

## 7. Surf Coast Shire Council DRAFT Annual Budget – 2018-2019

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*Library and Arts Development: This service provides a varied program of arts and cultural activities. Council plans and develops arts and cultural infrastructure and develops policies and strategies to facilitate art practice. The function is also responsible for the provision of library services at Torquay and across the municipality with a mobile service and makes provision for a Budget of \$39,000 Operation Project for a Pop-Up Art Space (location unclear).*

The 2018/2019 Draft Budget clearly illustrates that Council has not yet started to budget for any arts facilities expenditure anywhere in the Shire particularly in the Torquay Ward which represents about 50% of the Shire population and in which further rapid growth is forecast.

## 8. Torquay Theatre Troupe History/Statistics

**Torquay Theatre Troupe** has been active since 2001 (17 years) and was registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria (Number A0049798B) as an incorporated not-for-profit organisation 13<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

In its early days TTT operated out of private homes and Shire community halls and over the last decade has performed principally at the Senior Citizens Centre in Price Street, Torquay.

The Troupe provides the Torquay community with 2 full-scale productions per annum and a One-Act performance which is usually performed in various venues in the shire and which is entered in the annual Anglesea One Act Play Festival. Each production is run for 7 (sometimes 10) performances to an overall audience of between 560 and 640. Performances and audience are constrained by facility space because of the seating and some set having to be struck daily to allow other daytime users access to the Senior Citizens Hall between TTT production nights.

TTT records show that since its inception in 2001 the organisation has staged over 45 Scripts (see page 8) in 11 venues (80% in Torquay) across the Bellarine Peninsula involving 331 actors presenting over 330 evenings of entertainment for Torquay, Surf Coast and Bellarine audience. This is in line with Geelong -Bellarine performance statistics<sup>6</sup>. Torquay Theatre Troupe has a current subscriber list over 415. A core group of c.30 individuals have a wide range of collective skills in many aspects of Theatre. TTT productions have received nine (9) Victorian Drama League (VDL) nominations (2015 & 2017) and one VDL Award (2015) and a more than 35 Nominations from Geelong/ Regional organisations<sup>7</sup> resulting in six (6) Awards (2003, 2004, 2006, 2014, 2016 and 2017)

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<sup>6</sup> Geelong has 33 theatre and performance companies, of which around 25 are working at any given time. Our region stages around 60 non-professional productions every year, ranging from small plays in temperance halls to big shows in the Playhouse and Costa. We entertain between 18 and 30,000 people in a year and in total turnover somewhere between \$2 and \$3 million. It's estimated that this figure could be doubled, when you take into consideration the ancillary earnings - when people come to see our productions, they will buy dinner out, coffees, overnight accommodation. We spill over into tourism, as those involved in our enactment tours of Geelong's cemeteries will know. So, we really are significant players in our region's economy. We just don't appreciate it because we're usually only worrying about staging and getting an audience for one show at a time. But where we differ from, for example, the gaming or 'pokie' industries, which both describe themselves as 'entertainment', is that when money is spent with our companies, it remains in the community-  
QUOTE: Colin Mockett ([www.entertainmentgeelong.com](http://www.entertainmentgeelong.com)) speaking at the Geelong Theatre Awards at The Potato Shed, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

<sup>7</sup> [http://entertainmentgeelong.com/colinmockett/Awards\\_Home.html](http://entertainmentgeelong.com/colinmockett/Awards_Home.html)

## 9. TTT Previous Representations to Surf Coast Shire

Torquay Theatre Troupe Inc. started in 2001 and began making representations to the Shire Council in 2010 as its success and growth put pressure on existing storage and performance space. The following list summarises the various representations TTT has made before council over the past 8 years

24th May 2018	Torquay Theatre Troupe Inc Submission Response to Surf Coast Shire Draft Budget 2018-19 (This Submission)
21st December 2016	TTT Submission supporting the development of a theatre facility in Torquay and outlining the basic requirement of TTT
June 2015	Arts Space Feasibility Study by LMH Consulting (incorporating TTT feedback, commentary and 15/4/15 written submission)
6th May 2015	TTT Submission: Response to Surf Coast Shire Draft Budget 2015-16, 6pp
28th April 2015	<i>“Community Readiness for a ‘Black Box Performance Space’ as an interim step towards the longer-term development of a Multifunctional Social, Arts and Performance Facility in Surf Coast Shire/Torquay”</i> 22-page paper prepared by G&Z Carman (TTT Members) to support LMH Consulting Group
15th April 2014	Torquay Theatre Troupe Attendance at Shire Arts Space Meeting (5 members present total attendance about 20 public members and Shire 4 officers/consultants)
8th April 2014	Presentation (.ppt) to Whole of Council
8th April 2014	Surf Coast Arts Facility Proposition (7-page sub mission with A3 conceptual plan)
2014	Attendance at Workshops (total attendance 40)
10th Sept 2012	Letter TTT President Gay Bell to Mayor Mr McKittrick as follow up to earlier Council proposal for redevelopment of Surf World precinct – requesting a meeting
11th Dec 2010	Letter TTT President to Cr Libby Coker re: scattered but improved storage facilities for TTT at Bellbrae Hall and old Police Station and commence discussions regarding performances at Senior Citizens Hall
9th Nov 2010	Meeting with Mayor Libby Coker status report of TTT and growing need for facilities (storage and performance space)

## 10. Torquay Theatre Troupe Production History

Date	Venue	Title	Author	Director	Performances	f	m	total
Aug-02	Anglesea One Act Play Festival	<i>Mother Figure</i>	Alan Aykbourne	Heather Kent	1	3	1	4
Nov-02	High Tide Torquay	<i>Gosforth's Fete</i>	Alan Aykbourne	Heather Kent	2	3	2	5
Mar-03	Coastal Capers with Anglesea	<i>Gosforth's Fete</i>	Alan Aykbourne	Heather Kent	1	3	2	5
Mar-03	Coastal Capers with Anglesea	<i>Mother Figure</i>	Alan Aykbourne	Heather Kent	3	2	1	3
Jun-03	Anglesea One Act Play Festival	<i>Last Tango in Torquay</i>	David Tristram	Heather Kent	1	2	2	4
Jun-03	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Dust to Dust</i>	Chris Hodson	Heather Kent	4	3	3	6
Feb-04	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Logies</i>	Ken Cotterill	Michael Baker	6	2	3	5
Feb-04	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>No Chocolates by Request</i>	Chris Hodson	Maryanne Doolan	6	3	5	8
Jul-04	Anglesea One Act Play Festival	<i>Day Trippers</i>	Jean McConnell	Carlene Thoenberg	1	2	-	2
Jul-04	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>A Class Act</i>	Ken Owen	Ken Hemmens	6	3	3	6
Jul-04	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Last Post</i>	Jean McConnell	Carlene Thoenberg	6	2	-	2
Apr-05	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Murdered to Death</i>	Peter Gordon	Ross Pearce	6	5	5	10
Nov-05	Anglesea High Tide	<i>Cupboard Love</i>	Jean McConnell	Steven Georgeiadis	3	2	-	2
Nov-05	Anglesea One Act Play Festival	<i>One Plain One Pearl</i>	Janet Brown	Nicki Watson	3	2	1	3
Nov-05	Anglesea One Act Play Festival	<i>Red Hot in Amsterdam</i>	Patricia Robinson	Steven Georgeiadis	3	3	3	6
Nov-05	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Cupboard Love</i>	Jean McConnell	Steven Georgeiadis	3	2	-	2
Nov-05	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>One Plain One Pearl</i>	Janet Brown	Nicki Watson	3	2	1	3
Nov-05	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Red Hot in Amsterdam</i>	Patricia Robinson	Steven Georgeiadis	3	3	3	6
May-06	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Secondary Cause of Death</i>	Peter Gordon	Ross Pearce	7	5	4	9
Aug-06	Anglesea One Act Play Festival	<i>Break my Heart</i>	Arnold Wesker	Steven Georgeiadis	1	1	1	2
Nov-06	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Propositions and Proposals</i>	Elaine Mitchell	Steven Georgeiadis	6	9	5	14
May-07	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Life After George</i>	Hannie Rayson	Michael Baker	7	4	2	6
Aug-07	Anglesea One Act Play Festival	<i>Break My Heart</i>	Arnold Wesker	Steven Georgeiadis	1	1	1	2
Aug-07	Anglesea One Act Play Festival	<i>Elegy for a Lady</i>	Arthur Miller	Janine McKenzie	1	1	1	2
Aug-07	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Break My Heart</i>	Arnold Wesker	Steven Georgeiadis	7	1	1	2
Aug-07	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Elegy for a Lady</i>	Arthur Miller	Janine McKenzie	3	1	1	2
Nov-07	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Arsenic and Old Lace</i>	Joseph Kesselring	Maryanne Doolan	7	6	8	14
May-08	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Wicked Sisters</i>	Alma De Groen	Michael Baker	7	4	-	4
Nov-08	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Theft</i>	Eric Chappell	Gay Bell	7	2	3	5
May-09	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Nude with Violin</i>	Noel Coward	Ross Pearce	7	9	4	13
Sep-09	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Garbage</i>	Helen Wyngard	Michael Baker	7	2	1	3
Sep-09	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>In the Blinking of an Eye</i>	Jeremy Hilton Davies	Michael Baker	7	2	-	2
Sep-09	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Self Accusation</i>	Peter Handke	Iris Walshe-Howling	7	5	-	5
May-10	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>The Scottish Play</i>	Graham Holliday	Maryanne Doolan	7	5	7	12
Nov-10	Bellbrae Hall	<i>Altered Egos</i>	John Burls	Gay Bell	7	2	2	4
Nov-10	Bellbrae Hall	<i>God Willing</i>	Bruce Olive	Michael Baker	7	2	1	3
May-11	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>The American Dream</i>	Edward Albee	Michael Baker	7	3	2	5
Aug-11	Front Beach, Anglesea, Airys Inlet	<i>God Willing</i>	Bruce Olive	Michael Baker	3	2	1	3
Aug-11	Front Beach, Anglesea, Airys Inlet	<i>The Knowing</i>	Sandy Fairthorn	Carlene Thoenberg	3	1	1	2
Aug-11	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>God Willing</i>	Bruce Olive	Michael Baker	2	2	1	3
Aug-11	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>The Knowings</i>	Sandy Fairthorn	Carlene Thoenberg	2	1	1	2
Nov-11	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Death by Fatal Murder</i>	Peter Gordon	Fred Preston	7	4	4	8
May-12	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Rabbit Hole</i>	David Lindsay-Abaire	Gay Bell	7	3	2	5
Aug-12	Senior Citizens, Front Beach, Anglesea	<i>Small Secrets</i>	Sandy Fairthorn	Gay Bell	3	1	1	2
Nov-12	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Man the Balloon</i>	Matt Cameron	Janine McKenzie	6	5	6	11
May-13	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Breaker Morant</i>	Kenneth G Ross	Michael Baker	10	-	13	13
Aug-13	Senior Citizens, Front Beach, Anglesea	<i>Boxing Day</i>	Bruce Olive	Maryanne Doolan	4	1	1	2
Nov-13	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>The Foreigner</i>	Larry Shue	Gay Bell	6	2	5	7
May-14	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Twelve Angry Jurors</i>	Reginald Rose	Geoff Gaskill	8	5	8	13
Nov-14	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Cosi</i>	Louis Nowra	Michael Baker	7	3	8	11
May-15	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>A Skull in Connemara</i>	Martin McDonagh	Glen Barton	7	1	3	4
May-15	Celtic Festival Portarlinton	<i>A Skull in Connemara</i>	Martin McDonagh	Glen Barton	2	1	3	4
Aug-15	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Eleven Fifty Six</i>	Micael Percy	Gay Bell	5	1	2	3
Nov-15	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Away</i>	Simon Thorne	Stacey Carmichael	10	8	7	15
May-16	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>All Things Considered</i>	Ben Brown	Michael Baker	10	3	4	7
Nov-16	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Humble Boy</i>	Charlotte Jones	Gay Bell	8	3	3	6
May-17	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>The Laramie Project</i>	Moiseds Kaufman	Zina Carman	8	6	6	12
Aug-17	Senior Citizens Torquay including	<i>The Eulogy</i>	Russell Hamilton-Myrt	Gay Bell	5	1	1	2
Nov-17	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>When Dad Married Fury</i>	David Williamson	Michael Baker	8	4	3	7
May-18	Senior Citizens Torquay	<i>Strangers on a Train</i>	Craig Warner	Michael Baker	8	2	5	7

TTT has performed at 12 public locations on the Bellarine Peninsula 2001-2018: Torquay Senior Citizens Centres (80%), Aireys Inlet Hall, Anglesea Community Hall, Bellbrae Hall, Deans Marsh Hall, The Potato Shed at Drysdale, Portarlinton and 5 locations in Torquay (nursing homes, restaurants and school venues)