

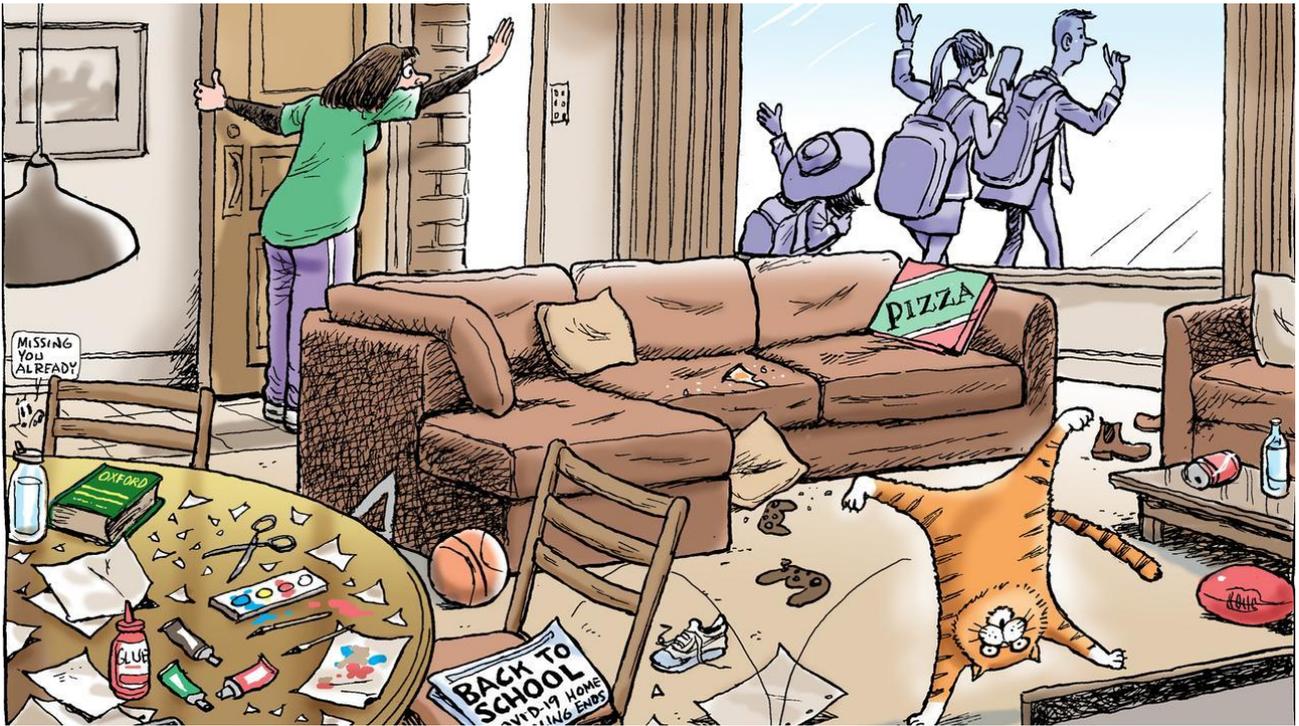


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Well, 2020 is going to be a year to remember. Not for all the wonderful theatre shows we have produced but for the longest time the Marloo Theatre has been dark. No shows, audience, lights, laughter or action. But we will come through this stronger together and be back bigger and better. We have taken this time to catch up on all those jobs that you never get to so all will be ready when the word is passed down that it is safe to socialize. We are still planning on bringing you a show at the end of the year so stay tuned for more information.

The Production team would like to hear from any Director who would like to be considered for our 2021 seasons. So please get your scripts to us through our website marlootheatre.com.au

In the meantime, please stay safe and know that we are missing you as much and I am sure you are missing a night at the theatre, but we will meet again in the not too distant future.

Amanda Minutillo, Production Manager

RE MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

Please could you pay your memberships for 2020 on

<http://www.trybooking.com/EMPP>

and this will also be valid for all of 2021.

Any travel plans this year?

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Ray Foster

1930-2020

Members will be saddened to hear that Ray Foster died in hospital, losing against cancer, on the 1st May 2020. He had been living in Como near his daughter Jackie for the last couple of years, after being in Boya and Darlington since the early 1970s.

A Pommie builder, Ray Foster arrived at DTP in 1976, answering a call for backstage helpers for the production of *Billy Liar*. Over the succeeding 20 years, Ray helped reorganise a collection of theatrical wannabees into the basis of one of Perth's premier community theatre groups. Not really interested in being 'on stage', Ray used his building knowledge and skills to become a designer/constructor of stunning sets, and his artistic bent to creating wonderful lighting and sound effects for many productions.

Elected as club President in 1983, Ray was responsible for the move to Marloo, from the Darlington Hall, when problems arose with season bookings. He saw the potential (with Andrew Warwick) of the disused, old Greenmount Primary School, as a theatre. Ray was appointed builder for the 2 main projects that have given us our Marloo Theatre: in 1987 the auditorium (with Kingsley Sinclair as President), then 1991 the dressing rooms, 'hangar' (and seating) with Phil Harris as President.

Ray was on the DTP Executive Committee almost continuously from 1977 to 1993, mostly as Building or Technical Manager, but including 3 years as President and 1 year as Vice-president. He was made an Honorary Life Member in 1990 for his services to the DTP.

When smoking bans were introduced, Ray gradually withdrew from active participation, as he refused to give up his pipe. He continued to be involved with set and props construction right through to *Romeo and Juliet* in 2007; he also built the box seating in the foyer and was a valued advisor to the 'Building Committee' until quite recently.

The attached pic, believed to be by John Bath, was in the Feb 1994 Newsletter, showing Ray and me, when I was first nominated as Building Manager; I had lots of hair then.

Michael Hart





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AND STAFF

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FROM THE COMMITTEE:
STAY SAFE EVERYONE AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON.