

Welcome to our inaugural South Burnett newsletter!



We're very excited about the South Burnett Pathways to Performance Theatre Program that we are establishing in Kingaroy, as a regional base.

The development of the program was initiated by Kingaroy local, Cherie Watson. Cherie, a passionate emerging Queensland theatre and film actor had been travelling back and forth, once a week, to participate in our Brisbane program.

She asked if we could establish an outreach program in South Burnett so people with disability interested in accessing the performing arts can have the same public performing opportunities and broad performance exposure as us 'city dwellers'.

We are beginning our journey to provide those opportunities in South Burnett. We're committed to supporting this amazing project but we need your help to make it happen and most importantly - grow until it becomes yours.

Our sincere thanks go out to those South Burnett business, community members and Brisbane Friends of Blue Roo who are helping with our mission to support people with disability in South Burnett to **Access**, **Learn** and eventually **Lead** inclusive performing arts productions and performances as their skills grow, [With thanks to our newest South Burnett Friends of Blue Roo.:](#)

- [St. John's Lutheran Church, Kingaroy Parish](#)
- [Burnett Today \(South, Central and North\)](#)
- [Simone De Hass, Blue Roo Patron, Brisbane](#)
- [Deb Frecklington, Queensland Government State Member](#)

It's an ambitious goal, but it can be done if your local communities believe it is worthwhile. We may be 'city dwellers' as Cherie calls us, but we believe that the hearts of our Queensland communities beat stronger when people with disability shine brightly on the public stage by showcasing their creative abilities.to communities.

We can change individual lives, lessen social isolation and change common misconceptions about ability, but we need your support..

People with disability in every Queensland community deserve it **ALL** (access to opportunities, learning and skills and leadership development) in the Queensland performing arts. sector.

Welcome to the Blue Roo Theatre Company's Autumn 2024 newsletter.




Blue Roo Theatre Company Inc. is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, part of the Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities, and the Arts.

Blue Roo Cycle of Changing Lives Through Public Performance



When our unique and joyful performers shine on stage, the hearts of our communities beat stronger.

What's in this edition?

		
<p>Pathways to Performance has started in Kingaroy.</p>	<p>"A Small Day Out – At the Rodeo" - our latest production. Find out more about the show.</p>	<p>Find out about our job opportunity in Kingaroy</p>
		
<p>Find out more about how you can support Blue Roo.</p>	<p>Celebrate our Team Members' milestones with us.</p>	<p>What's on at Blue Roo this Autumn? Find out here!</p>

Blue Roo South Burnett – Pathways to Performance



The Blue Roo Theatre Company has come to the South Burnett Region

Our first Pathways to Performance Program opened in Kingaroy on Thursday February 15. What a phenomenal day!!! So much fun, bravery and support. We still have spaces available – email us at info@bluerootheatre.org.au for more information.



Blue Roo Changes Lives.

“A Small Day Out at the Rodeo” – 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 new, original adventure created by Sarah Jackson and the South Burnett Blue Roo Theatre Ensemble!

"A Small Day Out at the Rodeo" follows an extraordinary day in the lives of two strangers, Jo and Lesley, when a 'quiet day' at the local rodeo transforms both their lives forever.

Kingaroy Performances: Friday, November 8 (Queensland Premiere) and Saturday, November 9

Kingaroy Town Hall, Glendon Street, Kingaroy 4610.

Save the date. See you at the show!

We're Hiring!



- Do you have substantial experience as a Theatre Director in major community productions?
- Do you enjoy teaching stagecraft, acting skills and building participant self-confidence?
- Do have a great sense of fun?
- Do you enjoy working as part of a collaborative creative team of theatre professionals, new performers and artists?
- Are you a leader that builds leadership skills and strategically empowers the team?
- Are you available on Thursdays between 12.30 pm and 3.30 pm?

If this is you, email info@bluerootheatre.org.au attaching your resume and a short, two paragraph personal statement of your commitment to the inclusive performing arts.

Job details

- This a 31-week short-term contract position, commencing immediately, with the opportunity to discuss continuing in the position in 2025
- You will work as a Co-Director with our emerging Blue Roo Co-Director, Cherie Watson. Cherie lives with disability. The Blue Roo Production Team will provide support.
- Remuneration can be up to \$75 per hour aligned with your industry skills and experience.
- Experience working people with disability is highly regarded but not essential. A commitment to a teamwork approach is essential.

We'd love to hear from you.

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 so we know where to send your ATO tax receipt.

Thanks.

How you can Support Blue Roo Theatre Company

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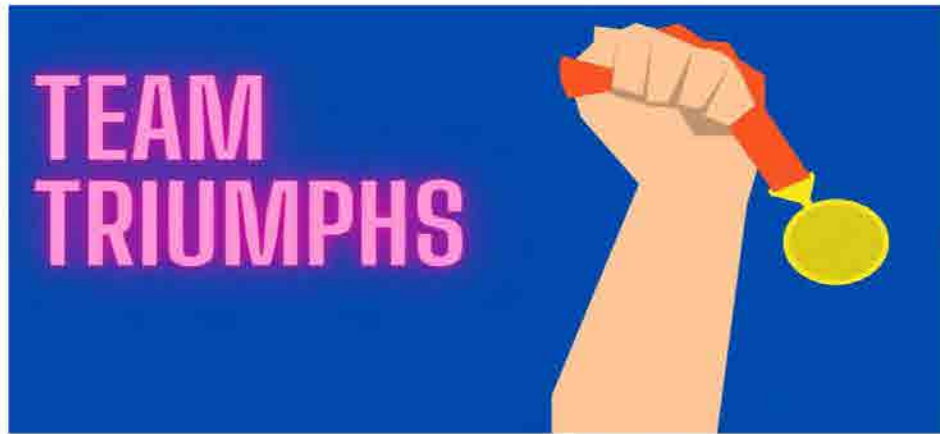
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Team Triumphs



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 15th of February. What an honour to bring Inclusive Theatre training to the South Burnett Region!



What's on this Autumn?



***NEW* 2024 Pathways to Performance – Theatre (South Burnett)**

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.
- You will have the opportunity to perform in theatres and public spaces in professional costumes, telling stories you helped to design.

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