

## "Captain Cain" written and directed by Carol Angland.

Captain Cain, whose statue sits outside the Landing Services building, is fondly known as 'the father of Timaru'. Extensive research over the last 20 years has enabled Carol Angland to dramatise the early years of European settlement in South Canterbury, the beginnings of the local council and the founding of the port. The play vividly presents the early development of the town with its intriguing social life and the entanglement of Timaru's prominent citizens in the 'Timaru poisonings' murder case which scanalised the nation.Corruption, greed, poison by antimony and exhumations make for a compelling story

Thirty-one actors, aged from eight to over eighty, have enbraced the history and the challenge of portraying many different characters. Joe Smith, playing Captain Cain the peppery old 'sea dog', narrates his story with wry humour and barely concealed emotions.