



## REMEMBERING LORRAINE SMITH

Lorraine Smith passed away peacefully on the 23rd of September, now reunited with her beloved husband, Jan, whose loss we noted in our May Newsletter. Since we announced her passing on [Kucom's social media](#), tributes have been pouring in from people whose lives she touched:

*Lorraine was an exceptional Entrepreneur producing many wonderful productions during her time in Mackay.*

*An incredible force of creativity, love and humanity. She will be missed by everyone she touched.*

*You will be remembered lovingly for many years into the future.*

*I still remember Lorraine's inspiring words: "We'll make people BELIEVE you can sing!"*

*Being part of The Fantastiks ..... was a wonderful life experience.*

*Heaven's angel choir will be a little sweeter now.*

*An energetic and talented lady whose legacy will be carried by so many of her students and friends.*

*Such a sad loss of a lovely, talented lady.*

*The end of an era. Always loved and respected.*

Thank you to our members and followers for these and many other tributes. We extend our deepest sympathy to Lorraine's family.



## THE HAUNTING AT KUCOM

With 31 October falling on a Friday this year, we couldn't pass up the opportunity to turn delightfully dark and gruesomely gothic.

We invite you to join us for a night of shadows and intrigue, with a touch of the supernatural.

Here are some mementos of an earlier Hallowe'en Club Night to fire your imagination.



Brush up your Edgar Allen Poe, and join us in the family catacombs. Release the skeletons from the family closet. Dress to impress (or disturb, if that's your preference).

*Bring along a plate to share—watch them eat it (if they dare)  
NO PUMPKINS, PLEASE!*

**PLEASE NOTE:** if you would like to take part in our on-stage activities for the evening, please send us an [email](#) with details of your presentation (song, reading, recitation—whatever) and the approximate running time.

We are putting the program together now, and the schedule is going to be tight as there are a lot of people already interested.



Friday 31 October  
6—15 November  
Friday 28 November

"The Haunting at Kucom" Hallowe'en Club Night  
*Summer Shorts*, a season of one-act plays  
End of Year Club Night and 2026 Season Launch

## SUMMER SHORTS



Kucom's final show for 2025 opens on Thursday 6 November for a two-week season, ending the year on a light-hearted note with three one-act comedies:

*Bloody Actors!* by Archie Wilson, directed by Amanda Lewis

*Ashes to Dust*, by Yvette Wall, directed by Bronwyn Grannall

*Last Tango in Little Grimley*, by David Tristram, directed by Carolyn Roche (winner of "Best Play" and "Best Director" at the North Queensland Festival of One-Act Plays, Townsville, 2024)

[Bookings](#) now open through Humanitix.

## EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to the winners of the Kucom trophies at the 2025 Eisteddfod:

- Aspire Performing Arts—winners of the Joe Clutterbuck Memorial Shield and the Skip Porteous Trophy
- Harry O'Connell—winner of the Lionel and Sue Stock Trophy

Special kudos to Harry O'Connell for winning this prize two years in a row!

## THE 2026 SEASON

Kucom's 2026 season will comprise four mainstage productions, and the Committee will be hosting an official launch of the season at a special end-of-year Christmas-themed Club Night on Friday 28 November.

We've decided to kick off the year with a season of one-act plays to be staged in March. There's still some flexibility regarding possible scripts and directors for these, as we are currently considering a number of options, so if you've been thinking about directing, here's an opportunity to make your bid. Want to direct but can't think of a play? Maybe we can help you with that. Send us an [email](#) or message us on Facebook.

Seasons Two, Three and Four are tentatively scheduled respectively for June, September, and November 2026. Details are still to be finalised, but it's possible one of them will be a stage adaptation of a popular British comedy series (no, not *The Vicar of Dibley*—we've done all those).



## MEMBERS ONLY!

### EXCLUSIVE OFFER

Kucom Theatre has a limited number of wine glasses, engraved with the Kucom logo, for sale to members only. If you are a financial member (this includes Life Members) you can purchase your special Kucom wine glass for just \$20—buy the glass and the first drink is on us.



### **BECOME A MEMBER—SPECIAL END-OF-YEAR OFFER**

Not a member yet? Here's your opportunity to become a member of Mackay's longest-running community theatre.

Did you know you can select the level of membership you want?

Full Active Member (involved in any capacity, full voting rights) \$40 p.a.

Full Active Member – each additional family member \$30 p.a.

Associate Member (enjoy all privileges, no voting rights, cannot hold office)  
\$27 p.a.

Junior Member (under 18, no voting rights, cannot hold office) \$20 p.a.

**Memberships approved after 31 October  
will be valid to the end of 2026.**

[Follow this link](#) to lodge your online application now.

## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Thank you to those generous people who have donated their container refunds to Kucom. Our account number is 00320—just 10c per item, but it adds up.

## AND ON THE SUBJECT OF DONATIONS ...

A special thank you to Amanda Lawless for donating her late grandmother's collection of theatre programs dating back to the 1960s, all in pristine condition. We will take very good care of them.

## CONTACT US

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