

THE *Artful* DODGER

November 2015

1.n.roystering young pickpocket from Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*. 2.n. printed handbill full of tidings from the WMI&AA with a closing date for contributions of 25th of each month to Ken Virtue on 0411238377 or kenjvirtue@gmail.com



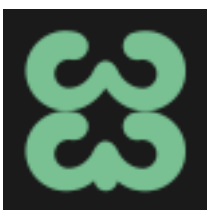
Myanmar Meanderings

Our Warrantdyte Theatre Company President, Adrian Rice, is pictured here on one of his recent hosted Myanmar tours.

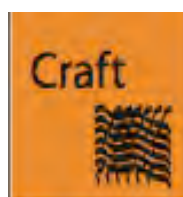
With him are former Warrantdytians, Brian Laurence and partner, Andre.

Yes, that is The Diary they are reading.

**Our newest Life Members are Jack Stringer and Noelle Burgess.
See their citations on pages 4 & 5**



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MECHANICS INSTITUTE AND
ARTS ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED



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We have had a busy month celebrating three birthdays.

Thanks to everyone who dressed up in old school uniforms and wore pigtailed at the "Back to school Luncheon". It was great fun.

Bon Voyage to Janita and Denys who are off overseas, Janita to Antartica and Denys to Europe. Come back safely.

Contact: Marjorie Beecham 9844 3206



No further news about reinvigoration of our Painting Group. Any interested members should contact WMI&AA President David Tynan on 9844 5727.

Join us for an unforgettable dance experience led by The Australian Ballet's Dance Education Ensemble with a range of free activities.

PLAZA PARK PROJECT

THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET presents

OUT THERE @ THE PLAZA PARK

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER
10:00am – 1:00pm

MC Square Plaza 687 Doncaster Road Doncaster

FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES

MOVEMENT WORKSHOPS

- Learn dance exercises with dancers from The Australian Ballet
- Enjoy individual and co-operative learning
- Workshops at 10:00am (5-8 years) and 10.45am (8 years +)

Limited places, bookings essential.

For more information and workshop bookings, please visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/plazapark or call 9840 9246

'TALKING DOING DANCERS' PRESENTATION

- See Australian Ballet's Education Ensemble in action
- Find out about beautiful Australian Ballet costumes
- Expand your knowledge of dance

Presentation at 12noon, no bookings required.

BALLET ARTS PLAY

- Have your face painted with striking ballet inspired designs
- Make your own ballet costumes, tutus, fox tails, crowns
- Help build and decorate a creative ballet stage

Arts Play from 10:00am to 1:00pm, no bookings required.



Life membership for Jack Stringer

The Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association takes pleasure in formally acknowledging Jack Stringer for his long and dedicated contribution to the life of the Association.

Jack's welcome arrival in Warrandyte brought a new level of professionalism to our amateur productions. With his prodigious talents as a performer and teacher of music, Jack transformed the musical side of the Festival Follies. He wrote songs and sketches, accompanied brilliantly and as Musical Director coaxed high quality performances from the cast while maintaining the spirit of fun and inclusiveness that is such a valued part of the Follies experience. Jack raised the Follies bar, and has been a major contributor to the show's continued growth and success.

Onstage, Jack performed with flair and passion in numerous productions, demonstrating an engaging stage presence and a liking for dressing up. Offstage he designed and operated the lighting for numerous plays.

Away from the spotlight, Jack has contributed just as enthusiastically in various roles on the Central Committee.

After a long and supportive term as Vice President, Jack took over as President in 2013, providing steady and genial leadership throughout. He was our Public Officer, membership officer, archivist, and tireless supporter of all the groups. He has spent countless hours at the Hall arranging maintenance, doing odd jobs, helping set up art and pottery shows, setting lights and helping wherever and whenever asked.

In recognition of Jack's distinguished contribution over so many years, we are delighted to confer Life Membership of the Association and thank him for everything he has done.

Life Membership for Noelle Burgess

Noelle Burgess has been an important member of WMI&AA for some forty five years, contributing enormously in many, largely unseen ways. In addition to having many artistic skills, she has been assistant secretary for at least the last ten years, clearing and distributing the mail for committee members. For many years she has handled the hard copy version of the association's newsletter with the tedious tasks of folding, labelling and posting.

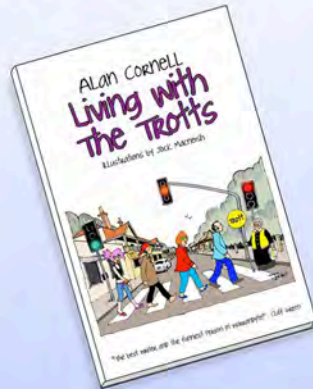
In the 70s and 80s she, together with Anthony, hosted many committee meetings (of both WMI and WAA before amalgamation) and several music nights at her home, always providing sumptuous suppers. Together with Marjorie Beecham, she helped decorate the hall with great artistic flair for many Arts Balls and events such as music productions.

Since the memorial garden was constructed in 2001, she has regularly helped maintain it and she contributed a huge amount of time and expertise towards the construction of the sculpture in the garden to mark the association's 50th anniversary.

She has always been willing to assist at working bees at the hall, including those for specific tasks such as making new tablecloths.

Her cross-group support for the association has been exemplary. For this outstanding support, she is thoroughly deserving of Life Membership of the Association.

INVITATION TO THE LAUNCH OF LIVING WITH THE TROTTS



WARRANTYTE LIBRARY
WARRANTYTE COMMUNITY CENTRE
168 YARRA ST. 6:00 TO 7:30PM
WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2015

MEET ALAN AND JOCK WHO WILL SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE TROTT FAMILY
AND TRY TO EXPLAIN WHY THE BOOK SHOULD FIND A HOME IN EVERY HOUSE
IN WARRANTYTE. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE NEEDY.



**Who's a naughty
girl then?**

**Marjorie
Beecham, sent to
the Principal's
office, during the
Potters recent
dress-up event.**

NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA!

"Dance like no one is watching"

Every Wednesday 7-8 pm in the Hall – Entry \$5



We are now just 3 weeks from the opening of the spring/summer production of “*The God of Carnage*” by Yasmina Reza.

Reza is a Franco Iranian and writes in French. You’ll be pleased to read that we are performing the translated version. That in itself has been tricky. Geographical references have been altered as it would seem nonsense to refer to locations in Paris but could we do that and not make it seem clumsily parochial? You’ll have to judge for yourselves.

Reza’s work has been finely analysed. Her work is reviewed here, if you’re interested:

<http://www.theguardian.com/stage/2012/jan/22/yasmina-reza-interview-carnage-polanski>

In the play... a “comedy of manners” and the only one that she has “allowed” to be made into a film, themes of savagery, civilisation, personal responsibility, parenting and global relations arise as the four characters, two sets of parents commence the action with a veneer of respectable negotiation attempting to resolve the conflict that resulted in one couple’s son knocking out two teeth of his playmate, aka the son of the other couple. As their veneers peel away the characters appear much less civilised and capable of compromise than we first think.

So ... welcome to the production. We have pared it down to 5 performances only: Nov 27th – Dec 5th. Make sure you get your tickets.

Warrandytehallarts.asn.au/tickets

Follies 2016 - “Follies Goes Viral”

It’s official, we have another writers’ meeting ... Friday Nov 13th at the Hall – 7.30. Please come along as all ideas and scripts are very welcome. We have a few sketches to read and for further editing (possibly.) We need lots more. If you can make it – great, if you can’t but have something to write then please send it to me or Lawrence.

From the committee

Note that in 2016, the Follies dates will be: 31/3 – 16/4. The usual format of 3 weekends – Thurs, Friday, Saturday but not coinciding with the Warrandyte Festival. This is due to an early Easter and the need for an adequate rehearsal period.

Christmas Party

For your diary ... December 12th at Sim and David’s gaff.

Adrian Rice

WTC President

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LIFE AWARDS

**WMI&AA
President,
David Tynan,
made the
citations for
our latest Life
Members, Jack
Stringer and
Noelle
Burgess.**

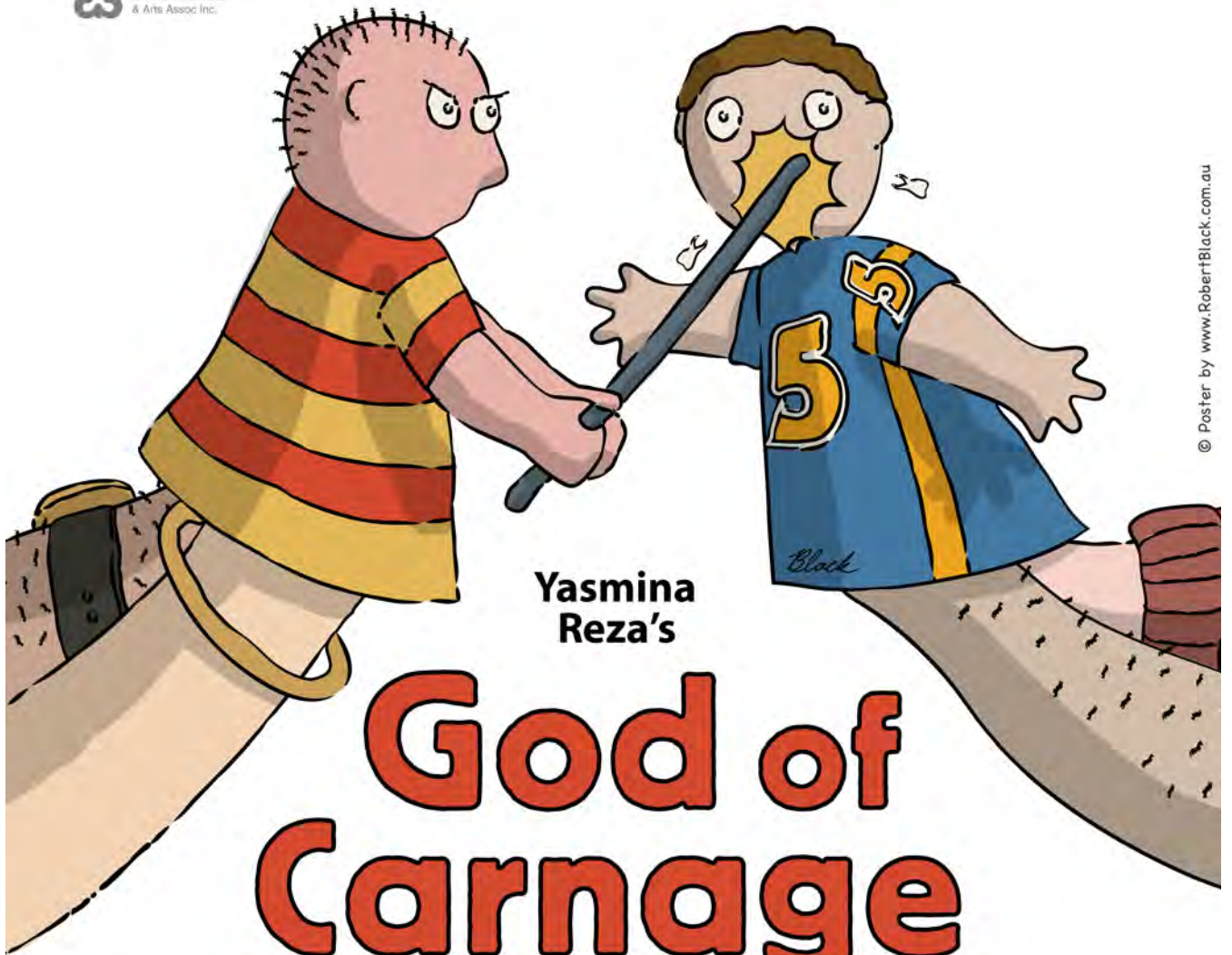
**David and the
assembled
guests also
voiced their
sincere thanks
for the many
years of
outstanding
contributions
of another Life
Member,
Pauline Cross .**

**Pauline was
presented
with a painting
by Eira Dodd.**



L – R : Noelle Burgess, Jack Stringer and Pauline Cross

Warrandyte Theatre Company presents...



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Yasmina
Reza's

God of Carnage

A Comedy of Manners...
Without the Manners

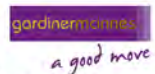
November 27-28,
December 4-5 at 8pm

Matinee December 5 at 2:30pm

Tickets \$25 (Concession \$20)

Mechanics Institute Hall, Cnr Yarra St and Mitchell Ave

Book at warrandytehallarts.asn.au/tickets



Nunsense at Eltham



THANK YOU !

*WMI&AA gratefully acknowledge the generous financial support of local business, "Riveresque", who recently installed new window curtains in the Hall.
Bravo !*

Susan Rundle, one of our WTC Committee members is also directing at Eltham.

The show stars 2 of our favourite divas ... Lisa Upson and Judith Sivasubramanum.

Susan says "I'm very proud of my talented cast in my latest production, *Nunsense*."

We run for 9 performances from Thursday 12 to Saturday 28th November at Eltham Little Theatre.

It is caberet style seating with BYO drinks and nibbles + your own glasses.

Bookings are open on Try Booking."



Remember these?

Bright Alpine Actors recently renovated our old Hall seats with a funky makeover of yoga mat padding and lovely old upholstery fabrics.

Phyl Swindley and Bill Connolly were there to test the ambience at the BAA production of "Speaking in Tongues."

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