

Four Funerals in One Day

Regional Tasmanian Tour

Monday 22nd March - 11:00 am Sorell Memorial Hall

Monday 22nd March- 6:00 pm Tasman High, Nubeena

Tuesday 23rd March - 11:00 am Sorell Memorial Hall

Tuesday 23rd March - 6:00 pm Swansea Town Hall

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Presents

‘Four Funerals in One Day’

A Health Play by Alan Hopgood, in collaboration with Molly Carlile. Starring: Alan Hopgood, Margot Knight, Jenny Seedsman and Michelle Hall



A young palliative care nurse encounters her first patient wishing to end his life. Her request for advice from her elders reveals an interesting twist.

This performance will be followed by an open audience question session with Alan & guest panel forum.

Program

- 7:30 pm Introduction**
7:40 pm Performance
8:30 pm Panel Forum
9:00 pm Farewell

An Insight to Alan Hopgood-

Hobartians attending the Playhouse Theatre, Bathurst Street in the 1940's may remember Hobart Reps' production of *"The Winslow Boy"*. Alan Hopgood, then a teenager (with obvious talent) played a key role as the Winslow Boy. It is with greatest pleasure and deep respect for his distinguished career as a playwright, actor, producer that we welcome Alan 'back home to the Playhouse' tonight. Patrons may remember "Bellbird", "Prisoner", "Neighbours" "The Carer", 'Weary Dunlop's War Diaries' 'And Big Men Fly' just to name a few contributions made by Alan in a brilliant theatrical career. In conjunction with tonight's performance Alan will facilitate an audience discussion supported by a panel forum. We sincerely thank the supporting cast: *Margot Knight, Jenny Seedsman & Michelle Hall*. Thank you Erin Prater the tireless production manager, *Playhouse Theatre*, and tonight's volunteers in bringing this event alive. 'Four Funerals in One Day' is also touring regionally(See back page for details).

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BayStreet Productions Victoria currently presents eight plays on the subjects of health & relationships assembled under the banner of Health Play. The play deals with confronting subjects such as: *palliative care, men's and women's diabetes, prostate cancer, alzheimer's, widowhood, depression and geriatric sex*. All plays are presented in a positive and life-affirming manner with a good sprinkling of comedy. These narratives provide a *much needed* open discussion of public & private concerns.

Tasmanian convening Group -

General Practice South, Kate Atkinson, DHHS Health Promotions, Jacque Maginnis, Hospice Care Ass: Southern Tasmania, Jenny Fuller, Palliative Care Service, Angela Bresnehan, & Act Your Age, Philip Crouch.

Four Funerals in One Day - Panel Forum

We are privileged to have a distinguished panel forum for this evening's production of *'Four Funerals in One Day'*. All have donated their time freely -some members are also part of the organising and convening group.

Welcome...

Dr. Paul Dunne, Is currently Visiting Medical Officer, Palliative Care Medical Specialist, DHHS Palliative Care Service. Paul commenced work as Medical Director of Whittle Ward Palliative Care Unit in 1993. Paul has been President of the Tasmanian Association of Hospice and Palliative Care and has been a long standing member of the executive committee of Palliative Care Australia. Paul has been a key figure in the development of the Palliative Care Service in Tasmania over the past years and has built close networks with primary care providers such as the Division of General Practice.

Ms. Angela Bresnehan RN, Currently the PEPA (Professional Education in the Palliative Approach) Project Officer, Palliative Care Service. In this role, Angela has been responsible for running a state-wide programme of education for health professionals, (GP's, community nurses, allied health workers, nursing home staff etc) to gain experience in palliative care. Angela has been a clinical nurse with the Community Palliative Care Service in southern Tasmania.

Fiona Jones is Specialist Palliative Care Social Worker with the Southern Palliative Care Service in Hobart. She has also worked in oncology, rural health and community social work, and has an interest in bereavement care, and the support of family carers in palliative care and a health promoting palliative care approach. She recently submitted her research thesis for a Masters of Medical Science (Rural Health) on the subject of rural volunteer home visiting health care.

Jenny Fuller is the Coordinator for Hospice Care Association of Southern Tasmania, a non-government organisation which provides volunteer support to people living with life limiting illness and their families and carers. She is responsible for the training and supervision of the volunteers who provide care in the community and hospital settings, as well as a Walking Through Grief bereavement support group.

Donations from tonight's performance will go to Hospice Care Association of Southern Tasmania to support the work of the volunteers, and the Walking Through Grief group. Thank you everyone.