



Network

Monthly Newsletter

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Committee News

The Committee has appointed James Hunter as Kucom's Workplace Health and Safety Officer. James is a teacher at a local High School where he teaches Vocational Education and Creative Industries (Sound, Lighting and Tech) and is the Workplace Health and Safety Advisor and workplace incident investigator.

Our new Bar and Front of House Manager is Carolyn Roche. Since joining Kucom in 2006, Carolyn has served numerous times on Committee and is currently in her third consecutive term as Secretary.

The Committee is currently considering a formal proposal to revive the Kucom Film Unit:

Kucom Film Unit will exist to supplement and complement the work of Kucom and their series of live performances. The Film Unit in consultation with Kucom directors and Committee will be responsible for the management and production of the following:

- Cast photography for plays
- Performance photography
- Short advertisement videos including cast and director interviews and character 'get to know you' segments providing context for upcoming plays
- Video publicity for other Kucom projects
- Recording of written and directed projects of Kucom members
- Creation and maintenance of Kucom YouTube page
- Creation of original content

Kucom Film Unit will ensure all content is approved by Committee members before upload and ensure to present Kucom as a family-friendly environment where people of all ages are welcome and can feel safe.

For more information about this project, keep an eye on the [Kucom Facebook page](#).

Congratulations!

Warm congratulations to two of our current members on their recent achievements.



Daniel O'Neill, Master of Letters, CQU – his third degree! Daniel joined Kucom when still at school, one of his first appearances being as Prince John in the Kucom Youth Theatre production of *The Lion in Winter* (2012). He made his directing debut in *The Diary of Anne Frank* (2016).

Leticia Harberger, Master of Clinical Nursing, CQU. Leticia joined Kucom in 2019 and is now a Committee member. Starting out as Stage Manager for *Honey Spot* (2019), *First Things First* (2020), and *The New Normal* (2021), she also appeared on the Kucom stage in Geoff Stewart-McLean's production of *Big Bad Mouse* in 2021.



Happy National Volunteer Week

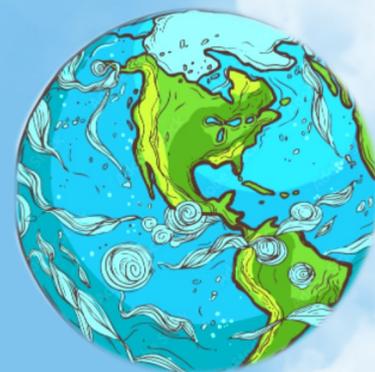
16-22 May 2022

Volunteer

Thank you for your continued support!

Youth Drama

The Youth Drama Group will be hosting a Club Night on Saturday 18 June, and is currently working on an original script for presentation at a public performance on Saturday 12 November. Titled *(There is No) Planet B*, the script focuses on climate change, developing from the beginning of time using dreamtime stories and references. Youth Drama Group Director Joe Clutterbuck hopes to involve indigenous elders in planning the production, and will be looking at ways of encouraging indigenous students to participate.



Look out for details on the [Kucom Facebook page](#).

The Vicar of Dibley 2—Update!



Rehearsals are now well under way for our Mackay Festival Fringe production of *The Vicar of Dibley 2*. Over 130 tickets were sold in the first week under the Early Bird offer, and sales continue to grow – don't leave it too late to [book your tickets](#), the final performance on 23 July is already more than half sold out, and the rest are moving fast!

14, 15, 16, 21, 22 & 23 July

A Rough Night *(season of one-act plays)*

A season of one-act plays is planned for September, showcasing four original scripts by local Mackay playwrights:

- *Murder Most Fowl*, by Paul Vander Loos, directed by Joe Clutterbuck
- *Love is Love*, written and directed by Ken Sanders
- *Gripe*, written and directed by Ken Sanders
- *In Good Spirits* (a radio play), by Paul Vander Loos, directed by Brian O'Neill

[Bookings](#) open 1 July.

1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 September



Kucom's Big Weekend!

Friday 27th May

Maverick song man Neil Murray was a founding member of the pioneering Warumpi Band, which in the 1980s penetrated mainstream Australia with the iconic anthems *My Island Home* and *Blackfella Whitefella*. He is now a respected singer/songwriter, with a string of remarkable albums, the most recent being *Blood & Longing*, and *Tjungu* with Sammy Butcher.

His song writing is diverse and influential. Artists such as Christine Anu, Mary Black, Jimmy Little, Missy Higgins, Powderfinger and Liz Stringer have recorded his songs, and his work has contributed substantially to Australia's contemporary music heritage.

In January 2021 he released the single *Keep Rolling On* which celebrates the continuance of sovereign First Nations people and their culture in Australia, and in May of that year he commenced his national *Keep Rolling On* tour through SA, NT and WA.

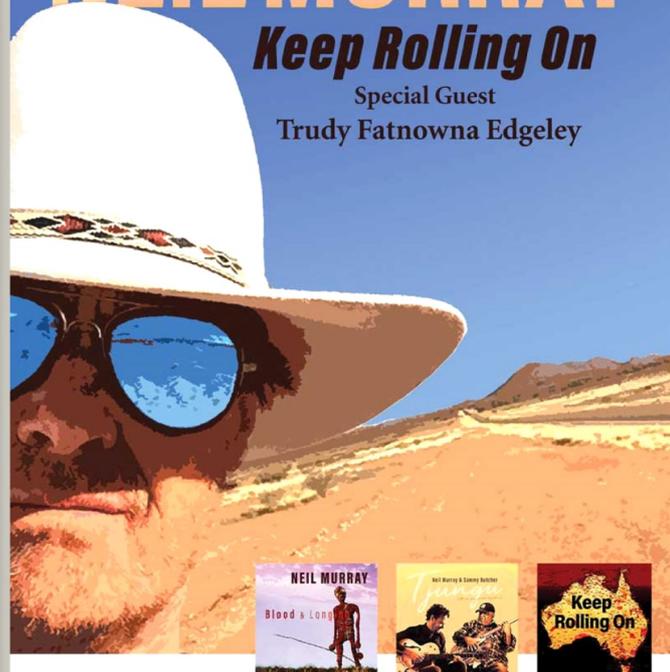
2022 sees him continue along the east coast, and on Friday 27 May he will perform at Kucom Theatre, ably supported by Trudy Fatnowna Edgeley (aka Phil & Trudy Edgeley). Expect an enthralling journey through the landmark songs of Neil Murray's four-decade career. [Bookings](#) now open.

NEIL MURRAY

Keep Rolling On

Special Guest

Trudy Fatnowna Edgeley



Friday 27 May - Kucom Theatre

1 Snow Wright Court Andergrove

Bar/Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start

<https://www.trybooking.com/BZNBH>

www.neilmurray.com.au [youtube.com/neilmurraymusic](https://www.youtube.com/neilmurraymusic) [facebook.com/pages/NeilMurray/86831692419](https://www.facebook.com/pages/NeilMurray/86831692419)



Saturday 28th May

Directors Maureen Coleman and Sarah Ralph will be holding auditions for Kucom's final 2022 production, *The Foreigner*, from 2pm on Saturday 28 May. [Registrations](#) are now open and audition packs are available. *The Foreigner* will be performed at Kucom Theatre on 27, 28, 29 October and 3, 4, 5 November. [Early Bird bookings](#) open 15 August.



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Auditions

THE FOREIGNER

A Comedy by Larry Shue

Directed by Maureen Coleman & Sarah Ralph



1 Snow Wright Ct
Andergrove

Saturday 28 May @ 2pm

WANTED

2023 season

The Kucom Committee has started planning for next year's season, and has put out a call for plays and directors.

What kind of plays do you enjoy? Do you have a favourite play that you would like to see at Kucom in 2023? Send an [e-mail](#) and tell us your preferences, or give us a call on 0439 684 548.

Memorabilia display, 4 July to 5 August

A display of Mackay Community Theatre / Kudos / Kucom Theatre memorabilia will be launched at the Gordon White Library on Monday 4 July (our official birthday is 11 July), and will run through to Friday 5 August. We are selecting the choicest items from our collection of scrapbooks, programs, posters, reviews, photographs, and other bits and bobs to go on display, but are on the lookout for more. Do you have any cherished memorabilia from past productions or other events that you would be prepared to lend for the occasion? They will be housed in a secure glass case and well cared for.

Fundraising update

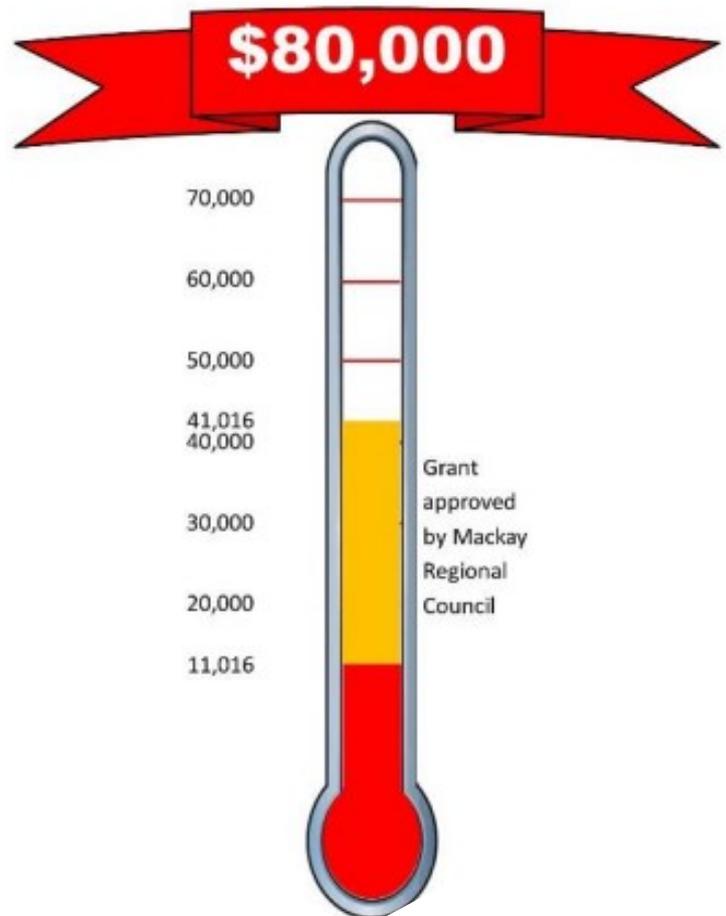
After getting off to a flying start, donations towards the purchase and installation of our retractable seating system have slowed down a little since last month. However, we have been vastly encouraged by the news that Mackay Regional Council has approved our application for a grant of \$30,000 towards this project. But there's still a long way to go, and we still need your support!

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, there are lots of ways you can help us achieve our goal: you can donate online through our [GoFundMe](#) page, Adopt-A-Seat, become a Corporate Donor, donate your Containers for Change refunds, throw the odd coin into Simon's Vortex, or just spread the word among your friends, work colleagues and social media contacts.

We still have some tickets to sell for the Great Community Fundraiser sponsored by North Jacklin, Mackay. You can help raise funds for Kucom by taking a book or two and selling them on, or even just purchasing a handful of tickets for yourself. The prize is a brand new 2022 Suzuki Vitara GL+ Auto, valued at \$28,990. [Contact us](#) now to get your tickets.

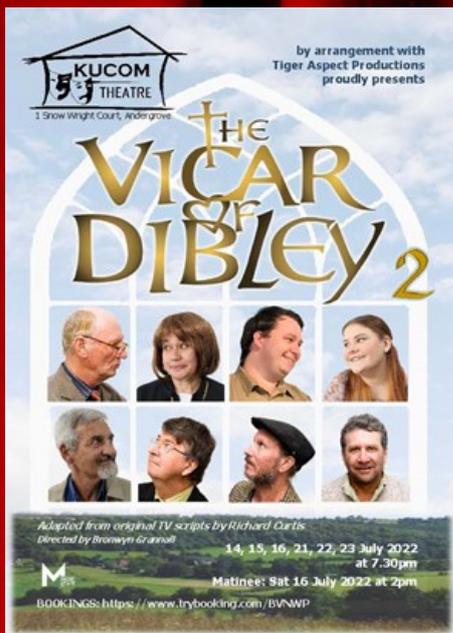
Other possible avenues for fundraising include sale of 75th Anniversary shirts and a car boot sale in the Kucom car park (details to be advised). We'll be posting updates on the [Kucom Facebook page](#) as they come to hand.

OUR FUNDRAISING PROGRESS



Sincerely,
Kucom President
Bronwyn Grannall

Upcoming Productions



The Vicar of Dibley 2:

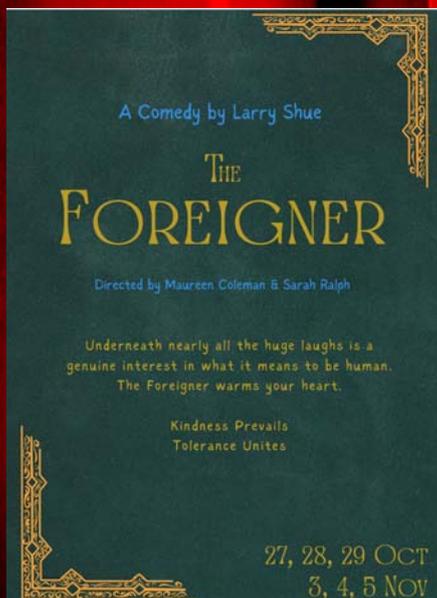
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21st, 22nd, 23rd July.

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A Rough Night: A series of one act plays

1st, 2nd, 3rd,
8th, 9th, 10th September.

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The Foreigner :

27th, 28th, 29th October

3rd, 4th, 5th November.

[Early Bird bookings](#) open 15 August

May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st	2nd	3rd	4th Youth Drama @6.30pm	5th	6th	7th
8th	9th	10th	11th Youth Drama @6.30pm	12th	13th	14th
15th	16th	17th	18th Youth Drama @6.30pm	19th	20th	21st
22nd	23rd	24th	25th Youth Drama @6.30pm	26th	27th Neil Murray, Keep Rolling On @7pm Bookings now open. Bookings	28th The Foreigner Auditions @2pm auditions
29th	30th	31st				

Other Important Dates

Youth Drama Group Club Night: 18 June

Display of memorabilia in the Gordon White Library: 4 Jul—5 Aug

Rough Night: (Season of one-act plays) 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 September.

[Bookings](#) open 1 July

Youth Drama Group performance: 12 November

The Foreigner: 27, 28, 29 October & 3, 4, 5 November.

[Early Bird bookings](#) open 15 August

Theatre Sports and Car Boot Sale: dates to be advised.

May Social Photos

Opening Night for the Mackay Festival of Arts



Kucom President Bronwyn



Vicar of Dibley 2 Rehearsals in full swing!



Bronwyn, Pia Larsen (plays the Vicar, Geraldine Granger), Chanelle Redgwell (plays Alice Tinker)



Bronwyn, Pia, Chanelle, Zachary Trounson (plays Hugo Horton)

Dinkum Assorted



Full Dinkum Cast and crew



Richard Calligan (plays Simon Horton), Geoff Stewart-McLean (plays David Horton), Bron, James Hunter (reading in for an absent cast member), Andrew Deguara (plays Jim Trott), Pia



Chanelle and Pia