

Brooklyn Community Theatre.

In 1998 Brooklyn Community Theatre (BCT) evolved from a recognised need by the community of Brooklyn for the opportunity to access and participate in live theatre. Brooklyn and surrounding area residents have had in the past the ability to attend theatre through the visits by small theatre groups and the use of the old Masonic Hall. This hall has been condemned for some years now and along with it went many forms of community entertainment. Local comments highlighted this loss and as a result the concept of BCT began to evolve.

The concept was initially developed by Ray Bontoft and Peter Hughes, with Marea Fowler joining the team not long after. These people subsequently became the Administrators of the BCT Charter and respectively performed the tasks of Producer, Director and Artistic Director.

The first problem was where could this be done. Theatre in the Park was conceived with an outdoor stage devised and vision for a family picnic style atmosphere.

The success of our first three theatre events (1999 to 2001) is demonstrated by a combined attendance in excess of 1500 patrons. A significant increase in patronage was noted last year with more than half travelling considerable distances to join in the experience. The reputation of this event has grown.

BCT is a volunteer non profit group operating under the auspices of Brooklyn Rural Fire Brigade. Structured in this way the financial accounting could then be both transparent and available at all times to the community. The Brooklyn Brigade also provided the stake money for the first BCT event under an agreement that this money was to be returned from the gate takings.



THIS WAY UP

**Sat Nov. 9th
8.30 pm
Brooklyn Oval**

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A BROOKLYN COMMUNITY THEATRE PRODUCTION

THIS WAY UP

by Elizabeth Coleman

directed by Peter Hughes

THE CAST (in order of appearance)

Melanie

Venette Lowe

Damien

Steve Hayes

Kris

Kelly Mexham

Nick

Jim Gosden

**Senior Sergeant
Wendy O'Brien**

Juliette Dudley

Male Police Officer

Ray James

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Brooklyn Community Theatre proudly brings you another brilliant, hilarious play by Elizabeth Coleman - 'This Way Up'. Again, casting was done by audition, showing how popular our annual theatre evening has become. My job is purely to deal with the play itself but it never ceases to amaze me the amount of interest work and general help is generously offered from the community. Our team thanks you all. To my very special cast - break a leg! To you the audience - enjoy!

Director

Assistant Director

Producer

Costume Consultant

Stage Manager

Lights & Sound

Graphics & Promotion

Technical Operator

Project Manager

Stage/Set Builder

Stage Set & Props



PATRON

Peter Hughes

Gary Robertson

Ray Bontoft

Marea Fowler

Noel Castley

Peter Mudie

Ray Bontoft

Steve Jones

Ray James

Hugh Boylan

Ian Tyler, Butcher's Hook