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The Stirling Players Inc.

Principal Member of the Stirling Community Theatre

Spring 2024

From the President

As I write this, we are in the final stages of getting our latest production – A R Gurney’s delightful comedy “Sylvia” ready for opening night.

Never work with children and animals is a well-known law of theatre – but I have to say that Sylvia has been very well behaved – and a delight to work with!!!

I am absolutely positive that you will love the production!! And why not make it a full evening? Stirling has some delightful places for a meal before you come – just make sure your waiter knows that you have a show to get to at 7:30!!!

Last newsletter I put the call out for anyone willing to lend a hand with productions – and thanks to those who responded. This newsletter I’m also going to put out a call for help!

Early next year we will lose three of our committee members – and I’m hoping that we can find three (or more) people to come and join us! As the saying goes, “many hands make light work” – in truth the work is not too onerous and is made easier

by having a lovely bunch of people to work with.

Specifically, anyone with some skill and knowledge of bookkeeping and general admin would be greatly appreciated – if either of these two jobs are left to me we’ll be in big trouble!

Our next auditions are fast approaching, scheduled for 22nd and 24th October. In his Stirling Players directing debut, Ben Proeve will be directing ‘Almost Maine’ by John Cariani. If you’d like to audition for a role (aged 18 years to early 30s, any gender, ethnicity, background and experience) please contact Ben on ben.prove@gmail.com . If you would like to be involved in any other capacity with this or our other productions, please contact us at contactstirlingplayers@gmail.com for more information!

Tim Williams
President

2024 Committee

- President:** Tim Williams
- Vice-President:** John Graham
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- Treasurer:** Kristen Graham
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Coming up next....



Written by A R Gurney

Directed by Erik Strauts

Featuring: Scott Battersby, Anita Canala, Ashleigh Merriel, Nathan Brown, Stephanie Russell, and Dora Stamos as Sylvia.

TICKETS \$27, \$22 concession & \$20 group 10+
(Includes programme)

Fridays, 13, 20 & 27 Sep at 7.30pm
Saturdays, 14 & 21 Sep at 3pm
Sundays, 15 & 22 Sep at 3pm
Final Saturday, 28 Sep at 7.30pm

It’s middle age! Greg’s business career is winding down. His wife, Kate, watches her career take off. Their nest is now empty, but then along comes Sylvia. She’s a dog... and she’s no Lassie! The play is set in New York. The time is now.

Sylvia is a feel-good comedy about love and relationships.

STIRLING COMMUNITY THEATRE

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Introducing Probir Dutt

Probir Geoffrey C Dutt is a passionate writer, musician and composer, having scored over 70 films and stage musicals, as well as having written, directed and scored two full-length feature films. He is a member of the Australian Guild of Screen Composers, the Australian Writers Guild and the Royal Society.

Based in Stirling, Probir is a keen supporter of the local arts scene having recently written music for the fringe play 'Two of Them' by local playwright Russell Fewster and for Stirling Players performance of 'Sylvia'.

Probir has just completed the feature film 'Love, Tea & Epiphany' where he directed Frankie J Holden, Denis Coard and ex-Neighbours star Davini Malcolm. He also played with the 'Hey Hey Saturday' star Wilbur Wilde on the films score.

Probir is delighted to become an active member of the Stirling Players team and looks forward to assisting the group in ensuring continued theatrical success.

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2025 Production Calendar

'Life Without Me'

Written by Daniel Keene,
Directed by Megan Dansie
28 March -12 April 2025

'Almost Maine'

Written by John Cariani
Directed by Ben Proeve
11 – 19 July 2025

'Hansard'

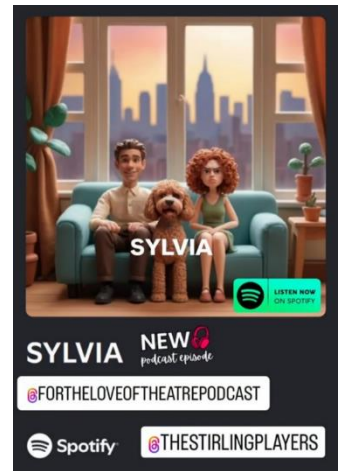
Written by Simon Woods
Directed by Sally Putnam
12 - 27 September 2025

All about SYLVIA and STIRLING PLAYERS in two PODCASTS

Do you love podcasts? We have you covered! Have a listen to Olivia Jane Parker talking about our next production of

Sylvia with Director Erik Strauts and cast Dora Stamos (Sylvia) & Scott Battersby (Greg), and Stirling Players President Tim Williams, and Vice President, John Graham in the

For the Love of Theatre Podcast! Have a listen by clicking on one of the options here: [Red Circle](#), [Audible](#) or [Spotify](#).



You can also listen to a Stirling Players team talk with The Adelaide Show Podcast presenter Steve Davis. Director Erik Strauts and cast member Anita Canala talk about their experience in presenting 'Sylvia', and committee members Probir Dutt and Bronwyn Chapple talk about the music for the show and the Stirling Players as a group. Listen at: <https://theadelaideshow.com.au/.../401-the-hills-are...>



Front of House Volunteers

Our Front of House is well known for our cosy wood fires, amazing Howards wines and our welcoming FOH volunteers. We have a great team, and so if you'd like to join us, please call Kristen on 0449 220 604 or contact us at: contactstirlingplayers@gmail.com

We have a few different roles, including welcoming our patrons, ushering, selling raffle tickets and serving wine, coffee and tea, and selling drinks and chocolates. The Stirling Players committee thanks our volunteers with one or two complimentary tickets to the play (depending on the number of sessions you help with). Looking forward to hearing from you!

