

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025



Mackay's Community Theatre since 1947

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting of Kucom Theatre, held on Tuesday 25 March, outgoing President Maureen Coleman reflected on another successful year for Mackay's longest-running community theatre, and thanked the outgoing Committee, Kucom members, patrons and sponsors for their continuing support. Special thanks to Mayor Greg Williamson for agreeing to continue as Kucom's official Patron for the coming year.

In addition to four mainstage productions in 2024, the company participated in the North Queensland Festival of One-Act Plays in Townsville, winning awards for Best Play and Best Director. A combination of ticket sales, donations and grants during the year has given the theatre the opportunity to purchase a defibrillator and a new bar fridge and install air conditioning backstage as well as solar panels to help reduce electricity costs.



The 2025 Committee:

Front, from left: Carolyn Roche, Kathryn Evans (President), Mayor Greg Williamson (Kucom Patron), Maureen Coleman (Treasurer), Bronwyn Grannall (Secretary)

Back, from left: Hayley Long (Vice President), Michael Brennan, Amanda Lewis.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025?

All Kucom memberships expired at midnight on 31 December (unless you are a Life or Honorary Member) so don't forget to renew.

Not a member yet? Here's your opportunity to become a member of Mackay's longest-running community theatre. Just click on this [link](#) to apply online, or you can download a hard copy of the membership application form [here](#).

HAPPY HOURS AND CLUB NIGHTS

The monthly Happy Hour on the last Friday of each month has provided an opportunity for members and their guests to get together socially and enjoy a drink or two at the licensed bar. These Happy Hours are continuing in 2025, along with the occasional Club Night where members and guests can get up on stage and do their thing, whether it's a comedy sketch, monologue, a poem, a song – whatever, it's all just good fun. We've got the next two Club Nights already planned:

ANZAC-themed Club Night, 6pm Friday 25 April

Join Kucom Theatre as we salute the spirit of the ANZACs 80 years after World War 2 – with stories, laughs, and mateship stronger than army boots. Kucom Club Nights are open to all, members and non-members alike. Bring along a poem, song, or story—or simply come along, bring a plate of nibbles to share, and enjoy the evening with a relaxed drink or two at our licensed bar.

All performances are welcome, whether theme-related or not. Let us know if you want to perform. Send us an [email](#), or a message on the Kucom Facebook page.

Also, as part of our ANZAC-themed Club Night, Kucom Theatre is inviting you to share photos of your friends or family who served in WWII — or photos of yourself and others portraying that era in past productions.

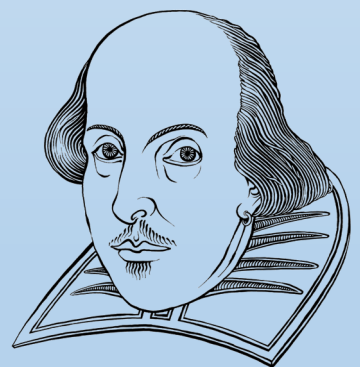
Lest we forget.

Anyone for Shakespeare?

On ***Friday 25 July*** we have a special treat in store—a Shakespeare-themed Club Night, complete with fun readings of some of the juicier scenes (of which, believe it or not, there are many in Shakespeare—have you ever watched *Upstart Crow*?).

Planning is ongoing for this, so if you have a favourite scene you'd like to try out, here's the perfect opportunity to tell us about it. You know how to get in touch with us—why not give it a go?

All the world's a stage.



THE 2025 SEASON

Looking forward to the remainder of 2025, Kucom's next production will be a farce titled *Bob's Your Auntie*, to be directed by Maureen Coleman. We now have a cast!

Robert Marshall—Gordon Lowe
 Juliet Finlay—Anzjuli Venter
 Dinsdale Davis—Michael Brennan
 Harold Swindle—Kai Hulme-Moir
 Basil Bromley—Anthony Heron
 Constable Maxwell—Ross MacDonald
 Vicar Thomas—Paul Vander Loos
 Gerald Dudley—Dennis Rozekrans
 Pamelá Cortes—Greccia Ipenza

We're excited to welcome new members Anzjuli, Kai, Anthony, Ross, and Greccia.

But wait, there's more!

The support crew is vital to the success of any show, and we need lots of help backstage with props, set and costume changes, as well as people who are willing to get a little bit technical and give us a hand with sound and lighting.

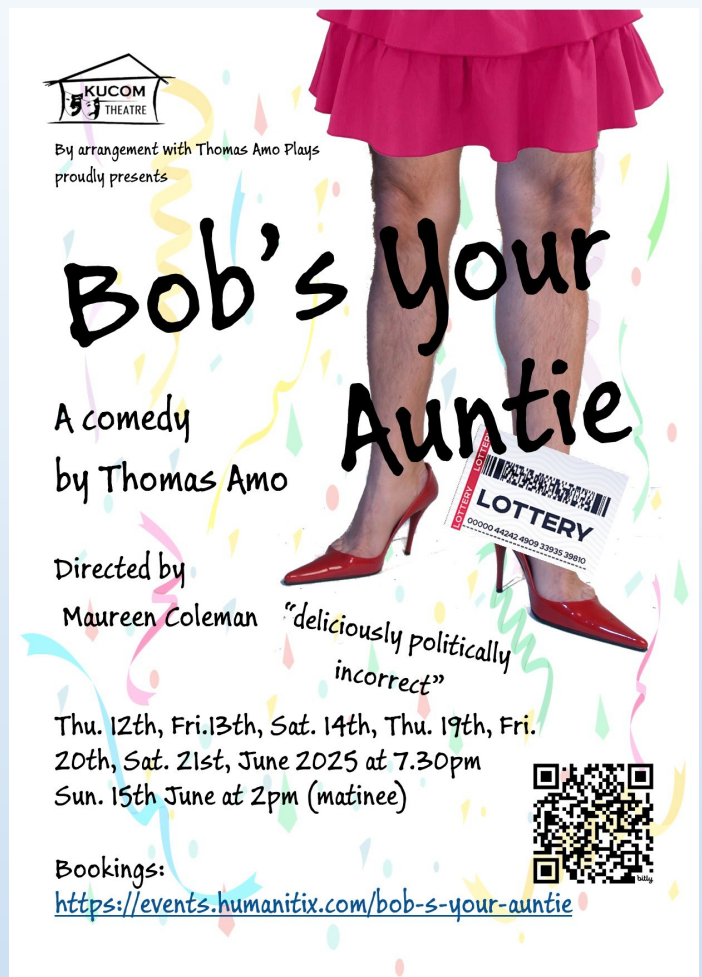
Maureen would love to hear from anyone interested in helping out as backstage/technical crew. Just contact her directly on 0439 684 548, send an email, or message us on the Kucom Facebook page.

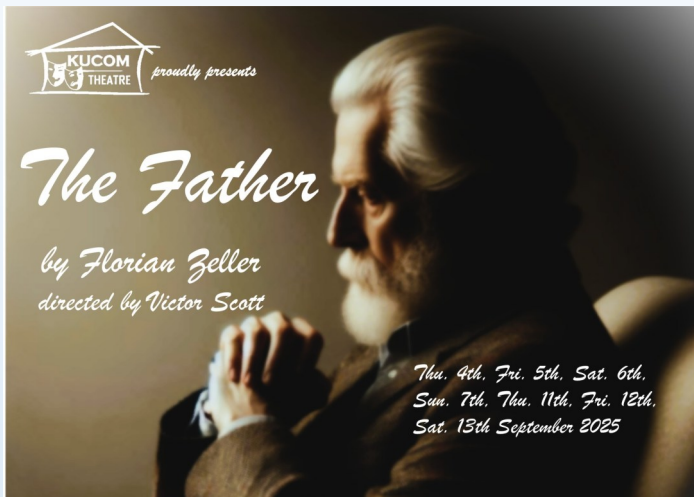
Don't be 'just a member' - get active and be part of it!

Early Bird bookings for *Bob's Your Auntie* will be opening at 8am on Monday 21 April, for one week only (closing at midnight on Sunday 27th April).

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/bob-s-your-auntie>

If you're not comfortable with booking online, or you have special seating requirements (e.g. our Wheelchair Package), just give our bookings team a call on 0419 756 840 and we'll do it for you.





Early Bird bookings opening:

The Father

Monday 23 June

Season of One-Act Plays

Monday 25 August

FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 21 April

Bob's Your Auntie bookings open

Friday 25 April

ANZAC Club Night

Sunday 1 June

AUDITIONS: *The Father*

12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21 June

Bob's Your Auntie

Friday 25 July

Shakespeare Club Night

Sunday 31 August

AUDITIONS: One-act plays

4 - 13 September

The Father

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