



Newsletter December 2024

2025!!

Yes, it is December and 2025 is rushing toward us at an alarming rate. We at the Octagon are already underway with the next production, Agatha Christie's [The Spiders Web](#) which will open on 28th March and run until 12th April. The Movie poster says it all!

September and finally, [Allo Allo](#) the next **chapter** 14th November to 29th November. So... a busy year ahead and lots of intriguing, fun theatre to be had by all. So, mark your calendars and diaries now.



Following that will be [Joyful and Triumphant](#) 13th June until 28th June and then [Disenchanted](#) 29th August until 13th

Thankyou
Thankyou

A huge thank you to the cast, crew and volunteers who made **Whangarei Starz** happen.

This was a real opportunity to showcase some of the talented voices that can be found in Whangarei.

Thank you for the commitment.

Thank you for the work.

Thank you for time.

Thank you for going above and beyond.

Thank you for hanging in there.



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 city wide. The event is organised by **Creative Northland**

April 12th ArtBeat Carnival is coming

PLAYWRIGHTS

"Do you know what a playwright is? A playwright is someone who lets his guts hang out on the stage." – Edward Albee
An interesting perspective. Local writers have graced our stage over the last year. *Storm in a Bottle, The Illiterate Book Club, Dastardly Democracy* were all written by local playwrights. Whether or not "guts" were spilled is for them to tell us, but it must be somewhat brave to write, to workshop and to suddenly lose that degree of control as actors and directors take the words and bring to life the characters and scenarios that have lived in the playwrights' heads for so long. So, thank you to those brave souls. We know that your plays were welcomed and contributed much to achieving one of the goals of the Society... to provide opportunity, to educate and support the theatrical community of Whangarei. We are hopeful that there are more brave souls waiting to let their "guts hang out" on our stage.

It's Getting Better!

Yes, it really is. Folks are now using our electronic booking system easily and there are fewer hiccups and stress calls to our hard-working treasurer when folks can't book a seat electronically.

However....

Please remember that our caterers work to a very fine margin. Changing your mind about what meal you want after you get to the theatre is problematic for them. So... if you are booking a large group... please ask the question ... standard meal or special.

Check the web site for the menu. For example, one customer arrived recently and told the team that she could not eat pork (the meal included ham). Yes, our caterers accommodated her needs but again, they work to a fine margin, and it is not always possible.

Lastly by by no means least

We thank everyone who has contributed to making 2024 an exciting (and sometimes challenging) year at the Octagon.

- ☺ To our audience
- ☺ To our players
- ☺ To the production teams... lighting... sound... behind the scenes... builders and painters
- ☺ To the volunteers and committee members
- ☺ To the kitchen crew

We wish everyone a restful and happy time with families and friends. We look forward to welcoming you all in 2025