



# H'ARK Newsletter of ARK Theatre

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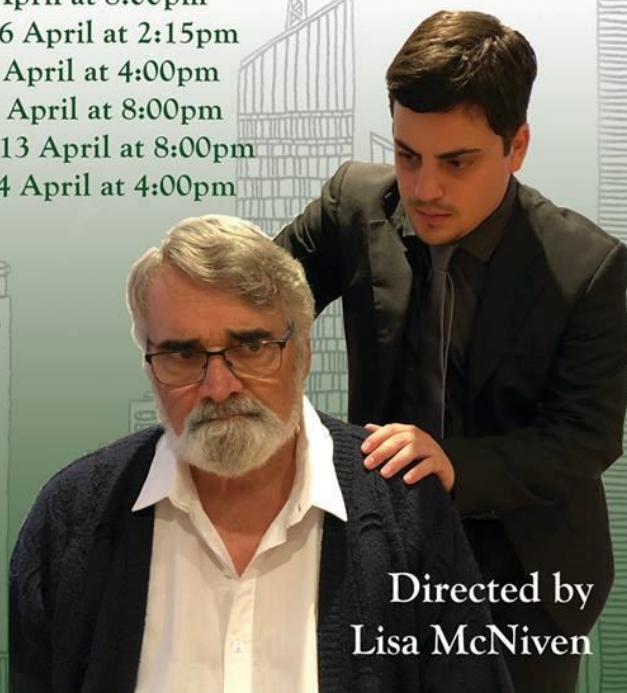


ARK Theatre presents

## Visiting Mr. Green

A Play by Jeff Baron

Friday 5 April at 8:00pm  
Saturday 6 April at 2:15pm  
Sunday 7 April at 4:00pm  
Friday 12 April at 8:00pm  
Saturday 13 April at 8:00pm  
Sunday 14 April at 4:00pm



Directed by  
Lisa McNiven

For Tickets go to [www.arktheatremelb.com](http://www.arktheatremelb.com)  
or call 0491 104 744

Lilydale Heights College - Performing Arts Centre  
17 Nelson Rd Lilydale (Enter via Gate 2)

*Visiting Mr. Green* - by Jeff Baron is fast approaching. Directed by Lisa McNiven, this is a sensitively told story about two men brought together by a car accident. Robert Trott is Mr. Green and Andrew Tomazos is the young man, Ross, who is sent to do community service as part of a punishment for a vehicle accident. Mr. Green is in need of help with his meals and housework, but mostly he is recently widowed and lonely. As the play progresses, secrets are revealed and their relationship develops. Although essentially a drama, *Visiting Mr. Green* has a fair smattering of delicious humour. Two very talented actors make this a must see show.

For tickets: [ARK Theatre](http://www.arktheatre.com.au)  
Trybooking link on ARK Theatre's website. See flyer for full details.



**Saturday 23 March between 10am & 4pm**

Call in to say "Hi" at the ARK Theatre stall at the Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival at Red Earth Park and Mooroolbark Community Centre. Join in the fun with ARK and YouthARK members.

Also Friday night there's the Red Earth Unearthed Talent Quest to enjoy at the Community Centre at 7pm.



ARK Theatre Presents Licensed through Hal Leonard Australia Pty. Ltd.

**becky's new car**

By  
Steven Dietz  
(a man)

Directed by Carina Field  
(a woman)

*Reverse Your Expectations.*

**27th september - 5th october 2019**

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**TICKETS: [www.arktheatremelb.com](http://www.arktheatremelb.com) & 0491 104 744**

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**Important Becky dates:**

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 8pm at PAC – Read through of Becky's New Car
- Auditions – Tuesday 23rd April 6:30pm & Sunday 28th April 7:00pm



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On Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> 2018, ARK Theatre was privileged to produce a show to commemorate the centenary of Armistice Day for the Lilydale RSL. Written for the occasion, it told stories of Yarra Valley people who served and the families that stayed behind.

A packed auditorium at Lilydale High School PAC was deeply moved by the re-enactments, many drawn from actual diary excerpts of Ralph Goode and the books by local historian, Anthony McAleer.

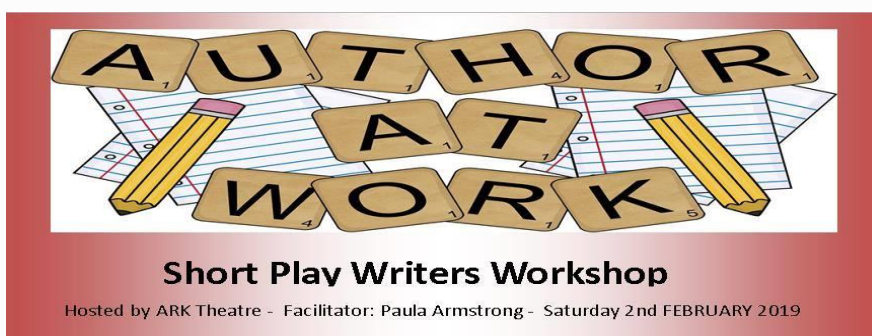
Throughout the show, songs of the era and a rousing singalong of old favourites had feet tapping and voices raised.

Cast were overwhelmed by the positive response they received and the realisation afterwards that actual family members of some of the people portrayed were in attendance.

During the show, McAleer and RSL President Don Parsons also launched a new website containing a database with details of all the local servicemen and women.

Yarra Ranges Life TV filmed the show and it is available for viewing on this link:

[RSL ARK Theatre Armistice Centenary Show](#)



More a workshop for writers of short plays, than for short playwrights, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February saw writers and actors enjoy a wonderful day of play reading and feedback for the writers.

Paula Armstrong once again organised this great opportunity for local authors to hear their short plays read aloud. This alone gives them valuable information about how their work is progressing. But after each of the 9 plays was read, the group gave really encouraging and useful feedback.

Paula created such a supportive atmosphere and authors and readers alike all seemed to enjoy the day immensely. We're grateful to everyone who participated and shared their wealth of knowledge. Hopefully some of these plays will be submitted for 2020's ARKfest.

Thank you so much Paula for bringing this fantastic event to ARK Theatre.



What a Wonderful Show! With an enormous cast of over 25, aged between 9yrs and 85yrs, Director Candice Farrugia-Roberts produced a heart-warming version of this much-loved Christmas classic. Audiences enthused about the very talented cast Candice assembled and the obvious passion and effort they all displayed to present an excellent show.

Our YouthARK members never cease to amaze us with their skills and passion for theatre. Plans are underway for a mid-year production in 2019. Stay tuned for details.

### Help Help Help!!!

ARK Theatre cannot exist without volunteers.

We are grateful for any assistance that our members and friends can offer.

- If you are available to help with **Front Of House** for the upcoming *Visiting Mr. Green* season, please let Rosey know on 0409 860 225 or email [ark\\_theatre@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ark_theatre@yahoo.com.au)
    - We are currently also seeking assistance with the following:
      - **Sound Operator**
      - **Lighting Designer** for *Becky's New Car*
    - **Set Builder** – Jimmy Dunne who has built all of ARK Theatre's sets needs to hand over the hammer, so we are seeking someone who could transition into this role.
- If you can help with any of these roles, please email the Secretary**



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## *Cinderfella 2.0* by How Dramatic Productions



A Charity show Directed by Julie Cunningham and supported by ARK Theatre.

Congratulations to Julie for her time and devotion in writing and producing a very funny and entertaining show. Congratulations to all the cast and crew who donated hours of their time and energy to support Julie in her quest to raise money for a very deserving cause. The financial outcome was well worthwhile.

Such a fun show - thank you Julie.

## Member News

### ARK-ers out and about:

- February 9<sup>th</sup>: Ark Theatre members attended the Lyrebird Awards in support of four Youth Ark members nominated for their roles in *It's A Wonderful Life*. **Congratulations for the nominations for Best Youth Performer in a Drama to: Alexis Bradshaw, Olivia Bradshaw, Georgia McAleer and Sam Winspear Shillings** and well done Youth ARK Theatre

Congratulations to:

- Alison Jones and Mason Frost in *Hotel Sorrento* at Eltham Little Theatre
- Mark Crowe in *Brilliant Lies* at Peridot Theatre
- Julie Cunningham directing *A Knight To Remember* at Eltham Little Theatre in November



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entertainment traveller

LORNA JANE



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### ARK THEATRE COMMITTEE 2018-19

**PRESIDENT: ROSEY CULLINAN**

**VICE-PRESIDENT: EVEY DEVITT**

**SECRETARY: ANN O'CONNOR**

**TREASURER: JULIE CUNNINGHAM** has recently stepped up to fill this position

**GENERAL COMMITTEE: TOM BLACKBURN, JIMMY DUNNE, LISA MCNIVEN, ROBERT TROTT**

## ARK THEATRE VISION STATEMENT:

### ARK Theatre is:

- Dedicated to engaging with performers and audiences, of all ages, interests and capabilities
- Dedicated to providing mentoring in both the performance and technical content of theatre
- Respectful of the contribution of performing arts to the social fabric of our community.

## ARK THEATRE VALUES:

**Inclusiveness**

**Respect**

**Rewarding**

**Equality**

**Mentoring**

**Encouragement**

**Social Engagement**

**Achievement**

**Creativity**

**Fun and enjoyment**

## WOMINJEKA...WELCOME

ARK Theatre acknowledges the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners of the land where we perform