President's report 2023

This year (2022 - 23) saw the continued improvement in quality and attendance at Theatre 3 triple2 activities and shows.

Kids Pantos

Kids Pantomimes were particularly well patronised and continue to provide a reliable audience base for Theatre 3triple2 to produce artistic and financially successful shows for children (and their adult companions).
The shows presented were:
Submarine Adventure An original production debut
The Three Pigs
Jack and the Beanstalk
321 Blast-off which were all restaging of existing works with new casts and renewed vigour

Winter Solstice
The Winter Solstice - One act play festival - Theatre 3triple2 presented two plays
You Wouldn't Understand by Rob & Andy Jennings which focussed on friendships fertility and IVF and what it means to be a real family.
The Set Up by Kim Greer. Mistaken identities, mayhem and hidden secrets are let loose as two couples meet on blind dates under the knowing eye of a barmaid
This year we ran three shows to good houses.

The 12 x 12 festival
The 12 x 12 festival of 2022 attracted many good scripts and ran for two shows, with very strong audience sizes. Plays selected for performance were: ***A Certain Age The Set Up, Driving Test, The Bus Stop, The Naked Man, The Last Birthday Love in the Buy Sell and Loan. The Writing Group, The Blind Date, What is Love, The Committee Meeting,*** *and* ***Conception***
The festival attracted many new performers and audiences to the company and provided a platform for experimentation and the presentation of new local work. The Festival will continue to run in 2023.

Play reading Nights and workshops
Monthly play reading nights have proved popular and serve the dual function of a forum for discussion work in development, while also providing a regular opportunity for members to get together and develop their skills and craft. This year we have focussed on reading and reviewing plays in development as well as some script writing and acting techniques. Special thanks to Kim, Ian Anna Luciano and Chris for coordination and leading these evenings.

Adult Play
The Company was not in a position to stage an adult show this year, but ***The Farndale*** comedy of ***A Christmas Carol*** has been selected for production in 2024

Special projects

Seven Seas Play reading

Theatre 3triple2 was funded by the City of Greater Geelong to stage a rehearsed reading of a new play by Ian Campbell called the Seven Seas. This was a large cast full length musical play which created a great deal of interest and involved a large cast of 23 and the creation of 10 original songs which have been recorded as an Album.

Spookfest

Theatre 3triple2 acted as comperes and roving entertainers in an annual community event staged by the Potato Shed Theatre around Halloween. The event was incredibly well attended and the contribution made by members of our company were greatly appreciated.

Auspicing

The Fort Murders

A new play about an historic event in Queenscliff funded by the Borough of Queenscliff, Written and directed by Ian Campbell and assisted by Viv Lewis and Carol and Terry Fogg was supported through auspice by theatre 3triple2.

The committee

The committee have continued meeting regularly and providing clear direction and guidance at every level: governance, policy, programming, and production. The committee are always very active behind the scenes in selecting and coordinating productions including the Winter Solstice and 12 x 12 plays. Membership of the company continues to fluctuate, and new members were always welcome. The committee are working on ways to maintain a reliable annual program of activities, and retention of connecting and members through their billing practices and also by offering discounts and subscription concessions to a season of shows.

I want to take this opportunity to thank once again, all the committee, the Potato Shed staff, and members of the artistic community of Theatre 3triple2 for their ongoing commitment to the company and the Arts in our region.

The Committee in 2022 – 23 consisted of:
Ian Campbell (President) Chris Reynolds (Secretary) Rob MacLeod (Treasurer)
Susana Nicholls, Cait Reynolds, Kerrie Reynolds, Lynne Sutton, Kim Rochow, Jenn Brown, Braedy Rickard, Tracy Egan, Vivienne Lewis

Best wishes,

Ian Campbell

2023