



Mackay's Community Theatre since 1947

**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**

**NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2026**



BECOME A MEMBER—OR RENEW YOUR EXISTING MEMBERSHIP

All 2025 Kucom memberships (except for Life Members) expired at midnight on 31 December 2025—have you renewed yet?

If you joined or renewed in November or December 2025, your membership is valid to the end of 2026

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.

Follow this link to lodge your online application now.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Kucom AGM and election of the 2026 Committee will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 24 March 2026. Only Full Members (including Life Members) are eligible to stand for Committee, and you have to have been a member of Kucom in the previous 12 months. There will be more information about the AGM in our Newsletters and on the [Kucom Facebook](#) page closer to the time.

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE—FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 26 January	<i>The Ties That Bind</i> bookings open
Friday 30 January	Happy Hour
Friday 27 February	Happy Hour
12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21 March	<i>The Ties That Bind</i>
Sunday 22 March	AUDITIONS: <i>Waiting For God</i>
Tuesday 24 March	KUCOM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Friday 27 March	Happy Hour
Friday 24 April	Happy Hour
Monday 27 April	<i>Waiting For God</i> bookings open
Friday 29 May	Happy Hour
18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27 June	<i>Waiting For God</i>
Friday 24 July	Happy Hour
Monday 27 July	<i>Sideline Family</i> bookings open
Friday 28 August	Happy Hour
10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19 September	<i>Sideline Family</i>
Friday 25 September	Happy Hour
Monday 12 October	Farndale <i>Christmas Carol</i> bookings open
Friday 30 October	Happy Hour
26, 27, 28, 29 November & 3, 4, 5 December	The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Production of <i>A Christmas Carol</i>

PLEASE NOTE: the above dates are accurate at the time of writing—some have been adjusted since the last Newsletter was issued. Any further changes will be notified in future Newsletters.

See the following pages for additional information—and don't forget, when it comes to timely updates, Facebook is your friend:

<https://www.facebook.com/kucomtheatre/>

We will also be scheduling a series of Club Nights during the year—details to be advised.

The 2026 season

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

The Ties That Bind—a season of one-act plays:

For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls, by Christopher Durang, directed by Anzjuli Venter

Cast: Kristyn Everett, Toby Drage, Hayden White, Richelle Hodson

Looking at the Alps, by Yvette Wall, directed by Maureen Coleman

Cast: Bronwyn Grannall, Tessa King

The Problem, by A R Gurney, directed by John Irvine

Cast: Anzjuli Venter, Kai Hulme-Moir

Early Bird bookings will open, for ONE WEEK ONLY, on Monday 26 January:

<https://events.humanitix.com/the-ties-that-bind>

18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27 JUNE

Waiting for God, by Michael Aitkens, directed by Bronwyn Grannall

Auditions: Sunday 22 March

10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19 SEPTEMBER

Sideline Family, written and directed by Amy Jeffcoat

26, 27, 28, 29 NOVEMBER, 3, 4, 5 DECEMBER

The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society production of "A Christmas Carol", by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jr. (with apologies to Charles Dickens), directed by Anne Clutterbuck

Happy Hours and Club Nights

The monthly Happy Hour has become a feature of the Kucom year, with members and guests enjoying an hour and a half of relaxed socialising from 6 to 7.30pm on the last Friday of each month (except in months where we have a production running). No pressure to perform, but

..... sometimes a Happy Hour gets rescheduled as a Club Night if we can come up with a suitable theme—our resourceful Committee can always find an excuse for some extra jollification—and it's then that we invite members and guests to take the stage and contribute to the evening's entertainment with songs, poems, skits, monologues or short rehearsed readings. Who knows what undiscovered talent is lurking out there, just waiting to be discovered at a random Club Night?

Hint: keep an eye on the [Kucom Facebook](#) page for dates.

2027—A LANDMARK CELEBRATION



A potted history

On Friday 11 July 1947, a public meeting was convened in the Mackay Town Hall, ‘for the purpose of forming a dramatic society for Mackay’. The Mackay Community Theatre produced 4 plays a year at the Olympic theatre which, with a seating capacity in excess of a thousand, was always well packed. When this theatre was demolished, the company moved to the Theatre Royal.

In the 1970s, a group of members, disillusioned with the way the group was manipulated, broke away to form Kudos Theatre. It functioned well for a couple of years, then an approach was made to the Mackay Community Theatre for a merger (rumour has it that Kudos had all the talent and the MCT had all the money!). The merger ensued, thus the ‘Ku’ from Kudos and the ‘Com’ from Community formed the Kucom Theatre Inc.

Kucom for many years occupied an old Queenslander (serendipitously located in Shakespeare Street) that had been gutted to form a theatre with a flat acting area and a raked seating capacity of 65. The Shakespeare Street theatre was sold in August 2010, and December 2011 saw the last production in that venue.

Over the next 6 years we became a travelling theatre group, staging productions at various venues including the MECC, the [Conservatorium](#), and Paxton Markets. Committee meetings and rehearsals were held in The Salvation Army rooms on Gregory Street, while the CWA and Studio 53 provided the venue for various Club Nights. But negotiations were going on in the background, and February 2018 saw the opening of our new purpose-built theatre at 1 Snow Wright Court, Andergrove.

And so here we are today

..... just a year and a half away from celebrating our 80th birthday as Mackay’s longest-running community theatre! We’re on the lookout for photos, programs, reviews, news clippings, and personal reminiscences from anyone who cherishes a memory of Mackay Community Theatre, Kudos or Kucom. Eighty years of continuous operation is well worth celebrating—please help us to make next year’s anniversary a time to remember. [We’re waiting to hear from you.](#)

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