

# Don't let the curtain fall on the Kids' Club



## Save the New Theatre

### PERFORMING ARTS

Marie Sansom

IT'S something that musician Wayne Richmond can't even bear to contemplate: Newtown's New Theatre closing.

The theatre is faced with a \$140,000 bill for compulsory building works and half is needed by March.

Mr Richmond is part of a group called Loosely Woven, whose members contribute to the theatre's Saturday Kids' Club.

"It's hard to imagine a worse thing than the New Theatre closing. It just can't happen," Mr Richmond said. "It's just the most awful, awful thing."

He said the performances were great fun for children. "It's just really important for kids to have exposure to



Children up on stage doing sound effects for a radio play during Saturday Kids' Club at the New Theatre.

intimate live theatre and be actually involved."

He said it was the only amateur theatre company he knew that owned its own building and had so many dedicated volunteers.

"People put in extraordinary amounts of energy because they really believe in what it's trying to do."

Jodine Muir, who runs the Saturday Kids' Club, said children were treated to

magic, songs, music and stories, and many got up on stage.

"It's seeing real people, which is far more exciting than anything you could see on the TV," Ms Muir said.

"It stimulates the imagination to run wild."

The next Saturday Kids' Club is on May 3.

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