



## Essendon Theatre Company

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### UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

- **Something With A Twist**  
26, 27, 28, 29 JUN  
3, 4, 5 JUL
- **Jack and the Beanstalk**
- **The Faculty Room**

### Upcoming Auditions

**Jack and the Beanstalk**  
6th & 8th July

**The Faculty Room**  
16th & 18th September



## Presidents Report

What a great start to 2015 with our first play *The Glass Menagerie*. This Tennessee Williams play was a fabulous production that was well directed by Rachael Holt and Travis Handcock. The audiences appreciated all the hard work that was put into the production and enjoyed it immensely by all accounts. The Theatrecraft review was great (we expected no less) and I think we'll do well at the VDL Awards, but if we don't it doesn't matter because we're proud of the production we've put forward.

Unfortunately, the first week's audience numbers were down but they picked up in the second week. This inconsistency is such a shame because, as you know, when so much work goes into a production, we want it to be appreciated by as many people as possible.

We're well into our second production now. Our One Act play season, *Something with a Twist*, is shaping up to be a great production. All of the Directors, including myself, are extremely happy with our respective casts.

There are three plays that make up *Something With A Twist* and we are very excited about all of them.

The first is *Something Old, Something New* by Bruce Hodson, directed by

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myself. This play has a lovely cast of 6 people, 5 of which are new to the company, with 1 old (not in age of course) member returning to the stage – Clare Howell (Harris).

For our second play Josh Wolter is directing *Your Guide* by Hayley Lawson-Smith and our third is a play by Queensland playwright Julie Johnstone, called *A Formal Tradition* directed by Sonia Zabala. Sonia is a new director to etc and we are excited to have her.

All in all, it should be a very entertaining night. All 3 plays are in the comedy genre and there's something for everyone.

Michele Haywood, Travis Handcock and Ceinwin Opie are currently conducting some junior workshops, which are going extremely well. This is a great lead up to our Pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk" which is our September production.

Hope to see you all at the next production.

Dawn

# ***Something With A Twist***

## ***A Series of One Act Plays***

### **Something Old, Something New**

by Bruce Hodson

**Directed by**  
**Dawn Hinrichsen**

#### **The Cast:**

**Sarah** - Isabelle Bertoli  
**Erica** - Clare Howell  
**Rose** - Sonya Zabala  
**Paul** - Kevin Janner  
**Simon** - Kyle Roberts  
**Anton** - Anthony Condon

Paul and his son Simon are having lunch while Erica is having lunch with her daughter Sarah. The wedding is set for next Saturday but Simon and Sarah each have misgivings before the big day. Throw in Anton the waiter and Rose, the waitress, how will anything be resolved in time?

### **Your Guide**

by Hayley Lawson-Smith

**Directed by**  
**Josh Wolter**

#### **The Cast:**

**Jack Crickite** - Rhys Jones  
**JC's Conscience** - Kyle Roberts  
**Fay Blu** - Isabelle Bertoli  
**Mrs Marion Ette** - Sonia Zabala  
**Mrs ME's Conscience** - Rosalin Shafik-Eid  
**Joe Petto** - Lochie Laffin Vines  
**JP's Conscience** - Adam Haylock  
**Larry Wick** - Anthony Condon  
**Newsreader** - Joshua Wolter

The star of the play is Jim Crickite who has gone into the metaphysical conscience business and is lobbying the government to have every person's conscience transformed into a physical presence through his Conscience Clinics. Old enemies and former friends, however, are out to stop this. They don't realise what they are about to unleash!

### **A Formal Tradition**

by Julie Johnstone

**Directed by**  
**Sonia Zabala**

#### **The Cast:**

**Grandma Edith** - Kate Deavin  
**Kate/Kathleen** - Rosalin Shafik-Eid  
**Andrew** - Joshua Wolter  
**Alison** - Jeanette Coppino  
**Jacob** - Leon Kuhlmann  
**Levi** - Adam Haylock

It's the night of Alison's formal. Her date is about to arrive, dad is making corny jokes whilst her mum fusses with her hair, her brother plays practical jokes and grandma lectures her on what makes a "nice girl". When Alison points out that she was born a mere 7 months after her parents wedding, all hell breaks loose. What other family secrets are lurking in the closet?



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