

The 28th Norfolk Island Theatre Festival

5th July - 11th July 2026

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this year's Theatre Festival.

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"Theatre in Paradise"

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Theatre in Paradise

The 27th NORFOLK ISLAND THEATRE FESTIVAL

Ferny Lane Theatre
9th & 10th July 2025



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A WELCOME FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to beautiful Norfolk Island. We are delighted to welcome you all to help us celebrate our 27th Festival of Theatre in Paradise.

To those of you who are competing for the first time we trust that you will enjoy your time on this beautiful island and that you will take home memories to share. Many of you are old friends. It is a great pleasure to see you again.

We would like to extend a special welcome to our Adjudicator Aaron Evans from Queensland.

We are extremely grateful to our generous sponsors, both on and off the island. Without their assistance we would not be able to run this Festival. Thank you to the hardworking NATS Committee and to all the volunteers who help in so many ways.

We hope you will all enjoy this special Festival. We wish everyone a fabulous week of theatre, fun and friendship in our lovely island home.

Monica Anderson
President

THE CREW...

Organiser : Monica Anderson

Stage Manager : Dinty Wilson

Stage Crew: Michelle Green

Lighting & Sound Technician: Russell Jensen

Adjudicator's Assistant: Janet Ware

Master of Ceremonies : Rebekah Gupte

Workshops Co-ordinator: Sally Rashbrooke

Front of House : Rose Evans, Trish Natoli, Yvonne Nobbs
Sally Rashbrooke, Siebren de Boer

Box Office : Rose Evans, Trish Natoli, Yvonne Nobbs

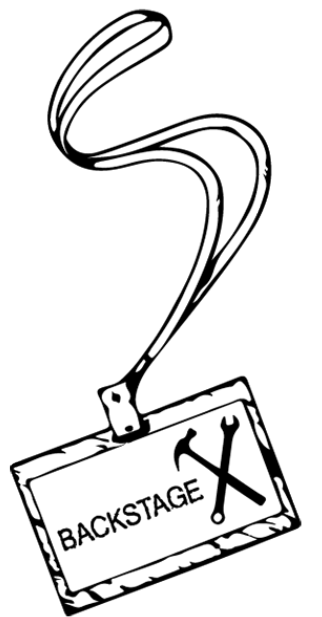
Publicity: Rose Evans & helpers

Gift Bag Co-ordinators: Yvonne Nobbs & Ken Christian

Official Photographer: Peter Hughson

Bar: Monica Anderson & helpers

Parking Attendant: Ryan Buffett-Cooper



NATS is very grateful to all those who have lent props and costumes, helped with publicity, back stage, front of house and done the many jobs that make the Festival a success.

Thursday 10th July 2025

**Front Row Theatre
Australia**

Presents

“Chook Chook”

By Fiona Farrell

Chook Chook is set in a Battery Farm - Block 4320A. It is the home to the optimistic Valmai, the romantic Chrissy, and the level-headed Georgia. All living safe and secure under the rays of the continuous Sun. But, with the arrival of Bron, their serenity is shattered.

In 2001 Julie, Gabrielle and Jane brought their production of Chook Chook to the Norfolk Festival. In 2025, along with Bernadette, a seasoned Festival performer herself, they have returned for this, their 24th Anniversary treat.

Director: Dale Murison

By arrangement with Playmarket New Zealand

Valmai	Julie Bray
Chrissy	Jane Thorpe
Georgia	Gabrielle Smith
Bron	Bernadette Smith

Conditions of Entry

- The Festival is open to groups of amateur players.
- Each group is to perform a one-act play or an excerpt from a full-length play.
- Duration to be between 20 and 45 minutes.
- There must be a minimum of two speaking parts.

Adjudicator

Aaron Evans
from Queensland

Aaron is an award-winning writer, actor, producer, director and teacher.
There will be a short adjudication on stage and a private adjudication for each entry in the green room following each performance.
The Adjudicator's decision is final.

Thanks go to our sponsors for our adjudicator:
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Lighting & Sound Technician

Russell Jensen
from Queensland

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Competitors

- Front Row Theatre, Australia
- Abby & Layla, Norfolk Island
- In Faith We Act, Norfolk Island
- Norfolk Amateur Theatrical Society (NATS), Norfolk Island (2 entries)

Awards

Announcement of Winners and Presentation Dinner
Friday, 11th July at Governors Lodge Hotel.

AWARDS...

BEST PRODUCTION



**Trans-Tasman Trophy
Plus \$2,000 prize**

generously donated by
Ms Agnes Hain & The Bounty Centre
Norfolk Island

Plus Free entry to our 28th Theatre Festival in 2026

Thursday 10th July 2025

**In Faith We Act
Norfolk Island**

Presents

“Women @ the Cross”

By Newtown Erskineville Anglican College

*Five women tell the stories of their life and their relationship with
Jesus as they follow him through his journey to the cross.*

Director: Louci Reynolds

By arrangement with Newtown Erskineville Anglican College

Narrator	Laurie Carleton
Alabaster Jar Woman	Robyn Knox
Wife of Pilate	Beverley Buffett
Mary, Mother of Jesus	Louci Reynolds
Joanna	Amy Saunders
Mary Magdalene	Dianne Summerscales

Wednesday 9th July 2025

Norfolk Amateur Theatrical Society (NATS)
Norfolk Island

Presents

“Not My Cup of Tea”

By A.F. Groff

A domineering old maid persuades her silly spinster sister to join her in a plot to murder their mother, and what a time they have doing it! But Mother has her own plans! ...

Director: Siebren de Boer

Support Crew: Rebekah Gupte & Olivia Bates

By arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service

Emmie	Cherie Nobbs
Jessica	Trish Natoli
Mother	Monica Anderson

Runner up to Best Production

- ◆ \$500 donated by Reckitt Benckiser
- ◆ plus trophy

Best Male Actor

- ◆ \$250 donated by Pinetree Tours
- ◆ plus trophy

Best Female Actor

- ◆ \$250 donated by Baunti Tours
- ◆ plus trophy

Best Director

- ◆ \$250 donated by Fonterra /Mainland Cheeses
- ◆ plus trophy

Runner Up to Best Male Actor

- ◆ \$150 donated by NIO Insurance

Runner Up to Best Female Actor

- ◆ \$150 donated by NIO Insurance

Best Original Script

- ◆ \$250 donated by Wave Hospitality NI Travel Centre

Ed Bone Award for Comedic Performance

- ◆ \$100 donated by Front Row Theatre

Ian Anderson Award for Pure Enjoyment

- ◆ \$100 donated by NATS

Other prizes will be awarded
at the discretion of the adjudicator, Aaron Evans.



Norfolk Amateur Theatrical Society
Norfolk Island

Presents

“Escape-ism”

An Original Script By Rose Evans

Escape-ism explores the internal and external struggles of individuals confronting various forms of systemic prejudice and oppression ("isms"). Through their stories, the characters reveal the pain, isolation, and strength required to navigate a world that diminishes their humanity.

Director: Rose Evans

By arrangement with Rose Evans

Harry	Brooke Watson
Sarah	Megan Evans
Elinor	Monet Plant
Christopher	Steven Baker
Bulou	Seni Vasu Marau
Crystal	Zoie Bruce
Pete	Hadyn Evans
Francesca	Trish Natoli

Abby & Layla
Norfolk Island

Presents

“Before the Spotlight”

An Original Script By Abby Dixon & Layla Dixon

Two people are backstage anticipating their 'big performance'. The process of getting ready and getting over nerves is extensive, dramatic and comedic until finally the play closes with the musical number.

Directors: Abby Dixon & Layla Dixon

By arrangement with Abby Dixon

Abby	Abby Dixon
Layla	Layla Dixon
Velvet	Vanessa Peterson