

# Welcome to our Autumn 2024 newsletter!

Welcome to the Blue Roo Theatre Company's Autumn 2024 newsletter. 2024 is well underway and the team is working on new and exciting programs.

Don't forget to register for the "Unleash Your Inner Clown" pathways to performance program. This is a life-changing, unforgettable, laughter-packed journey of essential performance skills brought to you by Blue Roo Theatre Company, for people of all abilities (including non-verbal folk). For more information email us today: [info@bluerootheatre.org.au](mailto:info@bluerootheatre.org.au)

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# **“A Small Day Out” – The Latest Blue Roo Production**



**Are you looking for a unique and heart-warming theatre experience filled with laughter, music, and mayhem? Then don't miss this latest adventure devised by Sarah Jackson and the Blue Roo Theatre Ensemble!**

**“A Small Day Out”** follows an extraordinary day in the lives of two strangers, Joe and Lesley, when a ‘quiet day’ at the park transforms both their lives forever.

**Brisbane Performances:** Friday, June 15, and Saturday, June 16.

Queensland Multicultural Centre, 102 Main Street, Kangaroo Point 4169. Tickets available for purchase in April.

**Blue Roo Changes Lives**  
**Save the date**  
**See you at the show!**

# Meet Tessa

Spotlight on:

# Tessa



Introducing ... Tessa

Is there anything Tessa can't do? Tessa is an experienced stage performer, dancer and a TV extra in Channel 9's My Way segments– Treetops and Blue Roo, filmed in 2023.

Tessa's smile lights up our rehearsals and performances.

Tessa's newest challenge will begin in April as a member of the new 2024 Blue Roo '**Release Your Inner Clown**' Pathways to Performance Program led by Clint Bolster, international artist and resilience advocate.

Thanks for being you, Tessa!



# Spotlight on Simone De Haas



## A Friend of Blue Roo!

**Simone De Haas is our Blue Roo Theatre Company Artistic Patron and Organisational Mentor.**

*Queensland Gold Matilda Award-winning Producer, Artistic Director and Actor., International speaker and organisational coach*

Simone's critically acclaimed, creative capacities move effortlessly between the stage, the digital world and the boardroom.

Whether singing, directing, telling quirky leadership stories or displaying the power of creative improvisation, Simone brings extraordinary insights into the new world that is evolving. Her unique and diverse portfolio of work creates a strong platform for developing transformational leaders. Simone is a highly sought-after inspirational and insightful coach and mentor.

She speaks internationally on Exceptionality™ and Stagecraft & Storytelling. Simone has worked as a Lecturer at Griffith University (Qld Conservatorium) and Queensland University of Technology in Acting for Musical Theatre and Performance Studies, and as Guest Director for the Opera Studio at the University of Southern Queensland.



# Supporting Blue Roo in 2024



We are working hard with the support of Arts Queensland, to support people with disability who have a passion for the performing arts to participate in, learn and lead future stage and digital productions through subsidised skills development and 'on the job' mentoring opportunities in a safe and joyful environment. We would appreciate your help as a donor or a sponsor.

**Note:** Please state your name or organisation and if the donation is for South Burnett or Brisbane when making your donation, and also email us at [info@bluerootheatre.org.au](mailto:info@bluerootheatre.org.au) so we know where to send your ATO tax receipt. Thanks.

## How you can Support Blue Roo Theatre Company

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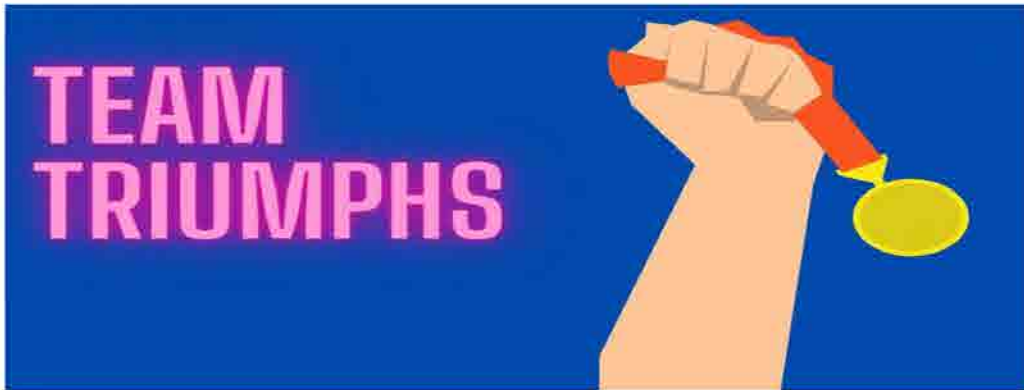
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# Team Triumphs



## Blue Roo – South Burnett in the news!

Our very own Cherie featured in the Burnett Today paper in February. Cherie has been instrumental in establishing our South Burnett branch. Our Outreach Program started in Kingaroy on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of February. What an honour to bring Inclusive Theatre training to the South Burnett Region!



# What's on this Autumn?



## 2024 Pathways to Performance Theatre Program

### Registrations now open!

- The Pathways to Performance Program is open to performers of all abilities and skill levels.
- Join us on Thursday afternoons from 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm
- You will develop narrative skills, acting techniques, stage craft and learn in a team setting that is safe, engaging and fun!
- Every performer in the program will help shape public performances under the guidance of some of the best independent artists and Directors in Queensland.
- As you learn, you perform more often throughout the year in different types of public settings.
- Each term you will have the opportunity to perform in theatres and public spaces in professional costumes, telling stories you helped to design.
- You will also have the opportunity to tour – spreading the joy to Queensland schools and regional communities.

**Meet new friends! Laugh together! Wow yourself and the world!**



## **\*NEW\* 2024 Pathways to Performance – Unleash Your Inner Clown!**

### **Registrations now open!**

- Join us on Thursday mornings from 9 am to 12 noon for “The Art of Clown and Comedy,” a life-changing, unforgettable, laughter-packed journey of essential performance skills brought to you by Blue Roo Theatre Company.
- Clint Bolster is the creative force behind this captivating program, with over 20 years of experience in Clowning, Physical Acting, Mask Theatre, and as a Teaching Artist. Clint has graced stages in Australia and globally, most recently in the 2023 Australian Tour of Slava’s Snow Show ([www.slavasnowshow.com.au](http://www.slavasnowshow.com.au)).
- More information is available via our [Workshops & Opportunities](#) page.
- Email us at [info@bluerootheatre.org.au](mailto:info@bluerootheatre.org.au)

## **\*NEW\* 2024 Pathways to Performance – Outreach (South Burnett)**

### **Registrations are open now!**

- Email us at [info@bluerootheatre.org.au](mailto:info@bluerootheatre.org.au) for more information.

## **2024 Holiday Workshops**

### **Blue Roo has something for you!**

- Want to have fun, meet new people and learn new skills?
- Holiday workshops are scheduled five times a year throughout 2024.
- **These workshops are interactive (doing not listening!).**
- Workshop details are posted a month or two before the date, but you can register your interest now by emailing Blue Roo: [info@bluerootheatre.org.au](mailto:info@bluerootheatre.org.au)

### **April Workshop (Thursday 11):**

- Move to the Groove

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