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Triple Treat 2009

A season of one-act plays:

David Tristram: *The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley*

Paul Vander Loos: *In Good Spirits*

Michael Jeffery: *Putting Back the Fest*

**at 8pm on 13th, 14th, 18th, 20th & 21st March
at the Kucom Playhouse, Shakespeare Street**

**Bookings: Mackay Entertainment Centre 4961 9700
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THE DIRECTORS



SUE STOCK has been with Kucom for more years than she cares to remember, and has appeared in many productions including *And So Say All of Us*, *Blithe Spirit*, *Christmas Pudding*, *Fatal Attraction*, *Gosforth's Fete*, *Hay Fever*, *The Odd Couple* (female version), *Secret Bridesmaids' Business*, and most of the Farndale comedies. This is the third Little Grimley production she has directed for Kucom, the first being *Last Tango in Little Grimley* in 1994. She is delighted to have three-quarters of her original cast back to reprise their roles from nearly 15 years ago, and to welcome Tessa King as her new 'Joyce'!



STAN HILLARD

Stan Hillard has been involved with Kucom Theatre since appearing in *The Dock Brief* back in 1995. His stage roles have ranged from comedy (*What's For Pudding?*) to drama (*Fatal Attraction*). In recent years work commitments curtailed his stage appearances and he turned his hand to writing scripts for Kucom's Film Unit which he helped establish (the Unit's films can be found on the Internet by going to YouTube and searching for *kucomtheatre*). Now he's turned his pen to radio. He was delighted to be asked to adapt local writer Paul Vander Loos' one-act play *In Good Spirits* for radio. At the end of the Kucom Season the play will be broadcast on Community Radio Station 4CRM.



JOE AND ANNE CLUTTERBUCK

The Clutterbucks met through Kudos (later Kucom) Theatre, and have been a formidable team ever since. **Joe** came to Mackay from Canada as a teacher in 1976, appearing in *Inherit the Wind* and doing the lights for *Man from Muckinupin* (Kudos Theatre). In 1981 he began directing musicals at Mackay North SHS, and from 1995 to 2000 taught drama at Theatre Arts Mackay (TAM), returning to the stage in 2006 to appear in Geoff Stewart-McLean's production of *Memory of Water* for Kucom. **Anne** got involved with Kudos Theatre in 1977. She has dabbled in acting (notably as the Pransom Hince in *Rindercella*) but mostly has done lights for numerous productions. She stepped into the breach when Joe was recently called back to Canada on family business, and this is her first opportunity to direct a play and appear in a small cameo role.

What's Next at Kucom?

July

Fallen Angels

a comedy by Noel Coward

directed by Russell Lowry as part of the Mackay Festival of Arts

Season dates: 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 22, 24 & 25 July

Auditions in the Kucom Playhouse at 11am on Sunday 5th April

BOOKINGS:

MACKAY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE 4957 1777

FREECALL: 1800 646 574

November

The Farndale Ladies are back!

The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate

Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society presents

We Found Love and an Exquisite Set of Porcelain Figurines

aboard the SS Farndale Avenue

by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jr

directed by Heather MacTavish

Season dates: 13, 14, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27 & 28 November

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Play 1:

The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley, by David Tristram



Synopsis:

There's a rival dramatic society in town, and they're putting on a musical with 'Sex' in the title! Could this mean the end of the Little Grimley Amateur Dramatic Society?

Gordon
Margaret
Joyce
Bernard

John Atkinson
Bronwyn Grannall
Tessa King
John Irvine

Director: Sue Stock

There will be a 15-minute interval following this play



The Playwright:

DAVID TRISTRAM, an English comic playwright, has published 19 plays and a comedy novel. Widely performed by amateur and professional groups, his plays have parodied such pop-culture genres as soap operas and detective stories. In 1985 he founded the Flying Ducks Theatre Company, which has now become a professional touring company. Tristram's plays take a farcical view of sex, alcohol, drugs, crime, and theatre itself. Tristram claims he writes only comedy because he can't take himself too seriously. *The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley* is the third in a trilogy, the first two being *Last Tango in Little Grimley* and *Last Panto in Little Grimley*. Kucom has now done all three!

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Play 2:

In Good Spirits, by Paul Vander Loos



Synopsis:

A dark and stormy night in a creepy old house - is that howling noise really just the wind? A radio play adaptation of an original work by local writer Paul Vander Loos.

Announcer

Harvey

Faye

Bill

Carol

Mr Whitehall

Mrs Whitehall

Ross Usher

Stan Hillard

Lucy Dobson

Luke Doss

Carolyn Thompson

Anthony Manning

Cath Parr

Director: Stan Hillard

There will be a 15-minute interval following this play



The playwright:

PAUL VANDER LOOS came to Mackay from Brisbane, joined the editorial staff of The Daily Mercury, set up the Mackay Writers' Group and was instrumental in getting the Mackay Festival of Arts established as an annual event. He has had numerous articles published and continues to write poetry. His love of fantasy is reflected in

tonight's ghost story, *In Good Spirits*, which was workshopped last year at a Kucom Club Night and has now been adapted by director Stan Hillard for presentation as a radio play. His fantasy novel, *The Wizard's Sword*, was published in 2006.

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Play 3:

Putting Back the Fest, by Michael Jeffrey



Synopsis:

The one-act play festival is over. Now it's time for the presentations - and tonight's adjudicator, former child star Alexander Kinkaid, is taking no prisoners!

Alexander Kinkaid

Ken Sanders

Director: Joe and Anne Clutterbuck

Mr Kinkaid will be awarding a Lucky Door Prize at the commencement of this presentation



The playwright:

MICHAEL JEFFERY has worked widely in most aspects of the performing arts. His seven shows for the Melbourne International Comedy Festival have included *What, And Give Up Showbiz?*, *Michael Jeffrey - Coping!*, and the highly successful original musical *Michael Jeffrey - Dosh!* Since the early

1990s, Michael's scripts have become the most often performed of any Australian playwright at Victorian drama festivals, his work receiving more than 30 awards. His one-act plays include *Putting Back the Fest*, *Sure FM*, *Back Pocket* and *Artistic Truth*. Michael has starred in various television commercials, but is perhaps most widely recognised for his portrayal of irritating journalist Anthony Timms on the Seven Network's *Blue Heelers*.