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NEWSLETTER ISSUE #1—January 2017

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## PLOVERS IN THE PARK



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# 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Robert Finley Awards

The 42st Annual Robert Finley Awards ceremony was held in the Heath Ledger Theatre on Saturday 17th December 2016. All the plays that Playlovers presented in 2016 received nominations in the awards, with a total of 14 nominations. *The Trolleys* was the most awarded, winning 3 categories as listed below.

Additionally, two of our members, John Woolrych and Lyn Hutcheon, were inducted into the **ITA Hall of Fame**, and we received an **Adjudicators Certificate** *For continuing to produce work under adversity*

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to these successes.

The full list of all awards and winners is on the ITA website at  
<http://www.ita.org.au/2016/12/results-of-the-robert-finley-awards-2016/>

## List of Awards and Nominations (Playlovers)

### Best Youth Production

**Winner** *The Trolleys*

### The Brian Maddocks Award for Youth in a Play

**Winner** George O'Doherty, *The Trolleys*

**Nominated** Leo Rimmer, *The Trolleys*

Gemma Vu, *The Trolleys*

### The Veronica Overton-Low Award for Best Youth in a Musical

**Winner** Sophia Matthews, *A Little Princess*

**Nominated** Stephanie Shaw, *A Little Princess*

Jasmine Dos Santos, *A Little Princess*

### The Hywell Williams Award for Technical Achievement

**Nominated** *The Trolleys*

### Best Supporting Actress (Musical)

**Nominated** Sophia Matthews, *A Little Princess*

### Best Director (Play) – Susan Hayward Award

**Nominated** Alide Chaney, *The Memory of Water*

### Best Actress (Play)

**Nominated** Michelle Varley, *The Memory of Water*

### Best Supporting Actress (Play)

**Nominated** Anastatia Ward, , *The Memory of Water*

### Best Costumes (Play) – The Brenda Stanley Award

**Nominated** , *The Memory of Water*

### Best Play

**Nominated** *The Memory of Water*



## PLOVERS IN THE PARK

**Sunday 8th January 2017 at 5:00pm**

**Lawler Park, Draper St, Floreat**

Due to the closure of Hackett Hall and the consequent lack of kitchen facilities, the Plover Awards Ceremony this year must be a BYO event. At the time of writing, the Bureau of Meteorology is predicting a perfect evening (max 31°), so bring your picnic gear, food and drinks and join us to help celebrate the shows of 2016 in Lawler Park adjacent to Hackett Hall.

Top class entertainment and the announcement of the

**2016 Plover Awards.**

## From our President



Hi Everyone,

I hope you had a wonderful, happy and relaxing Christmas. I am sure you all had a pretty hectic time leading up to Christmas and are enjoying the time to take it easy for a while before the rush starts again.

We did very well at the Finleys as you will see in this issue. Playlovers wish to thank our members who got a nomination, certificate or an award. Well done, you are the best. Thank you for showing yet again that Playlovers is still and always will be, well at least in our minds, a very prominent Club in WA. A big congratulations to ALL the winners and nominees at the Finleys.

We are still working on getting Playlovers a home. I am hoping it will be this year but it may not be until next year. We are still working towards putting on two seasons this year. We will keep you informed (that sounds like a broken record).

Our Annual General Meeting will be held next month and we hope we get as many as possible to attend.

I hope you have all marked Sunday 8th Jan in your diary to come to your annual PLOVER AWARDS EVENT. We are hoping that as many of you as possible will attend. It is by necessity a different format than usual but I am sure you will enjoy the occasion.

Have a great, exciting, fun and peaceful New Year.

Cheers,

Bronwyn

## Member Subscriptions Due End of January

Subscriptions to Playlovers are due at the end of January. Please renew by making a deposit to our bank account.

Details are at [playlovers.org.au/membership/](http://playlovers.org.au/membership/)

Note that members who are renewing need only make the payment; there is no need to complete the online form.

However, it is **very important to ensure your payment can be linked to your membership**. If your surname is a common one, please use your full name.



# *A Little Princess*

## A Success in Adversity

Playlovers' big musical of 2016 was already in rehearsal when we received the devastating news of our loss of venue. It was a stressful time for the cast and production team of *A Little Princess* as well as the Playlovers Committee.

Nevertheless, in the time-honoured theatrical tradition of "the show must go on", all involved showed persistence and were rewarded with a stunningly vibrant production which played to full or almost full houses, delighted those audiences and received critical acclaim. There were also 4 nominations for Finley awards, and one winner, Sophia Matthews, who played Becky, the maid.

Gordon The Optom (online at <http://www.ita.org.au/2016/11/a-little-princess-reviewed-by-gordon-the-optom/>) gave praise all round: I quote directly some of the more generic phrases -

"the whole cast dancing at a breakneck tempo, every limb flayed and vibrated, as the bodies bobbed up and down "

"Lighting ... a glorious multitude of colours, pulsing to the beat of the African music"

"the soundscape had real life "

"the singing was to put it mildly – SUPERB "

"the quality was mind-blowing "

And summed up with

"For Director Lisa Johnston this was a massive task, but when a show looks smooth, with great singing and flawless performances then you know that there is a huge amount of work and many sleepless nights behind it."

Kimberley Shaw (online at <http://www.stagewhispers.com.au/reviews/little-princess> ) in a briefer review, was similarly full of praise for all aspects of the production. A couple of the more generic quotes

"A talented collection of schoolgirls charm throughout the show"

"A strong ensemble is enthusiastic throughout"

"*A Little Princess* is a clear sign that Playlovers has amazing strength in adversity, creating a beautiful show"

And a member of the audience took time to email us

"...went to see **The Little Princess** on Saturday avo and what a charmer she is! Wow. We totally enjoyed the performance, was wrapped on the tea chest backdrop and the costumes and loved the choreography. And of course, appreciated the casting and the singing. Some great voices in the cast. Thank you for putting it on..."







# **Playlovers Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday 12th February 2017**

**Time: 7:30pm**

**Scout Hall, Draper Street, Floreat**

All members are invited to attend and have your say

Do you want to be on the 2017 Playlovers committee?

Or do you know someone who you think should be?

If you would like to nominate someone for a position on the committee, please obtain permission of the person concerned, please print this page, then fill out the form below.

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## **Playlovers 2017 Committee Nomination Form**

I, ....., being a current financial member of Playlovers Inc,  
hereby nominate ..... for the position of  
.....on the Playlovers 2017 Committee.

Signature of Proposer:.....

Signature of Nominee:.....

**PLEASE NOTE:** All nomination forms and motions of notice must be received before the AGM

Please hand to a committee member. Or scan and email to [info@playlovers.org.au](mailto:info@playlovers.org.au).  
Or address to:

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**NB. You must be a financial member to vote at the meeting.**

**Subscriptions are due at the end of January.**



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Belmont Avenue, Cloverdale  
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## What's Ahead in 2017?

The lack of a venue makes planning a 2017 Season extremely complex. At the time of writing, nothing has been fully negotiated, but we are hoping to present at least two productions. We will keep you informed, and we apologise for being unable to provide more detail at present.

Thank you sincerely for your patience and support in these trying times

## What's on Where

What's on	Where	When	Bookings
Midsummer Mix (One Act Plays)	Stirling Theatre Morris Place, Innaloo	19-28 Jan 2017	9440 1040
Chicago	Koorliny Arts Centre Kwinana Town Centre	10-25 Feb 2017	<a href="http://www.koorliny.com.au/Book-Tickets.html">www.koorliny.com.au/Book-Tickets.html</a>
Anybody for Murder	Melville Theatre Stock Rd and Canning Hwy Palmyra	10-25 Feb 2017	<a href="http://www.meltheco.org.au/bookings/">http://www.meltheco.org.au/bookings/</a>
Fat Pig	Old Mill Theatre Cnr Mends St & Mill Point Rd, South Perth	10-25 Feb 2017	9367 8719
Moonlight and Magnolias	Limelight Theatre Civic Drive, Wanneroo	23 Feb-4 Mar 2017	<a href="http://www.limelighttheatre.com">www.limelighttheatre.com</a>
Gentlemen Incorporated	Darlington Theatre Players Marloo Theatre, Marloo Road, Greenmount	24 Feb-11 Mar 2017	<a href="http://www.marlootheatre.com.au">www.marlootheatre.com.au</a>

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## **Plovers in the Park**

Sunday 8 January 2017  
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Please bring your own picnic and seating.  
Playlovers will present the awards and provide entertainment items



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