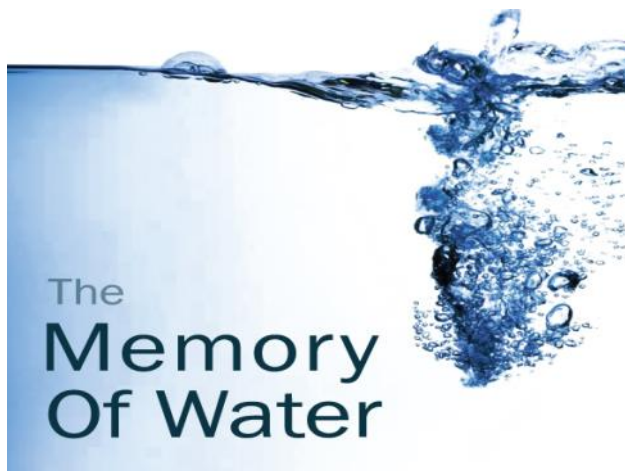
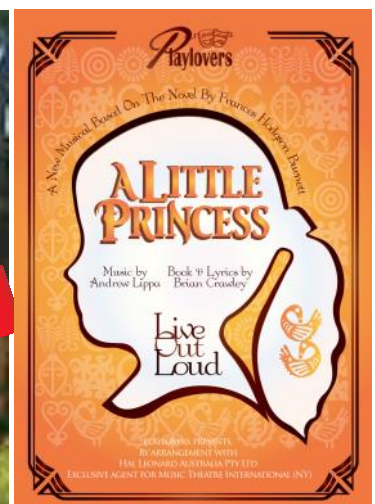
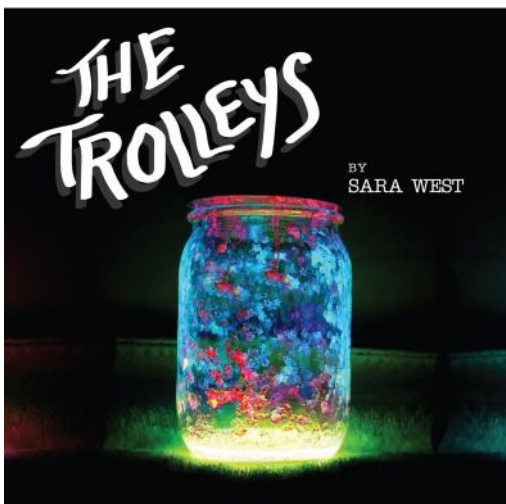


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Memories of 2016



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Our New President

Hi everyone and welcome to 2017. I trust that you all had a wonderful festive season enjoying quality time with family and friends.

For those who may not be aware Playlovers AGM was held on the 11th February and I've been elected as the new Club President. It's been a while since I was last on the committee but it's great to see some familiar faces still involved with this great club. My congratulations and heartfelt thanks goes out to Bronwyn Hammond and her committee for the countless hours and dedication they have put into Playlovers. Having Bronwyn still on board as the Vice President is fantastic. I'd like to also congratulate the incoming committee on their election. The road ahead is definitely laid out with some expected bumps and curves but I am very much looking forward to the challenge that it brings.

One of the main challenges is obviously the sudden closure of our home of over 50 years, Hackett Hall, and our fight to get it back! We will attempt to keep you informed of what's happening with this issue through the club newsletter. At this point in time Hackett Hall obviously remains closed with no time frame given for what the council is actually going to do with it. This is a source of great frustration. We ask that you please remain positive when speaking about Playlovers because we intend to be around for a long time to come. While the committee continues to lock horns with the council we could very much use your support. Below are some simple things that you could do to keep our name out in the community and to support your committee:

- Email the City of Nedlands Mayor, Max Hipkins, asking what are the council's plans for our home and stating what your link is with the club. (mayor@nedlands.wa.gov.au)

- Email the following councillors of the Hollywood Ward –

- Mr Ben Hodsdon (cr.hodsdon@nedlands.wa.gov.au)

- Mr John Wetherall (cr.wetherall@nedlands.wa.gov.au)

- Mr Robert Binks (cr.binks@nedlands.wa.gov.au)

- asking all of them what their stance is with Hackett Hall and could they please support our return to this venue.

- Email the sitting member for Nedlands, Mr Bill Marmion, quizzing him about the lack of support that the council is giving the Theatre Arts while asking for his support in dealing with the council to get our home back. (Nedlands@wa.liberal.org.au)

- Send a letter to the Post Newspaper saying how unhappy you are with the sudden closure of Hackett Hall and that Playlovers needs their home back to continue to produce quality theatre. (letters@postnewspapers.com.au)

- Lastly, getting along to a council meeting to support Playlovers committee who intend on addressing council. The next one will be Tuesday 28th February.

We are also very lucky to have Lee Hemsley on board to help provide us with guidance in our dealings with the council and with his support in mounting a campaign to get us back into Hackett Hall. His knowledge and experience in this area is outstanding. Lee is a City of Subiaco councillor who has a soft spot for Playlovers and a desire to see us return to Hackett Hall.

Finally, our intention is to maintain a presence in the community theatre scene and we are looking to put on at least two productions during 2017. Please support these shows and their hard working cast and crew when they come around.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the next council meeting.

Alex McLennan

Farewell Report from Outgoing President



Hi Everyone,

I was very remiss at the AGM and didn't thank Lyn Hutcheon for being Vice President for the last 2 years. Lyn was, is and always will be a marvellous member of Playlovers and friend to us all. When all the trouble started with the Council of Nedlands I was away and it was Lyn who had the task of trying to make sense of everything that was happening. She did this to the detriment of her own health, but she continued and I am grateful that she was at the helm. Thank you Lyn for everything, not only from me and the Committee but all of the members and friends of Playlovers. Just what are you going to do with your spare time now that you don't have to trek down from the hills all the time?

I would also like to welcome Alex back as President. I was nominated to stay on but when Alex indicated he was willing to become president I stood down (not too quickly I hope) so that Alex could take over. It seemed the best answer to our predicament, as the Council of Nedlands and possibly others will, I think, negotiate more with him than with me

As Vice President I will continue to work with Alex and the Committee to regain Hackett Hall as our home.

Thank you for allowing me to be your President for the past 2 years

Last year was certainly a challenge. I have enjoyed myself immensely as President and I am looking forward to the coming year working with both Alex and the new committee members.

Cheers,

Bronwyn

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Every night and every day
The awfulisers work away,
Awfulising public places,
Favourite things and little graces;
Awfulising lovely treasures,
Common joys and simple pleasures;
Awfulising far and near
The parts of life we held so dear:
Democratic, clean and lawful,
Awful, awful, awful, awful

Poem by Michael Leunig
See <http://www.leunig.com.au/8-works>
for other poems and drawingss

Plover Awards

With no theatre in which to hold our awards night, the Plover Awards presentation for 2016 was somewhat different from usual. It was “Plovers in the Park” on 8 January 2017. Everyone was invited to Lawler Park adjacent to the theatre and to bring their own picnic. It was a pleasant evening weather-wise and the setting was lovely, if a little worrying with a recently fallen branch from one of the eucalypts. Alex McLennan was MC and proceedings were underway by 6:00pm. The presentation of awards was interspersed with quality performances by our fabulous entertainers, including Erin Craddock, Bella Freeman, Sienna Freeman, Seamus Harrison, Madeleine Shaw, Stephanie Shaw, Amber Southall, Paul Treasure, and Gemma Vu (apologies if I’ve omitted anyone). The action continued at a lively pace, so the evening was concluded before darkness fell and the small but appreciative audience dispersed.

Thank you to the 2016 adjudicators, Janelle Hammond, Sandra Martin and Lyn Hutcheon.
The following awards were presented.

Plover Winners

Best Production		<i>A Little Princess</i>
The Rose Martin Award for Innovation	Rodney Holborn for Original song in <i>The Trolleys</i>	
Best Director	Andie Holborn	<i>The Trolleys</i>
Best Actress	Joint winners: Jasmine Dos Santos	<i>A Little Princess</i>
	Stephanie Shaw	<i>A Little Princess</i>
Best Actor	George William O'Doherty	<i>The Trolleys</i>
Best Supporting Actress	Sophia Matthews	<i>A Little Princess</i>
Best Supporting Actor	Richard Maganga	<i>A Little Princess</i>
Best Newcomer	Gemma Vu,	<i>The Trolleys</i>
Best Set	Leon Olsen	<i>A Little Princess</i>
Best Lighting	John Woolrych,	<i>The Trolleys</i>
Best Sound	Daniel David Toomath	<i>A Little Princess</i>
Best Costumes	Lyn Hutcheon	<i>A Little Princess</i>
Best Stage Manager	Bronwyn Hammond	<i>The Memory of Water</i>
Playlover of the Year	Janelle Hammond	

Adjudicators' Certificates

Award for Excellent Choreography: Amber Southall *A Little Princess*



AGM and 2017 Committee

The Playlovers 2017 AGM was held Sunday, 12th February 2017 at 7:30 pm. At the Scout Hall in Draper St, adjacent to Hackett Hall. It was well attended and several of those present had come with the intention of nominating for the committee, which was very gratifying. After the usual formalities, President Bronwyn Hammond gave her report for the past year , and Marie Corrigan tabled the Auditor's report

The 2016 Committee vacated their positions. There were two nominations for the position of President, Bronwyn Hammond and Alex McLennan. Bronwyn subsequently declined the nomination and Alex was therefore elected unopposed. There was only a single nomination for the other executive positions, so all were elected unopposed. Several members had renominated for the general committee , and there were a number of additional nominations. However, as the total number of nominations was less than positions available, all were elected unopposed.

The new committee is as follows

President	Alex McLennan
Vice-President	Bronwyn Hammond
Secretary	Janelle Hammond
Treasurer	Marie Corrigan
Committee members	Jan Budden
	Alide Chaney
	Chelsea Defontaine
	Gaye Harvey
	Ewen Malcolm
	Daniel Toomath
	David Young

Plover Award Photos



How acting can make you a better leader

Leadership skills are, in many ways, similar to the skills actors develop during their training. This highlights one of the truths about good leadership – it isn't a natural ability, but rather a set of skills that people can learn over time.

'In essence acting is communication. You learn the physical skills of communication – the use of voice projection, confidence, clarity of speech and articulation. That communication side of acting skills lends itself considerably [to leadership]. It means you can command a stage, it means you can command attention, that you're confident and a good communicator,' said Glen Hamilton, Course Director (Acting) at the Academy of Film, Theatre and Television

Effective leaders are also persuasive. They have the ability to create a vision and then communicate this to their team in an inspiring way. It's akin to the skill of storytelling – and we all know actors are good storytellers.

But leadership doesn't just mean taking charge. When challenges occur no one person will ever have all the answers. That's why an effective leader also needs to know when to step back and work collaboratively. Fortunately, collaboration is another one of those leadership skills actors learn early on.


'As an actor you are always collaborating. It is not a solo sport. If you are in a theatre show, for example, you are working with a lot of people and you have to work well with them. The same as on a film set – you're never working on your own, even if you are doing a solo show,' Hamilton said.

'With acting experience, you are also much more confident being up in front of a group of people; you are just used to that kind of environment.'

Taken from Brooke Boland's article in Artshub, <http://www.artshub.com.au/education/news-article/sponsored-content/arts-education/brooke-boland/how-acting-can-make-you-a-better-leader>

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What's on Where

What's on	Where	When	Bookings
Gentlemen Incorporated	Darlington Theatre Players Marloo Theatre, Marloo Road, Greenmount	24 Feb-11 Mar 2017	www.marlootheatre.com.au
Pardon Me, Prime Minister	Harbour Theatre at Camelot Theatre, 16 Lochee St Mosman Park	10-19 Mar 2017	www.TAZTix.com.au
Calvin Berger	Roleystone Theatre Brookton Hwy, Roleystone	10-25 Mar 2017	roleystonetheatre.com.au
Camp Rock: The Musical	Koorliny Arts Centre Kwinana Town Centre	17-19 Mar 2017	www.koorliny.com.au/Book-Tickets.html
That Face	Stirling Theatre Morris Place, Innaloo	17 Mar-1 Apr 2017	9440 1040 (Morris News)
Cinderella A Fairytale	Garrick Theatre 16 Meadow St, Guildford	23 Mar-8 Apr 2017	garricktheatre.asn.au/
The Real McCoy	Irish Theatre Players Irish Club of WA 61 Townshend Rd, Subiaco	23 Mar-7 Apr 2017	irishtheatreplayers.com.au/now-showing/
Where There's a Will	Rockingham Theatre 8 Attwood Way, Rockingham	24 Mar-8 Apr 2017	www.rockinghamtheatre.com
The Mozart Faction	Melville Theatre Stock Rd and Canning Hwy Palmyra	8-22 April 2017	www.meltheco.org.au/bookings/
It Runs in the Family	Limelight Theatre Civic Drive, Wanneroo	20-29 April 2017	www.limelighttheatre.com
Design for Living	Old Mill Theatre Cnr Mends St & Mill Point Rd, South Perth	21 Apr-6 May 2017	9367 8719

What's Ahead in 2017?

At the time of writing, nothing has been fully negotiated, but we are hoping to present at least two seasons. One likely production is The Jungle Book, possibly at Camelot Theatre in November, directed by Sara Christiner. Old Mill Theatre has generously offered us the use of their theatre in South Perth for an August season. We have accepted the use of the theatre and are in discussions with directors about possible productions.

Thank you again for your patience and we hope for your support of any seasons we present>

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Nedlands Council Meeting Dates

If you want to help pressure Nedlands Council about Hackett Hall
the next meeting dates are

Tuesday 14 March 2017

Tuesday 28 March 2017

Tuesday 11 April 2017

Tuesday 26 April 2017

At 7pm



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