

Peridot has a Dramatic History

Peridot Theatre Company is a non-professional company operating in Mount Waverley. We perform an annual season of four full-length plays and various one-act plays including drama, comedy, farce and lots more. The Company is based at the Unicorn Theatre, Mt Waverley, a comfortable and intimate theatre that accommodates just over 200 people.

Peridot Theatre's first production was in August 1985. The name "Peridot" comes from the precious green gemstone, which is one of the birthstones for the month of August. The first Peridot production, *Moving* by Stanley Price, was performed at the Monash High School Theatre in Clayton. The venue, however, proved to be unsuitable for a variety of reasons, and in November 1986 Peridot moved to its current home at the Unicorn Theatre.

Members provide a welcoming atmosphere before and after the shows and assist with building sets, making costumes and providing support in many other ways. Volunteers and new members are always welcome!

Peridot has established itself as one of the leading non-professional theatre companies in Melbourne, and is proud of the quality of its productions. We are a subscriber-

based company with a loyal membership (Friends of Peridot) and are able to put in excess of 10,000 "bums on seats" every year. In addition to good facilities, refreshments and high-quality theatre, our members also receive a monthly newsletter titled *Gems*.

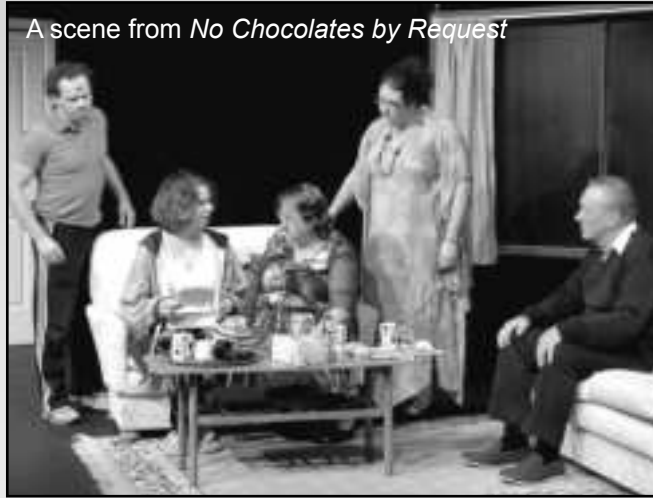
Each of the four productions each year has a season of 13 performances, with the addition of a Charity Preview (the night before the official opening),

where the performance is given to a local benevolent group as a fundraiser.

Over the years a One-act Play Season and a One-act Play Festival have been added to the season and we are looking to the future by offering acting and technical workshops where interested people who have no experience can learn skills that are needed to become involved.

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A scene from *No Chocolates by Request*



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