VDL and GAT nominations each time.

He proved himself a talented and hard working member of the set construction team, a willing worker front of house and served as FAMDA's treasurer while continuing stage roles as diverse as the sinister Bruno in *Stringlines*, an Ugly Sister in *Twisted Tales from the Woods*, Knightly, the Owl, in *Bush Magic* and the grandfather in *Foreigners from Home*.

He also contributed many years as GAT treasurer.

Norm will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A celebration of Norm's life will be held at 2:00pm Wednesday, January 17, at the Foster Bowls Club.

For catering purposes it would be appreciated if people planning to attend let Dianne Paragreen know in advance via raphoto@dcsi.net.au or 0407 883 600.



2009 - Norm on stage as Grant in *Dinner at Hugo's*



The Victorian Drama League celebrates community theatre by organising an annual competition in which each theatre group is able to submit just one play.

With 35 companies from across the state entering their plays in 2017 and nominations limited to only five nominations in each category, FAMDA was thrilled with the recognition accorded its production of *The Vagina Monologues*.

Director Brad Beach was absolutely delighted to have FAMDA's staging nominated in the Best Comedy category.



The Vagina Monologues was further lauded with Laura Muranty awarded the trophy for the Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy and Hadassah Wanstall nominated in the same category.

The Best Comedy trophy went to Mordialloc Theatre for *Outside Mullingar* and the trophy for Best Drama was presented to Eltham Little Theatre who staged *It's a Wonderful Life*.

With the Gippsland Associated Theatre Awards Alison McIntyre received a nomination as a support actor for her performance in *The Vagina Monologues* and Sue Lindsay's Judge's Award was presented to Brad Beach for "enthusiasm and skill in directing FAMDA's *The Vagina Monologues* and commitment to creating awareness about issues of violence against women."

IN THE FAMDA PIPELINE @ Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

Saturday 28 July - A wonderful evening of musical fun and games à la Spicks and Specks

Weekend 25 & 26 August - 18th Bendigo Bank South Gippsland One Act Play Festival

PROM COAST FILM SOCIETY

The Prom Coast Film Society is a member of the Federation of Victorian Film Societies and operates under the rules of the Australian Council of Film Societies so attendees at films must be subscribers.

In 2018 subscriptions are available for either the full year or 3 (consecutive) months

Annual subscription: \$60 Quarterly subscription: \$25

Screening 8pm on the first Friday each month @ Fish Creek Memorial Hall

FILM SCHEDULE 2018

| Month | Film | Genre | Year | Country |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| FEBRUARY 2 | Queen of Katwe 124 mins | Bio, drama, comedy | 2016 | USA |
| MARCH 2 | Death in Brunswick 109 mins | Comedy, crime thriller | 1990 | AUST |
| APRIL 6 | The Light Between the Oceans 133 mins | Drama | 2016 | UK, NZ, USA |
| MAY 4 | The Eagle Huntress 87 mins Loving Vincent 94 mins | Documentary Bio, animation | 2017 2017 | UK USA |
| JUNE 1 | The Big Sick 120 mins | Comedy, romance | 2017 | USA |
| JULY 6 | Zach's Ceremony 93 mins Mountain 74 mins | Doco Doco | 2016 2017 | AUST AUST |
| AUGUST 3 | Wind River 107mins | Crime, drama, mystery | 2017 | UK, Canada, USA |
| SEPTEMBER 7 | After the Storm 117 mins | Drama | 2016 | Japan |
| OCTOBER 5 | Don't Tell 110 mins | Drama | 2017 | Aust |
| NOVEMBER 2 | Breath 115 mins | Drama, sport | 2017 | Aust |
| DECEMBER 7 | Submarine 97 mins Kubo and the two strings 101 mins | Comedy, Drama, romance Animation | 2010 2016 | UK, USA USA |

The Prom Coast Film Society committee looks forward to your company on the first Friday of each month.

To add to the social atmosphere wine and fruit juice is on sale by the glass at each screening.

Supper is served at the conclusion of the film (a gold coin donation applies) so you can meet others and socialise.