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THE Artful DODGER

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A Clean Sheet

A new year is an empty canvas. A lump of formless clay, a ball of wool, an empty stage. But not for long! Within days, WAA's talented potters, painters, crafties and thespians will once more be imagining the unimaginable and conceiving the inconceivable. So here's to a creatively prosperous New Year. May all your artistic endeavours be inspired!

Letters to the Editor

Each month I open a new Artful Dodger document on the computer then stare at it wondering what to fill it with (or 'with what to fill it' for the grammatical pedants out there, or even 'it with what to fill'). From time to time I ask for contributions, of reviews, short stories, personal snippets, etc. and the fact that we don't run many reviews, short stories or personal snippets tells you how successful such requests are. So I thought this year I'd try a *Letters to the Editor* column and lo and behold I actually got one. Thankyou to the possibly clairvoyant Bobbi Wison! Please follow her example with any topics you'd like to raise or observations you'd like to make. As well as the reviews, stories and personal snippets of course.

Historic Painters

Pauline Cross has just put out a history of the WAA Painters from 1968 to 2006. This complements an earlier history of the Arts Association by Audrey Cahn covering 1956 to 1975. A great many occasions and names, of tutors and painters, are included in Pauline's carefully prepared chronicle and she has drawn on numerous monthly notes from the Newsletter to recall people and events. Most painters will have a copy by now; others can see it all at www.warrandytehallarts.asn.au. With a few little bits in the months ahead in the Dodger.

Hysteric Actors

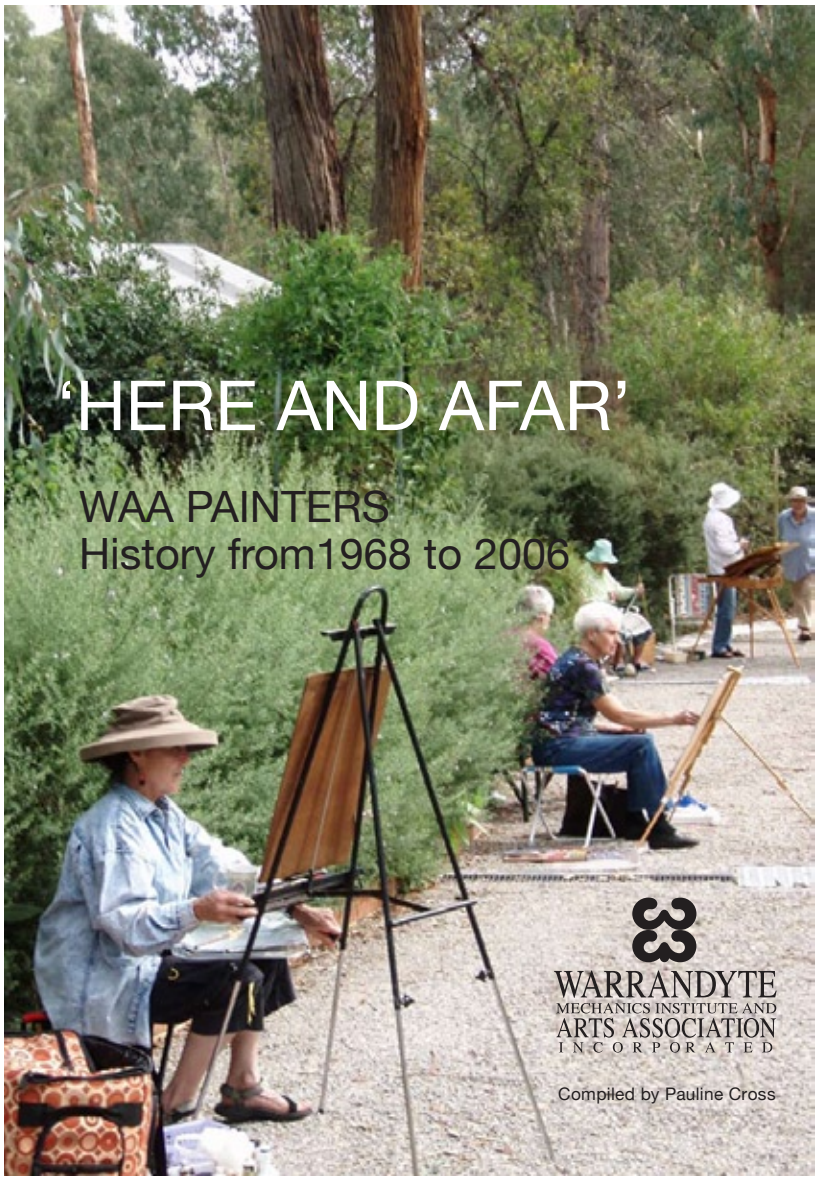
Follies are underway again, with something for everyone - greed, sloth, lust, envy, pride, gluttony, wrath. Book early to see the 7 Deadly Follies!

Subs

The other thing that comes with the New Year is subs time! Please attend to it promptly using the form below.

Dates to Remember:

Wed 4 Feb - ***Painters start***
Tues 10 Feb
& Wed 11 Feb - ***Potters start***
Thurs 19 March - ***Follies start***



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Group reports.

Pottery

Welcome to 2009! Happy New year! As always I am looking forward to catching up with my very specia pottery friends plus, hopefully, a few new ones.

First term dates are Tuesday February 10th and Wednesday 11th. May I remind you that fees are due on these days.

Marj Beecham 9844 3206

Painting

Hope you all had a pleasant holiday break and lots of good fortune in 2009.

Our dear Gillian Beddington has not been well since our Luncheon, in and out of Hospitals, is now in respite care at Alexandra Gardens, Donvale. Hope you feel a lot better with each day Gill.

We will meet again on February 4th, around 10.30am at the river, down Stiggant's Reserve in the carpark.

Pauline Cross 9439 1775

Craft

Rosemary Climas 9844 2154

Theatre

1. Follies 2009 - The Seven Deadly Follies

Rehearsals started Thursday 29/1 and we are are now under way for the 2009 Follies. With Adrian, Lea and Jack at the directorial helm, we expect it to be a stunning success! We have a few newbies, some old and young regulars, and a brilliant producer Gail - what could possibly go wrong!

Dates to remember:

March 15 Follies Tech Rehearsal
March 16 Follies Dress Rehearsal
March 19-21 Follies Performances
March 21-22 Warrandyte Festival
March 26-28 Follies Performances
April 2-4 Follies Performances

2. Air conditioning in the Hall

After many calls, faxes and emails, Graham has managed to get a service person for the ailing air conditioners - one is now working, and the other is awaiting parts - not much longer I hope after this week!

3. New Costume Cupboards

We are looking at ways to improve our storgae of costumes and props. Phi Dyer has built more doors for the costume cupboard to improve accessibility, and improved the rails, and added some shelving - I'm sure you agree it looks terrific!

4. More lights

Courtesy of some grants from Nillumbik Council, we have taken possession of some new stage lights - which will be very useful for 2009 productions! Thanks to Jack, Ian and Pat for helping with this.

5. Hall Working Bee - a stunning success!

In total, 18 members from the WTC family turned up last Sunday for a full-on day sorting out whats junk and whats not.

With all hands on deck, we were able to

Re-sort the entire costume library, and cull as required

Move any extraneous sets and props to better locations, including the skip

Check all lights, and have them safety tagged and repaired

Clean out the kitchen cupboards

Clean out the lighting cupboard

This merry band all deserve our heartfelt thanks - it was a truly amazing effort.

Caroline Shaw
June Buck
Bill Connolly
Phyl Swindley
Lea Stringer
Jack Stringer
Lynne Counsel
Jonathan Beckwith
Noelene Cooper
Ken Virtue
Libby Skeels
Liz Long
Gail Macrae
Naomi Oosting
Ian Craig
Robert Black
Simone Kiefer
David Tynan

David Tynan 9844 5727

Vale Heather Briggs

It was fitting that Heather's family chose the WMI Hall as the venue in which to celebrate her wonderful life. A place where she, together with her husband David and daughters Amelia and Phoebe spent many happy hours involved in WAA activities.

It was a beautiful service full of laughter and tears, attended by her many friends representing her interests within the village and beyond.

Heather was a free spirit, a devoted Mother and Grandmother, a Nurse, a talented sports person, a gardener and a potter to name but a few of her interests.

She worked with the WAA potters on several of our community projects and has a large image in the Federation path near the bakery.

It was with Heather and Beryl Mathieson that I boarded the *Spirit of the Outback* dubbing ourselves the 3 oldest Jillaroos in the West to work on Rosedale Station for three weeks. It was a laugh a minute.

I shall miss Heather, a friend of over forty years and deem it a privilege to have shared so many experiences with her and her family.

Marjorie Beecham

Gaps in Theatre Programs

Following is a list of Drama Group/Theatre Company productions over the years for which there are no copies of the program in the archives. It is just possible that you may have one or more of these at home. If so, especially of the more recent productions, please ring Pat on 9844 3442 to arrange for copies to be made.

1956: The Christmas Story
1957: Before the Flood, The Rose and Crown, The Book of the Month, The Witness' Brew
1958: Followers, Lonesome Like, The Laboratory, Home is the Hunted, The Ring of General Macias
1959: Separate Tables
1960: Laetitia, Trifles, Showpiece, Fantasmagorica, The Man Who Came to Dinner, Hallo Out There, The Knave of Hearts
1961: Two and a Half Sisters, Possession, The Pigeon with the Silver Foot, Mr. Tremlov is not Himself, Love and How to Cure It, Night Must Fall
1962: Blithe Spirit, Tiger at the Gates, My Three Angels, Minnie Field, The Godsent
1963: The Living Image, Husbands Supplied, The Vigil, Bonaventure, The Queen (combined junior and senior Showpiece), The Doubtful Misfortunes of Li Sing, A Month in the Country, The Glass Menagerie
1964: Catherine Parr, The Watchmaker, The Pen of my Aunt, The Spell, A Trap is a Small Place, Twelfth Night
1965: Shadow of Crabbe
1966: The Room, Paracelsus, Murder in Review, Richard III
1967: The Rape of the Belt, The Master of Two Servants
1968: The Burglar, Ghosts
1969: Welcome Stranger, Don't Utter a Note
1970: Post Horn Gallop, Love Rides the Rails
1971: The American Dream, Symphony in Illusion, Goodnight Mrs Puffin, The Killing of Sister George
1972: Antigone, You Can't Take it With You, The Importance of Being Earnest, The Mostly Music Hall
1973: Fetch me a Fig Leaf, From the Hollow Shield, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead
1974: Rooted, Little Murders
1975: Not Now Darling, Mouldy Old Dough & The Wind in the Sassafras Trees
1978: Unhand me Squire, Warrandyte Story
1979: A Comedy of Errors
1997: Mr Muddle and the Magic Rabbit, Visiting Hour
1998: Republican Follies, Competitive Tenderness, Memorial Fund Concert at W High School
1999: Just the Ticket
2000: Habeas Corpus, Raise the Roof Fund Raiser
2003: Life After George

Letters to the Editor.

Congratulations Pauline

For many years I have been wanting to write to the W.A.A newsletter expressing the great pleasure I and my husband Keith receive from the continual news of the Drama, Pottery, Craft and Painting groups.

Being an old member [and still a member] of the Art group of the 60's, 70's and 80's, I want to say how exciting it was to receive the history of the Painting Group beautifully written by dear friend Pauline and other dear friend and talented artist the late Audrey Cahn. Memories flooded back of those marvelous times we shared on painting trips together.

Keith and I left Warrandyte in 1988, moving to Nambucca Heads in N.S.W. where I became involved with two painting groups for 7 years. Keith was very involved with his pottery and together we held three successful annual exhibitions at our home overlooking a lovely estuary and the Pacific ocean.

Missing close contact with the family, we returned to Victoria [MtMartha] in 1995 and whilst Keith has given up potting [he says he is to busy], l am still painting and am a member of a local painting group.

Thank you W.A.A for all you do for Warrandyte and far beyond and for the sheer pleasure I enjoyed with all my friends of the Painting group. We love getting the newsletter.

Bobbi and Keith Wilson [grateful life members]

Thanks Bobbi, and thanks for your generous donation. Ed.

A triumph for Eleana Anderson

No one was more surprised than Eleana when she and husband Bryan's 2006 Tempranillo wine starred at the 2008 Australian Alternative Varietal Wine Show.

Eleana and Bryan have a beautiful property in Porepunkah, hidden from the road, but with a glorious view across their vineyard to Mt Buffalo. Bryan, a forester by profession, planted the vines over the years from 1995, starting with Shiraz, then Chardonnay, then Tempranillo. When they met, Eleana was already a wine maker, but sceptical about the future of Tempranillo as a wine variety. However, they persisted and now produce limited quantities of all three under the label "Mayford". You've probably not heard of this because they only sell through selected restaurants and on-line. (We drink the more affordable clean-skins).

Last October, Eleana decided to enter the Tempranillo in the Australian Alternative Varietal Wine show, mainly "to see how it stacked up against others". Imagine their surprise and delight (and ours) when it won not only "Best Temprenillo", not only "Best Red" but "Best Wine in Show" when up against 615 entries, including many of the big names!

This particular wine was produced in a shed at Eleana's former abode in Myrtleford. A brand new winery is currently under construction at their Porepunkah vineyard which should make processing a little easier for them (and us) this coming vintage.

Pat Anderson

pub

Roy Orbison
covers at the
Heathcote
PUB
all at home
Maeve Binchy
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eager for gossip
out from back
benches comes
an original queen
of rhythm a
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ROY Kelton ORBISON: '(23 April 1936 - 6 December 1988) An influential Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, guitarist; pioneer rock 'n' roll legend. "The greatest singer of all time," according to Elvis Presley.' (Google)

MAEVE BINCHY: 'Born in Dublin March 28th, 1940, a modern day women's writer; a reflection of modern Ireland. (Google)

GREEN EYES: 'Novelist Edna O'Brien's first 7 books were banned in Ireland; exploring sexuality of teenage Irish schoolgirls: (Google)

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL: 'One of London's finest classical music venues, opened 3 May 1951, London County Council's contribution to the Festival of Britain.' (Google)

THE GRAND HOTEL: 'situated in the heart of Warrandyte, was constructed in 1895, when it replaced the Anderson's Hotel, which previously occupied the same site.' (Google)

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Princess
Diana died
John F. Kennedy
was shot
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by choice I
want to be
there to tell
my children
they said of
the 44th US
Presidential
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even a ripple of
excitement in
Warrandyte for
Barrack Obama's
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PRINCESS DIANA: "the site of DIANA'S fatal car accident on 31 August 1997, at the entrance to the Pont d'Ama tunnel in Paris. Ever since, millions of words have been written and spoken about what really happened the night she died. PRINCESS DIANA'S death was mourned worldwide. Why the outpouring of grief and attention to her funeral? (Google)

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY: "The assassination of John F. Kennedy took place on Friday November 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas. Born in 1917, second son of Joseph and Ethel Kennedy, Kennedy was sworn in as 35th President at noon on January 20, 1961."(Google)

BARACK OBAMA: "takes the oath of office as the 44th President of the United States of America on January 20th, 2009. The speech is full; in the historic vastness of the moment; the unique and unprecedented nature of the event." (Google)

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swelter sizzler
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sun or heat stroke
a run on the ice cream
never mind the banks
HEATWAVE
swimming pools
extra funding
you can't go
past Yarra River
Warrrandyte for
HEATWAVE
then there's
interview & film
HEAT

AMERICANISM: Regional Victoria talk back radio asking for AUSSIE words to replace AMERICANISM "HEATWAVE".

COOKED, FRIED: "Serena Williams was COOKED when Svetlana Kuznetsova was FRIED by the decision to close the Rod Laver Arena roof because of the extreme HEAT yesterday." The Age Janu 29, 2009 Sport p.1 by Michael Gleeson

ICE CREAM: A run on the ICE CREAM at Heathcote IGA

BUCKLE: "Rails BUCKLED and a record number of trains broke down in 43º heat" The Age Jan29, 2009 p. 1 by Clay Lucas

SWIMMING POOLS: Regional Radio Victoria announcing extra funding for SWIMMING POOLS including Bendigo and Heathcote.

FILM: 1995 FILM "HEAT" by Michael Mann starring Al Pacino, Robert De Niro. (Google)

INTERVIEW: "..brings HEAT to Frost/Nixon's post Watergate INTERVIEW; the film version a box-office smash, an Oscar nominee (Google)

COMPLAIN: "And remember. Life is too short to complain about the weather" The McIvor Times Jan 28, 2009 p.2 Rabbit Stew