

# KAT CHAT

Newsletter of Khandallah Arts Theatre

February 2019

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## Topics

- The Ugly Duckling opens February 23
- KAT-initiated Birthday Picnic Party for Khandallah Park's 100th Birthday - February 23 at 12 noon
- Quick survey - what is the best night of the week for clubnights?
- First club-night: AGM and short entertainment - 7:30 Friday March 29 or Sunday March 31 (depending on your responses to the survey)
- Audition dates for productions in May, July and October
- What we did in the past 2 months of 2018
- Subscriptions now due

## Actions

- Ring Marj if you can be an usher for The Ugly Duckling
- Tell us if you prefer Friday or Sunday evenings for clubnights
- bring friends and family to a performance of The Ugly Duckling
- Come to the Khandallah Park picnic (ring Michelle if you want to wear a costume out of the wardrobe)
- Come to the AGM
- Audition for one of the short plays to be performed in early May
- Pay your 2019 subscription

## The Ugly Duckling

The year has well and truly started and our first production of 2019 will open very shortly.

It is of course the Play-in-the-Park, our annual free (but donations gratefully accepted) outdoor production for children and their families in Khandallah Park.

One of the things that makes this one special is that ALL the actors were KAT members when they auditioned! Also special is that it is yet another play written by a club member – this time it is Rob Ormsby, who joined when he got a part in 2017's "August, Osage County".

We still need **"ushers"** for most performances – to hand out programmes, collect donations, do a rough count of audience numbers, and respond to "where's the toilet?" type questions. **Ring Marj on 972 6180 if you could help in this way.**



# The Ugly Duckling

(Khandallah Arts Theatre's annual Play-in-the-Park)  
playwright: Rob Ormsby, director: Mary Collie-Holmes

Khandallah Park  
(if wet, Cochran Hall,  
106 Cashmere Ave)



*An hour of colourful characters, catchy tunes  
and lots of laughs - entertainment for all the family*

[www.kat-theatre.org.nz](http://www.kat-theatre.org.nz)  
or **Khandallah Arts  
Theatre on Facebook**

No bookings, no fixed charge,  
but small donations  
help cover costs.

Sat Feb 23 - 2:30 (at the Park's Birthday Party)  
Sun Feb 24, Sat March 2, Sun March 3—1:30 and 3:30



## Khandallah Park's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic Party

A third special thing about this year's Play-in-the-Park is that the first performance is in conjunction with Khandallah Park's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic Party. This community celebration was initiated by your KAT committee because KAT turns 60 this year, and collaborating with other groups for a community-wide party seemed like a good way to celebrate the fact that we are, first and foremost, a community theatre club.

We invited a variety of other local groups and clubs to join us in organising it, resulting in the promise of an afternoon of a lovely range of activities and displays for young and old. So do come.

**If you'd like to dress up in a period costume for the afternoon, ring Michelle on 479 4099 to arrange a trip to the wardrobe.**

The photo, taken in the park to advertise the picnic, is of long-time resident of Woodmancote Road Loretta Lander (who was musical director for "The Wind

in the Willows") with Otis and Ivy Adkins (grandchildren of Jillian Carpenter and Euan Wright).



You are invited to  
**KHANDALLAH PARK'S  
100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY PICNIC PARTY**



**Saturday 23 February at 12:00**  
BYO picnic (sausage sizzle available)

**12:00—giant bubble-blowing 1st session**

**12:30—novelty races (under 13s) & tug-of-war (all ages)**

**1:00—giant bubble-blowing 2nd session**

**2:00—kids' fancy dress parade**

**2:30—performance of *The Ugly Duckling***



**PLUS—many other fun activities, swim in the pool for free, hear Onslow College Music students, record your park and pool memories, tour our local emergency water supply, visit nearby bowling and croquet clubs, learn about plans to revitalise the Park.**



celebrate history by  
wearing fashion from  
your favourite decade  
(don't forget your  
sunhat)



If wet, will be on 9 March  
— see Khandallah Arts  
Theatre Facebook page

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## Quick Survey

Which evening are you more likely to come to a club-night this year? Friday or Sunday?

We only have 4 club-nights this year, so it's important we hold them on an evening that most members can come. **Please respond to this message with your view: is Sunday or Friday a better evening for you?**

### First clubnight - AGM and short entertainment

The first clubnight will be on March 29<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>, depending on which you tell us is the most preferred. A quick AGM will be followed by a performance of "Do You Believe in Fairytales", a 20 minute comic view of what happened after "happily ever after" for 6 famous fairy tale heroines.

This play, directed by Margaret Robertson, was performed twice at the end of last year – at Plimmerton Inner Wheel's end-of-year gathering and at one of Wadestown Presbyterian Church's monthly Open Houses. It was very well received at both events, and now it's our turn to enjoy it.



### Auditions for this year's opportunities to tread the boards

If you are keen to get in a bit of acting this year, make a note of these audition dates now ...

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>:** for three short plays to be performed in early May (**you'll get the audition details very shortly**).

- Lynn Coory will direct "Benedict Cumberbatch Must Die" by Abbey Howells (cast, 3 females).
- Hayden Rogers will direct "Overtime" by H Connolly (cast, 3 males, 2 females)
- Peter Clemerson will direct "At the Bay", an adaptation by Kevin Boon of Katherine Mansfield's short story (cast, 5 females, 3 males and 1 girl-child)

**April 21<sup>st</sup>:** for Bruce Mason's "Zero Inn", directed by John Marwick (cast: 3 females, 3 males), to be performed in July

**July 21<sup>st</sup>:** for P. G. Wodehouse's "Good Morning, Bill", directed by David Cox (cast: 4 males, 3 females), to be performed in October

### *What we did in November and December last year*

November and December last year were full of action for KAT. We ....

- Canvassed for interest among other clubs in helping organise the Park Picnic and started holding regular planning meetings
- Hosted the Wellington District Theatre Federation's Antoinette's evening and performed excerpts at it from both "The Pink Hammer" and "A Streetcar Named Desire"





- Hosted a group from New Players at our end-of-year clubnight – at which we jointly read an old-style pantomime – it was very funny.
- Participated in the Johnsonville Christmas Parade, with our lovely Play-in-the-Park set carrier (mounted on a trailer lent by the Catherwood family)



- Had a promotional display at the Khandallah Village Fair
- Auditioned and cast “The Ugly Duckling” (this pic is of Michelle and Ross working on the set).



## 2019 has started - it's time to support the club by paying your annual subscription

It's really easy to do by internet banking. The bank account is in the name of Khandallah Arts Theatre and its number is 12 3223 0021419 00. Make sure you enter your name and Sub 2019 in the details section ....and then send an email to this address ([katmembership@gmail.com](mailto:katmembership@gmail.com)) to let Chris, the treasurer, know you have done it.

Subs are for the period 1 Jan to 31 Dec and are: \$40 for a double or family; \$30 for a single; \$20 for a student.

I look forward to seeing you at the Play-in-the-Park, the AGM and the short plays auditions.

**Mary**

**on behalf of the rest of the committee: Margaret, Jillian, Stephen, Michelle, Chris, Marj, Ross, Jann**