



**QUEANBEYAN
PLAYERS**

PRESENT

**THE
MURDER
ROOM**

*A mystery farce
by Jack Sharkey*

**NOVEMBER
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THE MURDER ROOM

By Jack Sharkey

Directed by George Fowlie

THE CAST (in order of appearance):

EDGAR HOLLISTER, a member of the landed gentry John Williams
MAVIS TEMPLETON HOLLISTER, his very recent bride Barbie Robinson
MRS. LOTTIE MOLLOY, their housekeeper Rosemary McCubbin
JAMES CRANDAL, an inspector of police Richard Scherer
ABEL HOWARD, a police constable Roger Coombs
SUSAN HOLLISTER, Edgar's daughter Carolyne Gorrie
BARRY DRAPER, Susan's American fiance John McGlynn

The action takes place in the present day at Bynewood Cottage, on a small estate just a few miles from Harrogate, a medium sized town in the north of England:

ACT ONE

Scene one: about 9 p.m. on a Friday night.
Scene two: about 10 a.m. the following morning.
Scene three: Sunday, just before noon.

ACT TWO

Scene one: about 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon.
Scene two: early Sunday evening.
Scene three: shortly before midnight that night.

JACK SHARKEY was an established writer of science fiction and mystery novels when his first play, "Here Lies Jeremy Troy," was produced on Broadway. He now has 25 plays and musicals to his credit, including "The Murder Room" which dates from 1977. He lives in California with his wife and children.

GEORGE FOWLIE'S home city is Brantford Ontario, Canada. He has been spending 1979 exchange teaching at Queanbeyan High School, where he directed "The Spiders Web" earlier in the year. George is an active member of the Brantford Drama League, and Queanbeyan Players were happy to accept his offer to direct "The Murder Room" for us during his stay in Australia.

"The Murder Room" is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc.

JOHN WILLIAMS' name has always been pseudonymous with the best in amateur drama from the time of his first performances with the Dapto Little Theatre. This, however, is his first appearance with Queanbeyan Players.

BARBIE ROBINSON has been a member of Queanbeyan Players for three years. Her last appearances were in "H.M.S. Pinafore," and "Trial By Jury."

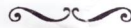
ROSEMARY McCUBBIN has been involved with all of the Players' musical productions, either in chorus or as musical director. This is her first dramatic role since she played Madame Arcati in "Blythe Spirit" with the Nyngan Dramatic Society.

RICHARD SCHERER joins the Queanbeyan Players with memories of the Melbourne Gang Show and school and college plays and revues, where he claims once to have lost his lines on stage — while reading from a script!

ROGER COOMBS played Major-General Stanley in "The Pirates of Penzance," Queanbeyan Players' inaugural production, and has since appeared with the Players in "The Gondoliers" as the Duke of Plaza Toro, "See How They Run" as the bumbling Reverend Toop, and in "The Wild Colonial Boys."

CAROLYNE GORRIE teaches drama in Canberra, and is another welcome new face in the Queanbeyan Players.

JOHN McGLYNN has appeared in all the Queanbeyan Players' productions since "The Pirates of Penzance," and earlier this year acted in the Canberra Theatrum Classicum production of "Menaechmi."



CREDITS:

Business Manager	Bobbie Robinson
Lighting	Greg Toone
Make-up	Jackie McLoughlin
Producer	Richard Kent
Programme	Peter Dark
Properties	Moya Ewin
Publicity	Peter Dark
Set Construction	Mick Swain
Set Design	George Fowle
Stage Manager	Richard Kent
Wardrobe	Norma Roach, Barbie Robinson

Thanks also to the ladies and gentlemen front of house.



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The Queanbeyan Players would like to thank The Queanbeyan Age for its support, and in particular the Uniting Church in Queanbeyan, without whose help and co-operation this show could not have gone on!

*We offer our audience an interval filler,
A spare five minutes loose end killer.
How well do you know your mystery thriller?*

1. Which sleuth owes life to Dorothy Sayers?
2. And which to Ngaio Marsh?
3. And who took refuge in his orchids
When crime became too harsh?
4. And who was known to friends as Handsome,
5. And who liked knitting booties?
6. Who always used his little grey cells
Upon detective duties?
7. And who assisted Sherlock Holmes,
8. And who helped Perry Mason?
9. And what did Albert Campion drive
When fell deeds bade him hasten?
10. And who was Michael Innes when
He wasn't writing books?
11. And how was Gervase Fen employed
When he wasn't chasing crooks?
12. And Agatha, before the end,
Said in a title true
What it is that Elephants Can,
And so, we hope, can you!

1. Lord Peter Wimsey. 2. Roderick Alleyn. 3. Nero Wolfe (Rex Stout). 4. Inspector West (John Creasey). 5. Miss Silver (Patricia Wentworth). 6. Hercule Poirot (Agatha Christie). 7. Dr. Watson. 8. Della Street. 9. A Lagonda. 10. J. I. M. Stewart. 11. Professor of English Language and Literature at Oxford University (Edmund Crispin). 12. Remember ("Elephants Can Remember," by Agatha Christie).

ANSWERS:

1980 PRODUCTIONS:

Queanbeyan Players' first show for 1980 will be the popular Lerner and Loewe romantic musical "Brigadoon," produced by Lois Adamson — many theatre-goers will remember her very successful production of "My Fair Lady" for Canberra Philharmonic Society earlier this year.

Auditions will be advertised, and we invite all those who are interested in amateur theatre and who would like to work with Queanbeyan Players to attend. Please fill out the enclosed slip if you would like to be advised of audition dates once these are decided.

THE QUEANBEYAN PLAYERS

The Queanbeyan Players was formed in 1974 under the auspices of the Queanbeyan Branch of the Arts Council of N.S.W. The group has since presented "Pirates of Penzance," "The Gondoliers," "H.M.S. Pinafore," "Trials and Tribulations," "Salad Days," "Rud-digore," and the farce "See How They Run," as well as items for the City Festival, Local Government Conference, and musical evenings. If you are interested in musical and/or drama productions and are prepared to assist in any way, by singing, dancing, acting, making costumes, set construction, or make-up, we would like to hear from you. People wishing to join the Players are asked to contact Dr. Trevor Roach or Mrs. Norma Roach on 97-1108.