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**Gippsland Theatre Menu**

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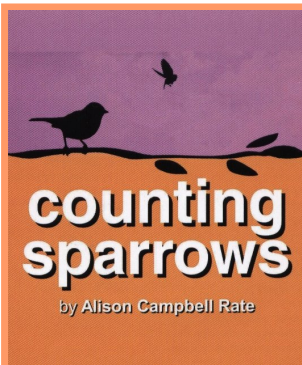
**FAMDA**  
**One Act Play Fest** 19 & 20 August

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MOartZ Caravan 1 - 9 Sept.

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**FAMDA Play Reading  
INVITATION**

7pm Friday 12 May

Dianne & Robert Paragreen's home  
38 Devlin Road, Foster

**All welcome – no charge**  
**Please bring a contribution to a shared supper**

Play readings are a great means to a theatrical social time without the stress of rehearsals three times a week. They enable people to get together with others in a relaxed environment to read through an old favourite or enjoy the excitement of a new play.

A play reading is also ideal for someone wanting to give theatre a go, for an old hand who would like to try reading new roles without the pressure of auditions on their shoulders or for anyone who wants to break the ice with meeting others who are interested in theatre.

At FAMDA's next play reading on Friday 12 May we have a brand new Australian play on the menu – **Counting Sparrows** written by Alison Campbell Rate who also wrote **The Peppercorn Tree** which FAMDA staged very successfully in 2015.

**Counting Sparrows** is set in the overflowing sorting room behind a local op shop where four workers (1M, 3F) sift through more than cast-off clothes as pasts are uncovered and emotions laid bare. It has a compelling tale of lost and found, filled with humour, grief and grace.

Come to enjoy a night of do-it-yourself theatre with friendly thespians and no rehearsals, no lines to learn and no need to read unless you choose to volunteer! You don't even have to be a FAMDA member. You are warmly invited to this most enjoyable social and theatrical event with no charge – but please bring a plate or bottle to share for supper.



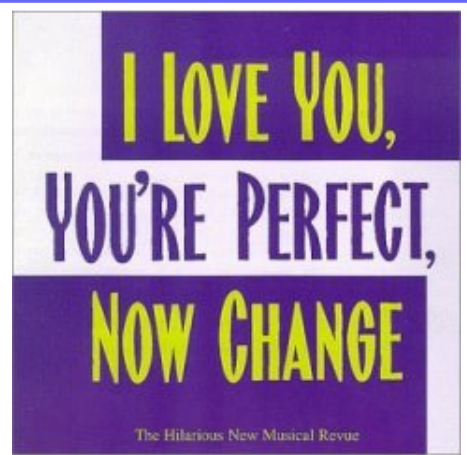
Congratulations to all involved in FAMDA's compelling staging of **The Vagina Monologues** which attracted large audiences and rave reviews.



FAMDA has been thrilled with the response to *The Vagina Monologues*. We thank Brad Beach for his inspiration, passion and commitment to the project.

We congratulate him and his brave cast, Dianne Berryman, Nicole Cooper, Cindy Hasthorpe, Laura Muranty, Alison McIntyre & Hadassah Wanstall, who all worked so diligently to ensure that the production filled all the writer's intentions of conveying the important messages in a thoroughly entertaining manner.

Thanks also to our wonderful design team, Colin and Andrew on set and lights, and the hard working managers such as Kay, Peter and Edwin who organised their teams so brilliantly.



FAMDA's next full length show is the revue, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* by Joe DiPietro to be directed by Tania Pell.

*This musical is a brilliantly funny, fast-paced series of songs and vignettes about modern love and relationships.*

*It is a deliciously quirky revue which moves from the perils and pitfalls of the first date, to marriage, newborns, family road-trips and looking for love in the twilight years of life – all with wit, insight and frightening familiarity!*

*The show goes on in October. Watch out for details of the information session and auditions which will be held in June.*

## Prom Coast Film Society

**Season 2017**

**1st Friday  
8pm  
Fish Creek Hall**

**3 February**

- The Beatles: Eight Days a Week

**3 March - Rams**

- The Castle -20th Anniversary

**7 April - Spotlight**

**5 May - 45 Years**

**2 June - Embrace the Serpent**

**7 July -Goldstone**

**4 August - Mustang**

**1 September - Manchester by the Sea**

**6 October -Eye in the Sky**

**3 November - Jasper Jones**

**1 December**

- What we do in the Shadows

- Hunt for the Wilderpeople

3/12 month subscription, no single tickets

Enquiries: 0407 543 371 [www.famda.org.au](http://www.famda.org.au)

The Prom Coast Film Society's screenings are held at 8pm on the first Friday of each month.

The next film, on Friday 5 May, is a 2015 British romantic drama based on the short story, "In Another Country", by David Constantine. It stars Charlotte Rampling and Tom Courtenay.

June's *Embrace of the Serpent* is set in the Amazonian jungle.

The Prom Coast Film Society operates under the rules of the Victorian Film Society so films are for subscribers only. The annual subscription costs \$60. A \$25 quarterly subscription for 3 x (consecutive) months is also an option. Pay subs online via [www.trybooking.com/OBPR](http://www.trybooking.com/OBPR) or [www.famda.org.au](http://www.famda.org.au)



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**SINGING 7:15 TUESDAY EVENINGS**  
PAG Room, old BANKSIA LODGE, Foster

Contact: Andrew Jamieson 5683 2683 or [acjammo@ozemail.com.au](mailto:acjammo@ozemail.com.au)



**SOUTH GIPPSLAND  
ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL**  
**19 & 20 August 2017**  
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# **SOUTH GIPPSLAND ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL**

**19 & 20 August 2017**

**Foster War Memorial Arts Centre**

**FAMDA is keen to enter a play in the festival.**

**If you have any suggestions about a suitable play or would like to volunteer your services as a director, please contact:  
FAMDA President — Tania Pell  
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pell.tania@edumail.vic.gov.au**

FAMDA invites theatre companies and youth groups to join in our 17<sup>th</sup> South Gippsland One Act Play Festival in August.

Participating in the Festival is a great experience and there are wonderful prizes to be won thanks to the generous sponsorship of our local Community Bank Branch® of Bendigo Bank.

Registrations are now open for both the Young Players and the Adult sections of the Festival.

**Youth** is defined as **under 19** years of age.

The Young Players section will take place on Saturday morning while the Adult section will begin on Saturday afternoon and continue on Saturday evening and on Sunday.

Closing date for registrations is Monday July 17.

Entry forms are now available on line at [www.famda.org.au](http://www.famda.org.au)

For inquiries and further information: check [www.famda.org.au](http://www.famda.org.au) or contact Jennifer Paragreen [sgas@dcsl.net.au](mailto:sgas@dcsl.net.au) 5682 2077 or 0418 342 445

**FOSTER ARTS MUSIC & DRAMA ASSOCIATION**  
invites **YOUNG ACTORS** to play their part in the



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# **SOUTH GIPPSLAND ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL**

**19 & 20 August 2017  
Foster War Memorial Arts Centre**

**South Gippsland Young Players Festival**  
9:00 Saturday morning 19 August 2017

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Festival entries close 17 July 2017

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[famda@dcsl.net.au](mailto:famda@dcsl.net.au) or 5682 2077

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FAMDA's Annual General Meeting was held in Café Max at Prom Country Lodge on Thursday 2 March 2017.  
We welcome Dianne Berryman, one of the stars in The Vagina Monologues, to the position of secretary.

The complete committee is listed on the first page of this newsletter

**FAMDA subscriptions are due at the time of the Annual General Meeting.**

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**NAUTILUS THEATRE PROJECT**  
Presents  
**A CRISS-CROSS-CHRISTMAS**  
By Chris Dickins



## AUDITIONS

**Sunday May 21st at Fish Creek Hall from 2:00 pm.**

**Young actors (Male and female) required for this new comedy**

**To book a place ring Chris on 0428 560 842**

Nautilus Theatre Project, based in Fish Creek, is gearing up for a new production to be staged this Christmas. The play has been written by local playwright Chris Dickins, who will also be directing the production.

*A Criss-Cross-Christmas* is set in Australia in 1956 and everyone is getting ready for the usual Australian heat wave. But strange things begin to occur and piece by piece a northern hemisphere Christmas takes over. First there are sightings of strange creatures, carollers suddenly appear at people's doorsteps, snowflakes fall and eventually the whole neighbourhood is turned upside down by traditional Yuletide reveries.

*A Criss-Cross-Christmas* will feature actors of all ages and a special ensemble of young performers. There will be a variety of puppets used in the show as well as Christmas songs of the 1950's performed by a trio of singers known as Holly and the Ivies. Well known local theatre identity Christine Skicko will be playing a leading role as well as designing the production.

Nautilus is seeking five young people to be a part of this fun production. There are leading roles for 4 boys and one girl and there are also roles for an ensemble of young people. Auditions for these roles will be held at the Fish Creek Hall on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 2:00 till 5:00 pm.

There will be an information session at 2:00 and then the auditions will take place. To reserve an audition time please call Chris Dickins on 0428 560 842.



## WHAT'S COMING UP NEARBY

**Newhaven College – GUYS AND DOLLS** ~ Classic musical about a couple of big city gamblers and the women who love them  
5 – 7 May Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre [www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au](http://www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au)

**Off the Leash Theatre – CHECKLIST FOR AN ARMED ROBBER** ~ A young man holds up a bookshop in Newcastle.  
*Chechen rebels storm a Russian theatre. Two seemingly unrelated events but what brings them together?*

29 April – 13 May Saturday 29 April - Richmond Theatre Friday 5, Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 May – Old Drouin Butter Factory  
Friday 12 May - Traralgon VRI Hall Saturday 13 May - Stratford Courthouse Theatre [www.offtheleash.com.au](http://www.offtheleash.com.au)

**Bairnsdale Production Line Theatre – BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** by Alan Menken, Howard Ashman & Tim Rice ~  
*Beautiful Belle is captured by the Beast who must learn to love and be loved before the last petal falls*

5 - 21 May Forge Theatre and Arts Hub, McKean St., Bairnsdale [www.bairnsdaleproductionline.com.au](http://www.bairnsdaleproductionline.com.au) 5152 1482

**Wonthaggi Theatrical Group – MISS SAIGON** by Alain Boublil & Claude-Michel Schönberg, directed by Wayne Moloney ~  
*the Madam Butterfly story moved to 1970s Vietnam* 27 May – 11 June 7:30 Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays

1:30 June Saturdays, Sundays 28 May & 11 June 5pm Sunday 4 June Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre [www.wtg.org.au](http://www.wtg.org.au)

**Windmill Theatre Company – CHICAGO** ~ with John Kander's music, Fred Ebb's lyrics

17 June – 2 July 8pm Fridays, Saturdays & Thursday 29 June 2pm Sundays  
Drum Theatre, 226 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong [www.windmilltheatre.com.au](http://www.windmilltheatre.com.au) 8571 1666

**Maffra Dramatic Society – ALL MY HUSBANDS** ~ French farce June

**Warragul Theatre Company – MEASURE FOR MEASURE** ~ vintage Shakespeare

29 June – 1 July includes weekday matinées, details coming 29, 30 June & 1 July Exhibition Hall in Warragul.

**Leongatha Lyric Theatre – HAIRSPRAY** ~ Welcome to the 1960s and a magical musical

7 - 22 July Mesley Hall, Leongatha [www.lyrictheatre.net.au](http://www.lyrictheatre.net.au) 0407 538 245

**Off the Leash Theatre – Tick, Tick, BOOM!** ~ depicts Jonathan Larson's journey from despairing and desperate struggling artist  
to successful author of the Broadway mega-hit RENT July

**Latrobe Theatre Company – OLIVER!** ~ Charles Dickens' beloved novel comes to life as Lionel Bart's songs take audiences on  
a wild adventure through Victorian England 21 July – 6 August 7:30 Fridays & Saturdays 1:30 Saturdays & Sundays

Little Theatre, Latrobe Performing Arts Centre, Traralgon [www.latrobetaatrecompany.org.au](http://www.latrobetaatrecompany.org.au) 5176 3333

**PLOS Musical Productions – NINE TO FIVE the Musical** ~ based on the 1980 hit movie with music & lyrics by Dolly Parton.  
*Set in the late 1970s, hilarious story of friendship and revenge - outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic*

28 July - 5 August 7:30 Fridays, Saturday 29 July, Wednesday & Thursday 1:30 Sunday & Saturday 5 August  
Frankston Arts Centre, Davey Street, Frankston [www.plos.asn.au](http://www.plos.asn.au) [www.artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au](http://www.artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au) 9784 1060

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**CPAC (Cardinia Performing Arts Company) – BONNIE & CLYDE** ~ ill-fated lovers and outlaws during the Great Depression  
with Frank Wildhorn's non-traditional score, combining rockabilly, blues and gospel music

19 August - 1 September 19, 20, 26, 27 & 31 August and 1 September

Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham [www.cardiniaperformingarts.com](http://www.cardiniaperformingarts.com) 0407 090 354, 9587 1750 a/h

**Wonthaggi Theatrical Group – CHICAGO** ~ Set in 1920s Chicago, John Kander & Fred Ebb's musical satire on corruption  
in the administration of criminal justice and the concept of the 'celebrity criminal'

19 August - 2 September 8pm Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays & Wednesday 30 August

2pm Saturdays 26 August & 2 September, Sunday 20 August 5pm Sunday 27 August

Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham St., Wonthaggi [www.wtg.org.au](http://www.wtg.org.au)

**Leongatha Lyric Theatre – OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD** ~ adapted from Thomas Keneally's novel, The Playmaker, as  
Royal Marines and convicts in 1780s NSW rehearse the first play ever staged in Australia, The Recruiting Officer

29 September - 7 October Mesley Hall, Leongatha [www.lyrictheatre.net.au](http://www.lyrictheatre.net.au) 0407 538 245

**FAMDA – I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE** - musical comedy review with book & lyrics by Joe DiPietro ~  
*Everything you have ever secretly thought about dating, romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives and in-laws, but were  
afraid to admit* 6 – 21 October Foster War Memorial Arts Centre [www.famda.org.au](http://www.famda.org.au)

**Off the Leash Theatre – THE LARAMIE PROJECT** directed by Todd Miller ~ 1998 Matthew Shepard was kidnapped, severely  
beaten, tied to a fence and left to die on the outskirts of Laramie, Wyoming. Tectonic Theatre Project visited Laramie to conduct  
over 200 interviews with townspeople after this brutal murder. From these interviews came The Laramie Project October