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## GRACE BROS STORE READY TO OPEN

With just a week 'til the opening of the Launceston branch of Grace Bros, the cast and production team are working very hard to ensure that everything is ready for opening night!

Now, while most people are familiar with the in-store antics, what happens when this well-known cast of characters are let loose in Spain at a 1-Star Hotel? Read on...



Grace Brothers' requires renovation so Young Mr Grace (David Barratt) sends the entire staff of the Second Floor on a 2-week holiday to Costa Plonka in Spain. Whilst there, they find themselves in the middle of a revolution, and among the essential holiday larks.

When Captain Peacock (Jeff Hockley) announces that Mrs Peacock won't be joining them on their holiday, Mrs Slocombe (Patsy Marshall) sees an opportunity to seduce him. She is as oblivious as ever to the fact that Captain Peacock has his eye – or rather both eyes – on Miss Brahms (Charlie Cashion), the attractive junior member of the ladies department.

The staff are horrified to find that the toilet only has a lock on the outside, and that the local custom is to sing a song while you are using it to let others know of its occupation. This causes a problem for Mr Grainger (Dennis Mann), who after a local meal states, "Many more dinners like that, and I shall have to learn a longer song!"

Dinnertime proves to be very eventful, as some of the staff take the opportunity to pass naughty notes to each other around the table. Needless to say few of the notes reach their intended recipients, and chaos ensues when Mrs Slocombe receives a note, presuming it to be from Captain Peacock, when really it was from Mr Lucas (Matthew Garwood) to Miss Brahms.

Mr Humphries (Nic Tolputt) has to deal with the advances of Conchita (Courtnee Johnston), much to the disgust of the owner of the hotel, Don Bernardo (Daniel Priest). She frequents Mr Humphries' tent at night, with the hopes that he will "make her happy".

And to top it all, fully armed civil unrest led by Cesar Rodriguez (Tom Richards) forces the team to remain inside the hotel, for fear of being involved any more than necessary.

BOOKING DETAILS ON THE BACK PAGE

**TICKETS  
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Season almost  
65% SOLD!**

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# Back to the 80's!

Launceston College's 2010 production is high energy and high in fun! Don't miss your chance to relive the 80's in all its glorious colour and daggy-ness this week at the Princess Theatre. TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

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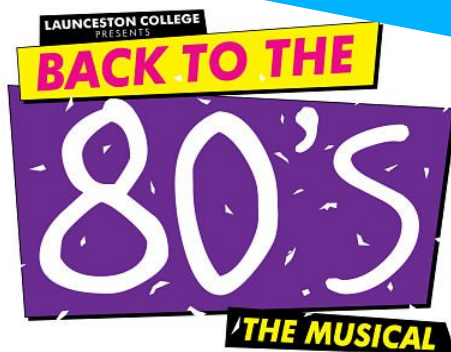
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## Win Gray Benefit Performance

If there is just one ticket you should buy this year, then this is it!

Without doubt, almost every local theatre company has benefitted from the skills and volunteer time that Win & Alan Gray have invested in countless productions, whether it be Win assembling the costumes or Alan building and bumping in their sets.

The Grays now face the biggest challenge of their lives together with Win currently in Melbourne receiving extensive treatment for a rare and very serious illness. To assist them in meeting those challenges Encore are pleased to announce a benefit performance of Are You Being Served.

Theatre North have generously waived the Earl Arts Centre theatre hire charges for the evening, and Michael Ferguson MP has generously offered to sponsor the show royalty fee, so the entire proceeds from the ticket sales will be donated to the Grays. Tickets available direct from Encore Theatre Company.

SO PLEASE GATHER YOUR FRIENDS TOGETHER & SUPPORT THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT YOU IN LOCAL COMMUNITY THEATRE. SEE YOU THERE!

All tickets are \$35 and include a complimentary drink.

WHEN:	Tuesday 6 July @ 8pm	WHERE:	Earl Arts Centre
TICKETS:	Direct from Encore Theatre Company	CALL:	0433 999 248
EMAIL:	encoretheatre@hotmail.com		
OR DROP IN:	Wendy's Thistle Stop Kiosk, South Launceston		
	Open Mon - Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm		36 Thistle Street West (opp Warehouse One at Coats Patons)

DID YOU KNOW? Win's surgery resulted in her needing 52 staples (not stitches – staples are stronger!)



Picture: Win & Alan Gray are getting lots of calls of support coming in from Launceston

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## Encore Superstars

Each month Encore highlights the valuable efforts of a member of their dedicated team of volunteers. And let's face it, without volunteers Encore simply would not exist!

So, is there someone on the Encore team that you think should be named as an Encore Superstar?

The Committee welcomes your suggestions, and asks you email them to [encoretheatre@hotmail.com](mailto:encoretheatre@hotmail.com)

## Pre-Show Dinners!

Ok, so the show tickets are booked and you'd like to make a night of it... but where to go to eat?

The team at the Metz Café Bar headed up by Tyler & Adam can make sure you're in and out of the door well in time to make curtain-up!

With a enticing menu and excellent wine list, there's plenty to choose from... and don't forget to check out the Daily Specials board!

Just make sure you let the team know when booking what time your theatre show starts, and leave the rest up to them.

RESERVE A PRE-SHOW TABLE NOW 6331 7277

PS And don't forget there's always coffee & cake to be enjoyed well into the evening, too!



## Reserve your 'Serve'!

Seems like everyone wants to pay a visit to Grace Bros Department Store this July because tickets are selling VERY FAST!

Have you secured your reserved Earl Arts Centre seats yet?

3 easy ways to book:

ONLINE: [www.theatrenorth.com.au](http://www.theatrenorth.com.au)  
PHONE: 6323 3666  
IN PERSON: Princess Theatre Box Office

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## WHAT'S ON in TASSIE?

Buy Locally & support your own theatre companies!

23-27 June Back to the 80's presented by  
Launceston College at the Princess Theatre

2-10 July Are You Being Served presented by  
Encore Theatre Company at the Earl Arts Centre

3 July Celtic Force presented by St Andrews  
Caledonian Pipe Band at the Princess Theatre

21-24 July The Producers presented by Launceston  
Musical Society at the Princess Theatre

21-24 July Dentures in D- Flat presented by Centr  
Stage at the Annexe Theatre