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## Performance Notice

Bookings Now Open!



# Rabbit Hole



**23 to 26 April &  
30 April to 3 May  
7:30pm Weds to Sat**

A play by David Lindsay-Abaire  
Director: Garry Thomas

To book

phone (03) 355 8874 or book online at [www.elmwood-players.org.nz](http://www.elmwood-players.org.nz)  
VENUE: Elmwood Auditorium, 31 Aikmans Rd, Merivale

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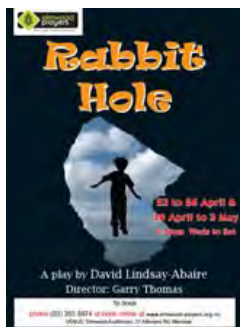


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## Prez's Corner



### From the Prez

Hi once again as Elmwood Players kicks off its 2014 – 15 year. We have a new committee on board following our February AGM. We welcome new members Samantha Creed, Sam Primrose, Peter Clark and Phil Dean, along with returning members Sarah Coursey, Susan Cameron (Treasurer), Barry Tomkinson (Secretary), Klaus Hermansphan and myself. And a big thank you to retiring committee member Carole Payton, who later this year is to become a first time mum.

### Membership

And the beginning of a new year (our year is 1 March to 28 February) means that membership fees are now due. Details are available elsewhere in this newsletter, and on-line on our web site.

### “Rabbit Hole”

Our first production for this year is the award winning adult drama, “Rabbit Hole”. The play has been described by Variety as “an intensely emotional examination of grief, laced with wit, insightfulness, compassion and searing honesty”. On-line and phone bookings are now open; do not miss this wonderful piece of theatre.

### 2014 – 15 Season

We are in the process of finalizing our three plays and directors for our upcoming season of “Toru – 3 NZ Short Plays”. It is hoped that all three productions will be entered in to the Theatre NZ Play Festival in August. And we have confirmed our October slot: Steve Millar will direct John Godber’s dramedy “Gym & Tonic”, about a middle aged couple trying to save their marriage by spending time at a Health Club. In keeping with having a set 12 month schedule, our April 2015 production has been confirmed; the Irish dramedy “The Hen Night Epiphany” by Jimmy Murphy.

### “Thick As Thieves”

Our June production is the NZ comedy, “Thick As Thieves”, directed by Phil Dean and written by Tim Hambleton. The synopsis gives you a pretty good idea of this very funny play: Two small town criminals must get their hands on some drugs. Their search takes them to the surgery of an off the wall doctor in financial difficulties. What was meant to be a simple robbery becomes a complicated affair and the crooks find themselves barricaded in the doctor’s office with a number of his wacky patients as hostages, including a simple minded farming couple who mysteriously cannot get pregnant; and an eccentric hypochondriac who develops an affection for her captors.

Auditions are set for 12 April, and details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

### Sad Passing

At the time of going to print, we mourn the passing of Prof Howard McNaughton. A kind and generous man with a big involvement in, and supporter of NZ arts and theatre. Our thoughts are with Christina and his family at this sad time. And that’s it from me, see you at “Rabbit Hole”.

Cheers Gaz.

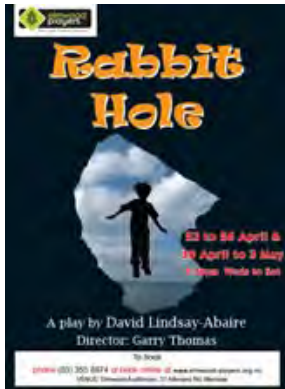
## Peek Preview “Rabbit Hole” In Rehearsal





Watch out for more  
Information...

Bookings Now  
Open!



Audition Notice



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## Confirmed Winners Of 2013- 2014 Woodie Awards

- **Actor, full length:** Steven Barker ("Well Hung")
  - **Actress, full length:** Karyn Gibson ("Cosi")
  - **Supporting actor, male, full length:** Steve Millar ("Cosi")
  - **Supporting actress, female, full length:** Libby Wilson ("Cos")
  - **Production, full length:** Cosi
  - **Director, full length:** Garry Thomas ("Cosi")
  - **Production, short play:** TIE "One Seasons King" (Doug Clarke)/"The New Quixote" (Sarah Coursey)
  - **Director, short play:** Sarah Coursey ("The New Quixote")
  - **Actor, short play:** Sam Primrose ("The New Quixote")
  - **Actress, short play:** Kat Bailey ("The New Quixote")
  - **New comer to Elmwood Players:** Sam McKinnon ("\*hark")
- .... and sincere thanks and acknowledgement to all who were involved with Elmwood Players throughout our 2013-14 year.

## AUDITIONS - Saturday 12 April

(By Appointment)

### "THICK AS THIEVES"

By Tim Hambleton

Dir: Phil Dean

Contact Phil on 027 5398111 for further information and/or audition time.

On stage: June 2014

#### Synopsis

Two small town criminals must get their hands on some drugs. Their search takes them to the surgery of an off the wall doctor in financial difficulties.

What was meant to be a simple robbery becomes a complicated affair and the crooks find themselves barricaded in the doctor's office with a number of his wacky patients as hostages, including a simple minded farming couple who mysteriously cannot get pregnant; and an eccentric hypochondriac who develops an affection for her captors.

#### Cast details

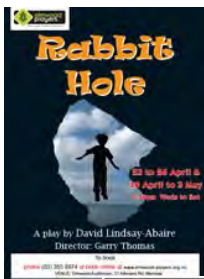
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| <b>DR MARCUS ROBINSON (M)</b> | Doctor. 40 +. A little off the wall. Irreverent. Cunning. Direct.                    |
| <b>FRANK HEWITT (M)</b>       | A patient. Nervous little man. Bank Manager. 50s. Little personality.                |
| <b>DYLAN (M)</b>              | Small time crook. 30s. Tall. Thin. Shaven.   |
| <b>DWAYNE (M)</b>             | Small time crook. 30s. Short. Over weight. Scruffy.                                  |
| <b>LISA (F)</b>               | Doctor's receptionist. Late 20s early 30s. Attractive. Intelligent.                  |
| <b>MRS VAN ROONEY (F)</b>     | A patient. 50+. Crabby old lady. Hypochondriac. Bolshy.                              |
| <b>GERALD SCRIMEGOUR (M)</b>  | Insurance agent. Late 30s. Talks quite slowly and deliberately.                      |
| <b>RUSS WHITTAKER (M)</b>     | A patient. Farmer. Simple. 30s. Speaks in a slow monotone. Religious.                |
| <b>SHARON WHITTAKER (F)</b>   | A patient. 30s. Wife of Russ. Slightly more intelligent than Russ. Highly religious. |



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## Quick Look Programme 2014—2015



# Elmwood Players 2014—2015



## 2014 - 2015 Membership Subscriptions

2014 membership is now due (Membership runs 1 March 2014 to 28 February 2015). Forms are available from our website, and can be completed on line or by post (a pdf file can be downloaded from this link).

[http://elmwood-players.org.nz/Membership\\_Form\\_2014.pdf](http://elmwood-players.org.nz/Membership_Form_2014.pdf)

And don't forget the Opening Night 2-for-1 Deal (One click on your card gains two free tickets on opening night). On joining Elmwood Players, you become a member of Christchurch's friendliest amateur theatre society. Membership is required for participation in a production. There are three membership options available.

**Production:** \$15 Includes 1 comp, limited to the duration of the Production.

**Individual:** \$40 Includes 3 comps and regular newsletter.

**Family:** \$50 Includes 4 comps and regular newsletter.

1. To renew/request membership, go to the website <http://www.elmwood-players.org.nz/join.html>
2. Fill in your details, select a membership type and click the submit button – don't forget to arrange online payment at the same time.
3. Deposit appropriate amount into the Elmwood Players bank account (National Bank A/c # 06-0805-0007090-00), with your name as a reference.

## “Rabbit Hole”

by David Lindsay-Abaire

Dir: Garry Thomas

23 to 26 April and 30 April to 3 May 2014

## “Thick As Thieves”

By Tim Hambleton

Dir: Phil Dean

11 to 14 and 18 to 21 June 2014

## "Toru - 3 NZ Short Plays"

Plays: TBC

Directors: Sarah Coursey, Susan Cameron & one other

5 to 9 August 2014

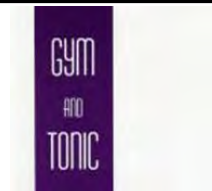
## “Gym & Tonic”

By John Godber

Dir: Steve Millar

1 to 4 and 8 – 11 October

Don and Shirley Weston have come to the Scardale Hall Health Hydro to relax, pamper themselves and just possibly rescue their ailing marriage.



## “The Three Billy Goats Gruff”

Adapted and directed by: Jayde Braxton

Elmwood Players annual Children's Theatre returns with this re-telling of this classic tale.

January 2015

## “The Hen Night Epiphany”

By Jimmy Murphy Dir: Garry Thomas

Una is keeping a secret that, if revealed, will destroy all hopes of her dream wedding and living happily ever after with the love of her life.

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