

# OCTAGON THEATRE

## Newsletter - February 2025

February already and the team at the Octagon is underway with the next production, Agatha Christie's **The Spider's Web** which will open on **28<sup>th</sup> March and run until 12<sup>th</sup> April.** Booking dates will be advertised shortly.



**The Rest of the Year**  
**Joyful and Triumphant**  
**13<sup>th</sup> June until 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Disenchanted**  
**29<sup>th</sup> August until 13<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Allo Allo the next chapter**  
**14<sup>th</sup> November to 29<sup>th</sup> November.**

### Upgrades

So, what is happening?? We have gone Green!!

Many of you have commented about the new logo, different colours and so on but wait... there's more...

**Windows:** We await the results of an application for funding however within the next few months, the old (failing) wooden windows will be replaced with (look alike) aluminium windows which will improve the look and weather tightness of the building  
**Web Site:** An upgrade and refresh are under way, and this will improve accessibility for ticketing as well as provide a modern look and improved functionality.

**Entrance and Hallway:** Plans are afoot to refresh and enhance the main entrance. Watch this space as we attend to the maintenance of our ageing but much-loved building.

**Security:** New security cameras focused on our carpark are about to be installed to provide greater protection and help identify thieves.



A community wide celebration of Art, Music, Drama, Dance, Street theatre, Exhibitions and more. Watch local media for invitations, events and timings. Don't miss out as this is going to be a city wide fun for all event.

**The event is organised by  
Creative Northland**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> ArtBeat Carnival is coming**

Yes, we wrote about this in the December newsletter but time marches on and the team at The Octagon are busy preparing to have a "presence" at the Carnival on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars for what is promising to be a great city-wide event. If you wish to be involved, or if you are part of a group that would like to perform... have a stall, help, ... check out the Creative Northland web site [www.creativenorthland.com/artbeat/](http://www.creativenorthland.com/artbeat/)

#### **A smile**

*I've been watching my weight...  
It's still there.  
Had a bad mix-up today... when the cashier  
said, strip down facing me... apparently,  
she was talking about my EFTPOS card.  
Nothing spoils a good story like the arrival of  
an eyewitness. Mark Twain*

#### **Congratulations**

Recently we were delighted to read the following item in the news on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January...

*Dargaville Little Theatre is set to represent Theatre New Zealand at Mondial du Theatre, the World Festival of Amateur Theatre in August.*

*The group will head to Monaco, where they will perform their musical Out of Mind, which won Best Overall Production at TheatreFest in 2022.*

*Nearly three years later it's that same production that will tell international crowds the story of seven women at Tokanui Mental Hospital.*

*Playwright Deborah Steele said the news has barely sunk in for the group.*

*"It's just quite unbelievable," Steele said.*

Much fund raising is occurring and The Octagon committee is exploring the possibility of bringing the play to our theatre as part of that support.

#### **You don't have to be on stage to be part of the theatre experience**

"I can't act... sing... dance..." is a comment often heard when membership is suggested. Yes, it is a time commitment but there are any number of roles that do not require a heavy... "every night" presence.

Backstage... construction... set dressing wardrobe management... dining room help, kitchen help... waiter staff... are all roles that do not require a presence every night. Theatres are social... fun... places of learning and if you wish to be part of the creative process... come join us.

Contact the secretary or ask for a membership form if you are visiting.

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