



H'ARK Newsletter of ARK Theatre

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Visiting Mr. Green - by Jeff Baron
Lisa McNiven and her fine cast and crew delivered a wonderful production of this touching play. Robert Trott as Mr. Green and Andrew Tomazos as Ross Gardner, gave us characters we could love and laugh with and also weep with at times. Mostly they gave us characters we could believe. Lisa and Jimmy Dunne designed and built a superb set, dressed by the Green Team to present an authentic-looking NYC apartment – right down to the working tap in the kitchen! Gordon Boyd's lighting design and Grace McNiven's sound design both enhanced the atmosphere.

Backstage crew ensured smooth transitions with some very quick costume changes. Advice and the loan of Jewish props from Sue Rosenwax added a further level of authenticity. Even front of house supper was essentially kosher.

Our only regret was that this show did not have the audience it deserved. One patron, new to ARK Theatre commented, "I've been to shows with a full house and a show not worth watching. This is a fantastic show – where is the audience?" Other patrons (not family members of cast or crew) enjoyed the show so much that they came back for a second time! Congratulations and thanks to all involved in the production.



**DO YOU VALUE ARK THEATRE?
DO YOU ENJOY ATTENDING ARK THEATRE
PRODUCTIONS?**



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... URGENT ... URGENT ... WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT ...

The future of ARK Theatre is at stake.

The ARK has hit choppy waters and we urgently need **MORE MEMBERS** to support the operations of ARK Theatre through involvement on the ARK Theatre Committee and/or on various Sub-Committees.

Financial Members of ARK Theatre Inc. are entitled to vote at the **AGM**, and also to seek nomination to be elected onto the ARK Theatre Committee.

DATE: Tuesday 11 June 2019

TIME: 7:30pm

WHERE: Lilydale Heights College PAC

If you value the work that ARK Theatre does and would like to see it continue, then please join us at this Meeting to show your support.

All Members and Friends of ARK Theatre are urged to attend.



**Evey Presents a Well-Being Day for
ARK Theatre and friends**

**30th June 2019 at 9:45am for 10am start
until 4:30pm**

**The green theme represents true heart
communication.**

Evey explains: The day will be held at **Santika Day Spa, 325 Mountain Highway Wantirna 3152.**

The intention for the day is to provide an awareness of and chance to experience different natural therapies (including massage; facials; reflexology; reiki; kinesiology), get together for meditation and enjoy a day of total relaxation for all concerned.

Throughout the day there will be some activities (not compulsory) and guest speakers at different times. Lunch and morning tea will be provided.

As busy thespians it's time to look after you, so treat yourself and/or gift a day for someone else.

I welcome all of you and hope you can make the day.

**The cost of the day is: \$35 registration + \$25 per treatment per 20mins
Places are limited so to ensure your place PLEASE PAY REGISTRATION BY 16th June.**

Contact Facilitator Evey on 0405 364 200 for payment details.



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The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon

by Don Zolidis

5, 6 & 7 July 2019

Brought to you by
Youth ARK Theatre

An Amateur Production By Arrangement with ORiGiN™ Theatrical, on behalf of Playscripts, Inc.

Directors : Lucy Southwell Hambly, Kurtis Hoegel Clinch, Millie Spencer

Two narrators attempt to recreate all 209 of the fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm in a wild, fast-paced extravaganza. To make it more difficult, they attempt to combine them into one gigantic fable using Rapunzel, Rumpelstiltskin, Hansel and Gretel, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella and other more obscure stories like Lean Lisa and The Devil's Grandmother.

Not to be missed - another of Youth Ark Team's amazing productions. Come along and support them



ARK Theatre Presents

becky's new car

By Steven Dietz
Directed by Carina Field

27th September - 5th October 2019



Help Help Help!!! ARK Theatre cannot exist without volunteers. We are currently seeking assistance with the following for *Becky's New Car* in September/October: *Lighting Designer *Sound Operator *Front of House Manager



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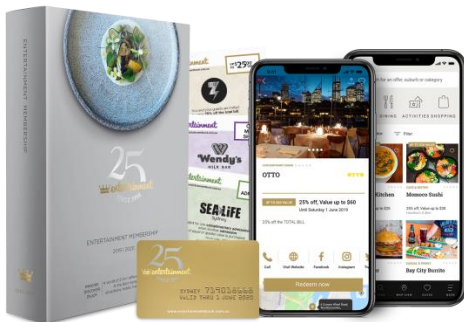
Member News

Congratulations to:

- Carina Field, Andrew Tomazos, Stephen Oakes and Mark Crowe all currently playing in *A Man For All Seasons* at The Basin Theatre
- Rosey Cullinan in *All My Sons* at Warrandyte Theatre Company beginning 8th June

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU:

- **Julie Cunningham** stepped down from the committee in April. Julie has brought much to ARK Theatre as a writer, director, actor and valued committee member. In particular her support and efforts for YouthARK have been greatly appreciated. Thank you Julie for all your hard work.
- **Evey Devitt** has stepped down from the ARK Theatre committee, having been working on committee since ARK Theatre's formation in 2013. Her contribution includes as committee member; most recently, Vice President; on the play selection committee; co-editor of H'ARK; front of house; keeper of the key and countless other jobs. We are so grateful Evey for your input, dedication, efforts and support of all things ARK.
- **Ann O'Connor** (the current Secretary) will not be seeking re-nomination. Ann has worked tirelessly on committee in the past few years, but in particular in the past eighteen months as Secretary. The new Secretary will benefit from the dedication Ann has shown to this position. As current President, I am personally indebted to Ann for the efforts she has made and the support she has given me.



ARK Theatre is fundraising with Entertainment!

"The Entertainment Membership is great value. I save the membership cost within the first 3 uses. Anything after that is a bonus. When I go to the theatre, I always check what nearby restaurants have discounts in the Entertainment Book so I can save on a pre-show meal. Having the membership app on my phone, means it's always with me." – Rosey

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ARK THEATRE COMMITTEE 2018-19

PRESIDENT: ROSEY CULLINAN

VICE-PRESIDENT: EVEY DEVITT

SECRETARY: ANN O'CONNOR

TREASURER: vacant

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.

Inclusiveness
Respect

Rewarding
Equality
Mentoring

ARK THEATRE VALUES:

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