

# Welcome to our Winter 2024 newsletter!

It is hard to believe that we are over halfway through 2024 already. So much is happening here at the Blue Roo Theatre Company. **What's on in this Winter** gives you the season's Events and Activities.

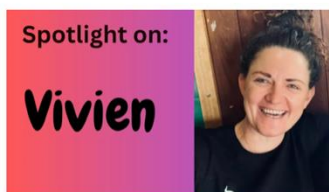
The year is whizzing along with our Brisbane production season for **A Small Day Out**. Be sure to pick up your tickets for the performance this June. It is one that can't be missed. We turn the **Spotlights** on Viv Whittle and Clint Bolster, **celebrate** Team members' latest achievements among other exciting activities.

Enjoy the newsletter. See the Theatre Ensemble shine this June.

## What's in this edition?



[Tickets for "A Small Day Out" are available now. Find out more about the show.](#)



[Find out more about our team member Viv Whittle](#)

Spotlight on Clint Bolster



A Friend of Blue Roo!

[Find out more about Clint Bolster, a friend of Blue Roo](#)



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[Celebrate our Team Members' milestones with us.](#)



[What's on at Blue Roo this Winter? Find out here!](#)

# "A Small Day Out" – Tickets available now!



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 Team!

"A Small Day Out" follows an extraordinary day in the lives of two strangers, Joe and Lesley, when a normally 'quiet day' at the park transforms their lives forever. Big adventures happen when least expected.

**Brisbane Performances:** Friday, June 14, and Saturday, June 15.

**Location:** Queensland Multicultural Centre, 102 Main Street, Kangaroo Point 4169.

The many ways to get to the show: <https://qmc.org.au/visit/>

Secure your tickets here: [HumanTix](#)

See you at the show! and the short Q&A led by the Ensemble team members.

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# Meet Vivien Whittle



## **Blue Roo's Trusted Administration and Social Media Officer**

Viv Whittle handles many day-to-day operations at Blue Roo, but her skills go far beyond typical administrative duties.

With strong experience in performing arts administration and social media, Viv also boasts a rich film, stage, and theatre background. Since joining the Australian Acting Academy in Brisbane in 2003, she has performed with Queensland Actor's Playhouse, Growl Theatre, and The Curators, earning critical acclaim.

Viv holds a Bachelor of Creative Industries from QUT and has experience as a producer. She co-produced "Plucked" for the 2021 Anywhere Festival, winning the People's Choice Award. In 2022, she co-starred in "Good Times and That's Ok," which won Best Queensland Short Film and the People's Choice at the Australian Independent Film Festival.

**Thanks to Viv, who always provides service with a smile.**



# Friends of Blue Roo: Clint Bolster

## Spotlight on Clint Bolster



### A Friend of Blue Roo!

**CLINT BOLSTER** is a Clown, Physical Actor, Mask Theatre Specialist, Stilt Performer & Trainer, and Teaching Artist from Brisbane, Queensland. With 20 years of experience, Clint has developed new works and trained extensively. He performs regularly in Australia and internationally in the United Kingdom, Europe, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Japan.

Clint's repertoire is highly active throughout Australia, New Zealand, and Asia, with extensive annual programming in regional Australia, especially in community, cultural, and education sectors. He has a robust local and international network and his creations are represented by over 70 international production houses and arts agencies, reaching a global audience of millions.

Clint was recently accepted into the Cirque Du Soleil database of Clowns and is in the 2022/2023 Australian Tour of Slavas' Snow Show. He is a proud Queensland Member and Mentor for The Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance, and a Board Member for Indel-Ability Arts. For more information, visit his webpage.

### **We Asked Clint: Why Clowning and Comedy?**

Laughter is more than joy—it's a key to self-expression, freedom, revelation, and resilience. In this program, we unlock the magic of laughter to foster play, expression, and discovery in every performer.

### **Unleash Your Inner Clown with Clint and the Blue Roo Theatre Company!**

"Unleash Your Inner Clown" is a life-changing, unforgettable, laughter-packed journey of essential performance skills brought to you by Blue Roo Theatre Company and Clint. More information is available. Email us at [info@bluerootheatre.org.au](mailto:info@bluerootheatre.org.au) Don't wait!



# Support Blue Roo in 2024

## Support Blue Roo

### 2024 FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

*Become a  
Friend of Blue  
Roo!*

*Sponsor, Donate,  
Support*



We are working hard with the support of Arts Queensland and the Friends of Blue Roo to empower people with disabilities who are passionate about the performing arts. Our mission is to provide opportunities for them to participate in, learn, and lead future stage and digital productions through subsidised skills development and 'on-the-job' mentoring in a safe and joyful environment. We would greatly appreciate your support as a donor or sponsor.

#### **Note:**

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

*Keep an eye out for news on our October Launch and Fundraising Celebration!  
More information to come via social media and the Spring Newsletter.*

#### **How you can Support Blue Roo Theatre Company**

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Attend a [performance](#)

Subscribe to our newsletter via our [Home Page](#)

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All donors and sponsors will be publicly acknowledged as a **Friend of Blue Roo** on our website, in newsletters and on social media during the year. Our newsletter reaches Queensland and Australia wide.

Performance sponsorships will be acknowledged in Production Programs and in Performance Introductions and filmed performances.

# Team Triumphs



Cherie has done it again! She has been busy promoting Blue Roo in the South Burnett region. This post featured on Facebook recently (Thanks to Kathy Duff and the South Burnett Council)



Cr [Linda Little](#), Deputy Mayor [Danita Potter](#) & I met an inspirational lady yesterday named Cherie Watson who is working to start a disability theatre group in the South Burnett. Cherie has a disability and theatre has helped build her confidence so now she wants to help others.

*Cherie has the backing of a not for profit group called Blue Roo based in Brisbane where Cherie got started. Anyone who is interested in getting involved or helping can email [info@bluerootheatre.org.au](mailto:info@bluerootheatre.org.au). (Kathy Duff – Facebook)*

# What's on this Winter?



## 'A Small Day Out' Theatre Performances

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**Performances:** Friday, June 14 (Opening Night), and Saturday, June 15 (Matinee).

**Queensland Multicultural Centre**, 102 Main Street, Kangaroo Point 4169.

Tickets still available. **Secure your tickets here:** [HumanTix](https://www.humanitix.com/)

## School Tour Performances – July '24

### We're coming to you!

**Logan State Special School:** Thursday, July 11

**Narbethong State Special School (for the visually impaired):** Thursday, July 18

Stay tuned to the website and Blue Roo social media for more future school visits as arrangements are made.

## Term 2: Pathways to Performance Auditions (all welcome)

**Paddington Hall, 10 Moreton St, Paddington:** Thursday afternoon, August 1

Email us to book your place at [info@bluerootheatre.org.au](mailto:info@bluerootheatre.org.au)

**Meet new friends! Have a boogie! Get your groove on!**

## **'Move to the Groove' Skills Workshop**

**Paddington Hall, 10 Moreton St, Paddington:** Thursday, September 26

Email us to book your place at [info@bluerootheatre.org.au](mailto:info@bluerootheatre.org.au).

## **2024 Pathways to Performance Theatre Program**

### **Term 2 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 – Outreach (Kingaroy, 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)





# Unleash Your Inner Clown!

Fun! All Abilities!  
Empowering!  
Laugh-out-loud! Exciting!  
Hilarious!

**Email Us Today!**

