

**NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2025**



Mackay's Community Theatre since 1947

What's next at Kucom?



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THE FATHER

by Florian Zeller

translated by Christopher Hampton

directed by Victor Scott

Thu. 4th, Fri. 5th, Sat. 6th, Sun. 7th,
Thu. 11th, Fri. 12th, Sat. 13th
September 2025



Bookings:
https://events.humanitix.com/the_father

 1 Show Wright Court, Andergrove

AUDITIONS

2pm Sunday 31st August 2025
for
Summer Shorts
(a season of one-act comedies)

Season dates:
Thu. 6th, Fri. 7th, Sat. 8th, Sun. 9th,
Thu. 13th, Fri. 14th, Sat. 15th November 2025

WHAT'S NEXT AT KUCOM?

***The Father*—4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13 September**

The Father opens on Thursday 4 September for a two-week season. Follow this link to [purchase tickets](#).

Auditions—Sunday 31 August

We're holding auditions on Sunday 31 August at 2pm for *Summer Shorts*, a season of one-act comedies to be staged in November as our final offering for 2025.

Summer Shorts will feature three short comedies, including a reprise of *Last Tango in Little Grimley* by David Tristram, directed by Carolyn Roche, which won Kucom two major awards at last year's North Queensland Festival of One-Act Plays in Townsville: Best Director and Best Play.

The program also includes:

Bloody Actors by Archie Wilson, directed by Amanda Lewis:

A group of retired actors living in a nursing home try to get along but are hampered by events from their past careers. The answer seems to lie in preparing and performing a play for the other residents. Cast required: 4 females, 2 males.

Ashes to Dust by Yvette Wall, directed by Bronwyn Grannall

On the day that her late father's ashes are due to be scattered, his daughter arrives at the family home to find her mother with another man – and clearly enjoying herself far more than she ought to. Cast required: 2 females, 2 males.

More details are included in the audition pack, which is now available for download: <https://bit.ly/3Um4hzB>

If you would like to audition but cannot attend at 2pm on the 31st, an alternative time may be arranged by contacting Kucom Theatre on 0419756840, or by emailing admin@kucom.org.au. Please ensure the subject line reads: *Auditions – one-act plays 2025*.

Happy Hour

Friday 29 August, 6.00 to 7.30pm—join us in the Kucom foyer for drinks and good company at our monthly get-together. All welcome. Bring a friend!

FOYER REFURBISHMENT

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Working Bee on Sunday 3 August, and to all those generous souls who have offered to contribute dollars not to have to do any painting. We gave you our bank account details in the July Newsletter, but a gremlin got into the works and messed up our BSB number, which understandably has caused a little confusion—so here it is again: BSB 484-799, A/C #203822370. We always strive for perfection, but sometimes fat fingers get in the way and typos slip through the net—apologies!

Anyway, the foyer upgrade is progressing nicely, and you're in for a real treat next time you visit Kucom—prepare to be amazed!

SHAKESPEARE—DONE AND DUSTED

Our Shakespeare-themed Club Night on Friday 25 July attracted a goodly number of participants with an intriguingly varied interpretation of what constitutes “Shakespeare” - from straight monologues to original poems and songs, the evening proved a great success and has encouraged us to consider more events



along the same lines.

In the meantime we're planning our next themed Club Night—Friday 31 October is Hallowe'en, so get your spooky on.

2026—CALL FOR DIRECTORS

Kucom's 2026 season will comprise four mainstage productions: three full-length plays followed by a season of one-act plays at the end of the year.

We're keen to lock in directors for next year so that we can host an official launch of the season at our final Club Night on Friday 28 November. If you're interested in directing, it's not too late—just send us an [email](#) expressing your interest, with details of the play you would like to direct (a copy of the script would be favourite). The end of the year is fast approaching, so don't put it off. If you've never directed before but would like to take the plunge, what about trying your hand with a one-act play? We have experienced directors to mentor you, so don't let lack of experience hold you back if you really want to have go—we all had to start somewhere.

“Cat Show. A play about judgement”

You are invited to a Play Reading of a new work by PhD candidate, Dr Jocene Vallack.

This new play is about the nature of judgement. It transports the audience from a modern-day cat show (with real cats) to the mysteries and rituals of ancient Egypt.

If you would like to attend a first reading, you are welcome to come along to an open reading on

Wednesday 27th August.

Time - 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start.

Date: Wednesday 27 August 2025

Place: CQCM Theatre, Building 21, CQUniversity, Boundary Road Ooralea

Suitable for audiences and readers over 18 years of age.

“Cat Show” will be presented at the Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music Theatre, CQUniversity Ooralea campus in Mackay on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th of November, 2025.

For further information, please contact:

Dr Jocene Vallack: jocene.vallack@cqumail.com

or

Dr Linda Lorenza: l.lorenza@cqu.edu.au

CAT SHOW

A PLAY ABOUT JUDGEMENT

By Jocene Vallack

28th and 29th November 2025

CQUniversity Conservatorium Theatre

Enquiries 0429681102

Reading/Auditions
Wed. 27th August @ 6.00pm
Theatre foyer
All welcome.



KUCOM SHIRTS—GET YOURS NOW

Just a reminder: you can order your very own Kucom shirt from Hip Pocket Workwear and Safety Mackay at Sydney Street Markets:

BC-P419LS-Black/Red (ladies' shirt)

BC-P419MS-Black/Red (men's shirt)

Hip Pocket holds the Kucom logo, so you can bring along a shirt of your choosing and for just a few dollars they will embroider the logo on it for you. They also have a great range of shirt styles to choose from and their prices are exceptional

You'll find Hip Pocket at Shop 12, Sydney Street Markets, Mackay. For more information, phone them on 4951 1371, or visit their [website](#).

FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 29 August	Happy Hour
Sunday 31 August	AUDITIONS: <i>Summer Shorts</i>
4 - 13 September	<i>The Father</i>
Monday 15 September*	Early Bird bookings open for <i>Summer Shorts</i>
Friday 31 October	Hallowe'en Club Night
6—15 November	<i>Summer Shorts</i> , a season of one-act plays
Friday 28 November	End of Year Club Night

** please note, this date has been changed since our last Newsletter*

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.

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.

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