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1.n. roystering young pickpocket from Charles Dicken's *Oliver Twist*. 2.n. Printed handbill full of tidings from the W.M.I&A.A. with a closing date for contributions of 25th of each month to David Tynan on 98445727 or davidtyn@gmail.com



The backroom girls and boys - bless you all!

Grossly unheralded, this good looking gang are responsible for most of the hard off-stage work required to bring the One Act plays to the stage. Adam, Adrian, Drew, Callum, Hazel, Hayley and Lisa M. (not pictured) have laboured over sound and lighting, stage managing, producing and front of house responsibilities. Whilst the actors and directors have sweated over the creative challenges, these patient, solution-focussed individuals have toiled many hours to make the magic happen. So we thank and salute all of you - huzzah! So don't forget to book your tickets - maybe thank them personally on the night?

Advanced Notice: WMIAA AGM!

Its that time of year again - and we need you! The job of managing the hall and keeping our organisation financially viable falls to the lovely and generous members of the WMIAA committee, and we always seek new committee members to help share the load. Please consider joining us to help share the load. Its only one meeting a month (first Monday), and its a fun meeting fun of stories and laughs (just look at all the happy faces below from the 2017-2018 committee). We promise we won't give you any massive responsibilities! The AGM is scheduled to be at the hall 8 p.m. on Monday May 7. See you there?



Are you a team player?

Some members may not know that as an association, apart from occasional small grants, we own, manage and pay for the upkeep of the hall - it is not a council run venture. So we need our members help in kind, and in membership payments! If you have not done so already, can your please pay your annual subscription to the WMIAA so that we can continue to do what we do!

Simply logon to

<http://warrandytehallarts.asn.au/membership>

Then follow the prompts to complete your membership
If you would prefer to submit your membership via the paper form, please see your group leader.



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Group reports

Pottery



Pottery News

We are really enjoying working in our beautifully clean studio, thanks to the effort of the Wednesday potters. Welcome to Elka, our new Tuesday potter. First term and we are keeping up with the tradition, pottery and two parties already. The Wednesday group gives a special thanks to Jo Francis, sister-in-law of Carolyn; and a potter of 40 years experience.

Jo has given us her free time and demonstrated techniques

for using the potter's wheel and helped organize the glaze cupboard with Ceri and Bo. Ceri is also doing tests on some of the mystery buckets of glaze. This will benefit everyone.

February saw a birthday celebration for Denys (Jan), Janita and John (Feb) and Bo (Mar). It is at these times we miss Marjorie.



Amanda Sgourakis and Di Phillips



Group reports

Painting



Painting & Drawing News

We have had some great sessions over the last month and a closer relationship is forming between the Painting and the Life Drawing Groups.

The life drawing group is now having three hour sessions on some Fridays.

One of our members has suggested we apply for a grant to refurbish the kitchen area and will undertake the necessary paperwork. It is hoped she will be able to attend the April meeting to discuss her proposal with the committee. Another suggestion is that the Painting Group (when the weather is unsuitable for outdoor painting) would be to use the Potters area. To publicise our activity, it is also proposed we hang a small banner from the front of the building on Fridays.



A suggestion for the Festival week end for 2019 is the opening of the Hall for an exhibition. This is to include Painters, Life drawers, Potters, Theatre Group, Crafts and maybe the choir. The hall would not be available on the Saturday of the Festival as The Follies would be underway, it was agreed the Sunday could be a good day for the exhibition.

Rhonda Stewart.



Group reports (continued)



Theatre News

“Theatre company comes under suspicion after package found on bus shelter bench!”

Those could have been the headlines but luckily my attempt at cryptic marketing were de-railed by some cheeky schoolies and no-one was in the least bit worried or hurt. And no charges have been made.

If you want to know what I'm on about then you'll have to come and see the one act plays and then put two and two together. (It equals 5 as we showed last year.)

The One act plays open this Friday – 16th March and so by the time you read this, you'll have three nights left to come along; we close on March 24th.

And coming later in the year

June: “Doubt” by John Patrick Shanley directed by Susan Rundle.

We have only just been granted the performing rights so we are very excited at being able to bring this play to you.

September: “Vere” by John Doyle, directed by Ian Tweedale who we welcome to the company.

Before that, look out for readings of next year's planned pantomime by Keryn Wood and of “Animal Farm” for which we will be targeting young actors.

One Act Play Dinner Deal

10% discount at Vanilla Orchid by arrangement ... if you have tickets for the OAPs then on presenting them at Vanilla Orchid Thai restaurant you will be eligible for 10% discount on your meal for early sittings. *Condition: Not valid in conjunction with other discounts or promotions



The Sharp End

One of our multi-talented members and WMIAA Web and all things digital guru Robert Black moonlights as a terrific cartoonist - you may have seen his work in other publications, including in the Warrandyte Diary. Robert generously permits us to publish one of his ‘gently twist’ cartoons each month - thanks Robert!

For more about the Sharp End, go to

<http://www.robertblack.com.au/the-sharp-end>

THE SHARP END by Robert Black. It's gently twisted.



“Thanks to you ma'am, we've now got gunslingers all over town looking for Trouble!”

Warrandyte Music

Our concerts have got off to a great start this year with the traditional Indonesian and Western music fusion band Jawa Pitu on February 17th. This night was very much a whole community evening with many little ones as well as big people. One of the band members is a prep parent at the Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School and his 6 year old son brought many of his class mates and families along! It was great to see more new faces at the hall for the concerts with many people still not having heard of the concerts before.

Jawa Pitu has six band members and they also brought five Traditional Indonesian dancers who danced, sang and brought the audience to their feet for a dance or two. It was a wonderful evening and I hope they can come again another time.

Our next concert is another evening of music fusion between East and West on April 14th with "Brothers".

Brothers is composed of two musicians we know well at the Warrandyte Hall - David Jones, drums and percussion and Evripides Evripidou, bass and effects and they are joined by Vinod Prasanna.

Vinod is a master Indian Bansuri flute player and is known for his many collaborations with both Eastern and Western musicians. Their music on April 14th will be heavenly and relaxing with dynamic vibes of absolute mastery in improvisation. And just an aside ... you may have seen David Jones recently in the Herald Sun as he is performing a Drum Concerto with the MSO at Hamer Hall on March 25th that has been composed for him by Joe Chindamo. And he loves playing for us at the Warrandyte Hall!!!

Some dates for your diaries - May 19th - Michael Johnson and the Light Quartet, introducing Michael's new CD "Water", and on July 28th we return to classical cello with Chien-Hsiu Ong and Alister Barker. Further into

the year we can look forward to some more Contemporary classical music and folk/gypsy tunes.

If you would like to join the Warrandyte Music email list please email me at warrandytemusic@gmail.com or to book for a concert please call 0401 167 223. Thanks and I hope to see you at one of our wonderful musical evenings soon!

Lisa Pearson

Warrandyte Music presents

An evening of exquisite music and soulful vibes!



Brothers

David Jones

Evripides Evripidou

Vinod Prasanna



Saturday April 14th 7.30pm

Doors open 7pm

Warrandyte Mechanics Hall

Cnr Yarra St & Mitchell Ave. Warrandyte

Sit back, be enthralled and enchanted by the melodic fusion of divine eastern and western grooves from these three brilliant musicians as they create and share with us on Bansuri (Indian bamboo flute), bass and effects, and drums and percussion.

To listen to this beautiful music: <https://peaceaudio.com/product/brothers-first-meeting-cd/>

Bookings: please call 0401 167 223, warrandytemusic@gmail.com

Tickets: Full \$30, Conc. \$20, Child/Youth \$10 (7-17), Family \$75

Our cafe will be open on the evening for refreshments.

Warrandyte Theatre Company presents



ONE-ACT PLAYS

LITTLE BOX OF OBLIVION by Stephen Bean

ALBERT by Richard Harris

SMITTEN by Mark Matthews & Anna Stillaman

PHILIP GLASS BUYS A LOAF OF BREAD by David Ives

16, 17, 22, 23, 24 MARCH

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One Act Plays - Rehearsal Pics

