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## Welcome

As we move through another busy and rewarding quarter, I would like to share some of the highlights, achievements, and opportunities that have shaped our journey over the past three months.

## Highlights Looking Ahead

The coming months promise exciting opportunities as we prepare for our NIDA Stagecraft conference on 19 and 20 September.

As a result of budget stress and increases in cost of living, the Committee has decided to offer **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT prices. IF YOU REGISTER AND PAY BY 1 AUGUST, YOU WILL GET ALL THE BENEFITS OF OUR 2026 CONFERENCE AT 2024 PRICES.** That is such a value offering. I encourage you to move quickly to register so you do not miss such an opportunity. You can hear keynotes by the notable **Jay Laga'aia, Simon Ward** and the featured seminar of **Chloe Dallimore, AM.**

Book online through Trybooking. We have made every endeavour to create an easy path for you to book your place at the conference and the dinner.

Remember, **Hall of Fame** awards are presented at the dinner to those recognised for their significant contribution to community theatre. Do you know someone who has been an unsung hero for more than Twenty (20) years? someone working behind the scenes – backstage crew, costumes and/or set design, production manager – someone who makes the magic happen off-stage? Now is your opportunity to nominate that volunteer. Send your nomination to the Committee as soon as you can. Why not arrange a table of friends to come and share the celebration?

Website:

<https://communitytheatre.com.au/> - Conference details are on the home page.

Our special guest speaker at the dinner is the renowned Bob Peet, OAM recently recognised with the award of an Order of Australia Medal.

Remember, we only offer the Conference every second year, so be sure you don't

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miss out and have to wait for 2028. The Association remains focused on our mission and is committed to building on the momentum established this quarter.

We have also made significant progress across several areas of our organisation. We have continued to build strong relationships within our community, expand our reach, and deliver meaningful outcomes for those we serve.

Some key achievements include:

- Successful progress in Conference arrangements – content has been based on survey feedback and results. We have listened to your requests
- Launching of the Conference through our brochure
- Review of the new website – bug fixes and updates are coming
- Growth in community engagement and participation through follow-up on memberships
- Finalising and signing our Agreement with Marsh Insurance for continued sponsorship for 2026

### **Spotlight on Success**

- One of the standout moments this quarter was the completion of the massive task of the What's On brochure – thank you to Martin Mitchell and Neil Litchfield for their hours of research and tenacity in finding the relevant information. Also, thanks to Frank O'Toole and those who have assisted with the distribution of the brochure to member groups, corporate members, and other interested organisations. An enormous amount of time and effort is spent completing this booklet, and its success reflects the dedication of our team, volunteers, supporters, and partners who continue to make this possible.

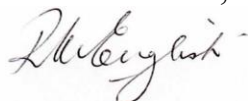
### **Thank You**

I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has supported the Association and each other during this quarter. Your encouragement, participation, and commitment continue to make a real difference.

I look forward to sharing more updates with you in our next quarterly newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support of The Association of Community Theatre.

Yours in theatre,



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