



Theatre Information

Thank you for showing an interest in the Arts Theatre Cronulla.

The Arts Theatre Cronulla has been running in its current form since 1963, in the School of Arts Building at Cronulla. This building was erected in 1913, and is heritage listed with the Sutherland Council.

The entire organisation is run on a volunteer basis and as such is an amateur theatre. However, our productions are of a high class standard and our patrons often remark on the professionalism of the shows that they see.

We currently stage four full productions a year and a one off, one act play especially for our members prior to our Christmas Party function.

A Drama Workshop is held Saturdays from 2pm to 4pm (not during School holidays).

Members receive an audition notice and newsletter with information advising details of the next production.

The Annual General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday in February at the theatre.

Membership expires on 31 December. Renewal of membership can be paid from the second week in November for the following year.

The Season

During the season we perform three shows a week on Wednesday, Friday & Saturday nights commencing at 8pm. We also perform two Sunday Matinees commencing at 2pm.

On the Sunday before the opening night, commencing at 2pm, we perform a full “dress rehearsal” in front of a preview audience.

Each production runs for seven weeks. After the performance on Friday & Saturday nights, supper & drinks are provided for the audience and cast.

Rehearsal Schedules

A full production play requires at least four months of commitment to the theatre.

Auditions are open to everyone.

It is suggested that if you know that you will not be available for 100% attendance to either rehearsals or the production, then make this known to the director now. It may or may not be a problem, but at least the opportunity for a work around can be considered.

After the audition selection there are approximately up to 10 weeks rehearsal time two nights a week. These are normally either on Monday or Tuesday and Thursday nights. Then follows two weeks of technical rehearsals of three nights per week.

Rehearsal nights start at 7:30pm and end around 10 – 10:30pm.

There are at least two other days during this period that the cast and theatre members can contribute.

One such day is for the removal of the previous productions set on the day after the last performance of the current production.

The second day is the painting of the set. This usually occurs the second Sunday before the preview performance. Both days start around 10am. Lunch is provided. Approximately two hours input is required. These dates are listed in the newsletter.

Any theatre member can also be involved in the set construction if they wish, so please ask the director for details.

All cast receive complimentary tickets per production, and also limited advance booking preferences for purchasing tickets. (this depend on availability of tickets)

You will still need to plan and book early as nearly all shows are sold out very quickly. Be involved, become an active member.

Other Roles in the Theatre

The theatre always needs volunteers. They are our backbone and without them the productions would never happen.

Front of House

We need people to serve the tea/coffee and suppers to the patrons.

Box Office

We need people to run the Box Office on performance nights as well as the three Saturday Box Office days before the show starts.

Paint Day

This is the day that the set for the current production is painted. This usually occurs the Sunday before the preview performance. The day starts at 10am and lunch is provided.

Set Pull Down

This is the day that the set is removed ready for the next production. This is the Sunday after the last night of the show, except the last play of the year. The day starts at 10am and lunch is provided.

There are also volunteer positions for:-

Stage Management. Lighting & Sound Technicians. Set Construction with every production.

You are very welcome to participate in these activities.

New members are always welcome. There's a lot more to acting than just acting.

Membership Applications can be downloaded from the Website.

Are you interested in becoming involved? Contact the Secretary via email for contact numbers.

We look forward to seeing you at the theatre, taking an active part, meeting new friends and having fun!!

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