

Would YOU like to join WDG?

For the princely sum of \$2 you can join Wyong Drama Group. It doesn't matter if you're not interested in acting – there are literally dozens of interesting activities to become involved in. There's Set Construction, Lighting, Sound, Props, Wardrobe, Catering, Set Design, Direction and many other equally challenging fields.

The group produces three major productions during the year, in late April/May, mid-August and early November. We hold the Annual Bush Bash on the fourth or fifth Saturday in June.

We meet in the Green Room at the rear of Wyong Memorial Hall on the first Tuesdays of each month at 8pm. Come along and say hello, or to find out more about us just ring:

4392-3441

Coming Attractions...

Our next show will be presented in late April and early May 2004. Exact details of the production are not yet available, however you can be assured it will continue the fine standard of WDG productions, and be well worth a night out.

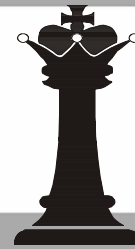
Keep an eye out in the local press for details of the auditions, which are expected to be held in mid January 2004.

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WDG will be presenting a Festival of One Act Plays in August next year. This event will see drama groups from all around the state (and often beyond) competing in a weekend of sheer heaven for theatre buffs. We get stiff competition and some absolute gems being produced. Come along and immerse yourself in the theatre in August. You'll be thrilled if you've been to theatre festivals before and completely knocked out if you're a newcomer to competitive drama.

Wyong Drama Group Incorporated Proudly Presents

(by Special Arrangement with Dominie Proprietary Limited)



The Farndale Avenue



Housing Estate

Townswomen's Guild

Dramatic Society



Murder Mystery



By David McGillivray



& Walter Zerlin Junior



November 2003

Director's Message

Every drama group will have experienced the horrors of what can go wrong on the night. The ladies of the Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society are no different. Almost everything that could go wrong does so, as the ladies present their ambitious evening's entertainment with the cunning whodunit *Murder at Checkmate Manor*.

Just in case you should get bored during the show, there's a film and fashion show, and a Murder Mystery Quiz. So have your pencils at the ready, sit back and enjoy the show.

Finally, I'd like to give a big thank you to Central Coast Health at Long Jetty, and Horseland at Tuggerah for lending us some hard-to-get props.



Millie Sampson

Millie turned to directing with Kempsey Singers in 1992 with the Musical *Finian's Rainbow*. Since then she has been involved with numerous shows for Gosford Musical Society and Wyong Drama Group. She directed *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour DreamCoat* and *Puss in Boots* for GMS Juniors. After joining WDG she appeared in *Holiday Eve* (Part of the WDG 50th Anniversary show *Us*) as Mrs Fisher. She then directed *The Dear Departed*, one of the plays in WDG's *Comedy Trio* last year. Millie has lost count of the number of shows she has been involved with over the last fifteen years. It seems like grease paint is in her blood.



Behind the Scenes

Director	...	...	...	Millie Sampson
Assistant Director	...	...	...	Darlene Cole
Stage Manager	...	...	...	Barry Sampson
Assistant Stage Manager	...	...	...	Bill Palmer
Production Manager	...	...	...	Julie Bailey
Props	...	...	...	Wendy Potter Colleen Pope
Prompt/Makeup	...	...	...	Kelly Mortimer
Sound/Lighting	...	...	...	Craig Lawton
Wardrobe	...	...	...	Nan Hawtin
Makeup	...	...	...	Helen Schumann
Set Design & Construction	...	...	...	Barry Sampson
Set Construction/Decoration	...	...	...	Hagen Heinrich Bob Potter Mark Gerlach Ron Baker Robert Donohoe Bill Palmer Nikki & Steve De Vries
Photography	...	...	...	Mathew Richards Bernie O'Brien
Publicity/Poster/Programme	...	...	...	Peter Deane
Bookings	...	...	...	Gwen Clarke
Suppers/Front of House	...	...	...	Shaun Martin Jenny Newman Appreciated WDG Members
Crest Design	...	...	...	Joan Ward
Choreography	...	...	...	Michelle Pastor

Many thanks to all the other WDG members who have lent a hand: ushers, ticket sellers, supper hosts, set builders, painters, and so on. You are indispensable and very much appreciated, despite your anonymity.

Some of our dedicated Crew Members



Barry Sampson & Bill Palmer



Darlene Cole



Craig Lawton, Wendy Potter, Nan Hawtin & Kelly Mortimer

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Proudly Presents

**The Farndale Avenue Housing
Estate Townswomen's Guild
Dramatic Society Murder Mystery**

Cast

Pam Campbell as Mrs Reece playing Régine
Patricia Bishop
Mrs Goodbody

Stuart Mortimer as Gordon playing Inspector O'Riley

Ruth Jordon as Felicity playing Pawn
Colonel King

Denise Pastor as Audrey playing Lady Doreen
Violet Bishop
Joan Bishop

Susan Reynolds as Thelma playing Daphne

Helen Schumann as Rita playing Rose Bishop
Mrs King
Letitia Bishop



Pam Campbell

Since joining WDG in 1991, Pam has done an enormous amount of work with the group, and is hard to keep up with. She has also found time to appear in CCTC's *Caravan*, *Dinkum Assorted* and *Shoeborn Sonata*, Ad Hoc Theatre's *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, and Laycock Theatre's *Steel Magnolias*. This year Pam has directed *Run For Your Wife* and played the moving role of Sophie in *Life Goes On*.



Susan Reynolds

Susie has been involved with Wyong Drama Group since 1991, appearing in several plays including *Lady Chatterley's Bunyip*. She has had a few years off, but has come back with a vengeance for the last couple of years with roles in *Picasso at L'Apin Agile*, *Dear Departed* and Our 50th Anniversary Production of *Us*. Susie loves the theatre, and really enjoys working with Wyong Drama Group.

Denise Pastor

Denise had appeared in *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Sound of Music* and *The Music Man* with GMS before her first straight play with WDG in 1996, as Olive in Ray Lawler's *Other Times*. She has since been in *Hotel Sorrento*, *Running Riot*, *US*, *Darlings*, *You Were Wonderful (Comedy Trio)* and *Run For Your Wife* for WDG. She has also appeared in *Dinkum Assorted* for Central Coast Theatre Company.



Helen Schumann

Since joining WDG in 1993, Helen has been our resident makeup lady. She is a talented poet who wrote & recited a poem for our 50th Anniversary Production, *Us*. Helen has also appeared in such productions as *It Runs in the Family*, *Wanted One Body*, and *See If I Care*. Helen is enjoying being on stage again, and working with the cast & director in the ultimate of team sports, drama.



Ruth Jordon

Ruth has been a member of WDG for twenty years. Over this time she has appeared in at least thirty productions including *Kid Stakes*, *The One Day of the Year*, *Love's A Luxury*, *The Odd Couple*, *Hotel Sorrento*, *Noises Off!*, *Stepping Out* and more recently *Picasso at L'Apin Agile* and *Us*. Ruth's current project is the organisation of WDG's Theatre Festival of One Act Plays which will be held in August next year.



Stuart Mortimer

Stuart has been performing on the Central Coast for nearly 20 years. He has appeared in a diverse range of shows including *The Wizard of Oz*, *Pinafore*, *Iolanthe*, *Murder at the Vicarage*, *The Music Man*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *The Boyfriend*, and *Oliver!* He has been with Kestrel Theatre, GMS, Imagined Arts & The Entrance Youth Theatre. This is his first production with WDG.

