APRIL:2011

THE Artful DODGER

1.*n.* roystering young pickpocket from Charles Dickens' *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 Alan Cornell on 98444111 or alan@commercialventure.com.au

Tony Jones: The question from Table 10 was, "What did you think of the Follies?"
Tony Abbott: Shit happens!
Julia Gillard: Surely it's time we were moving forward from tired old jokes about Templestowe and pubic hair!
John Howard: I'm just here to make that Bill Mitchell fellow look good!
Bob Katter: Ha-ha-ha-ha! No, no, no, no, no, ha-ha-ha-tee-hee-hee! No seriously, ha-ha-ha-ha!

ANOTHER MONTH MARCHES ON

The rain fell and the Hall toilets flooded. The plumbers connected our wee drain with next door's big drain. The Hall toilets flooded again. The plumbers dug more drains across the back of the Hall. Next rains anxiously awaited.

No such problems with the new pottery toilet (which will henceforth be known as The Potty) which opened for business - good news for the 18 Potters who started classes this term.

Ken assembled a report to show the bank how we've spent their money. It was a big report.

Noelle, Pauline and Pat made 14 new gingham tablecloths. Pauline subsequently completed a further seven and Pat is working on seven more.

Adrian and Ken went to town and launched twenty eager egos on nine awestruck audiences, one member of whom said her first Follies experience was the best night of her life!

Dates to Remember:

29 April - 'Almost Maine' Reading @ Hall
14 April - Theatre Company AGM @ Hall
9 May - Alcohol Training @ Hall

Group reports.

Theatre

1.Follies goes to town

Follies is playing to packed and happy houses – with Leider the clubhouse leader at this stage! Thanks to all who are giving the people what they need and want – a thoroughly entertaining night out for $20 or less!

2. OAP Directors needed

We have plays lined up, but as yet no directors confirmed. This is an ideal opportunity for those who feel, having given acting a crack, might be ready to give directing a crack. Please contact me if you are interested. Here is a short synopsis of each play

- *Cicatrice (by Mark Lucas)*

Danielle's encounter with the Boy at the cemetery is interrupted by the arrival of her arrogant sibling, Marina Le Court and her seedy boyfriend Lewis. In what unravels as a violent, dark story of hatred, power, greed and bitterness the scars on the outside are less disturbing than the scars on the human psyche.

- *Soap Opera (by David Ives)*

A washing-machine repairman falls in love with a picture-perfect washer. Should he tell his girlfriend Mabel? Is the washer two-timing him with a dryer? Stay tuned.

- *We'll Dress her like Shirley Temple (by Ron Krebs)*

In a family full of interpersonal tensions,the daughter finds herself pregnant. There is no communication between her parents,and her mother finds a diversion from her boredom and frustrations in the coming grandchild until she discovers who the father is.

Production dates are 24,25 June & 1,2 July.

3. Reading for Almost Maine

Don't forget to put the date of the reading into your diary for Friday 29 April. Here is a brief synopsis.

- *Almost Maine (by John Cariani)*

On a cold, clear, moonless night in the middle of winter, all is not quite what it seems in the remote, mythical town of Almost, Maine. As the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend—almost—in this delightful midwinter night's dream.

4. RSA Training Night

We have a trainer lined up to conduct the Responsible Serving of Alcohol Course for Monday May 9th. Please note - no-one who has not completed this course is permitted to serve alcohol at WTC or WMIAA event. So – please help - we need to know asap for numbers – please RSVP to me via email (davidtyn@gmail.com).This will cost us $500 to run, and the more people who attend, the better value it will be.

5. WTC AGM (Thursday 14 April)

Don't forget that the WTC AGM is coming up – we are always looking for generous people to put up their hand to either be on the committee or to take on some responsibility within our humble community theatre group. This also helps to keep people fresh – its not so great if the same people end up doing all the work!

David Tynan 9844 5727

Pottery

At a recent extra ordinary meeting held by the W.A.A. Pottery Members the motion was unanimously passed to officially thank the WMI&AA Central Committee for the installation of the grand new Potty Loo which is squeezed between the upper and lower levels of their Mitchell Avenue studio. It has a very rustic feeling and although cramped a joy to behold. At last, somethnig solid after years of wind on the minute books.

We have great pleasure in extending an open (ing) invitation to the grand sitting at the official launch. To be held in the none too distant future. We can't hold on much longer.

Marj Beecham 9844 3206 for sittings

Painting

Pauline Cross
9439 1775

Craft

Rosemary Climas
9844 2154

Sing-it-yourself Messiah

2pm Sunday April 17, Uniting Church Diamond Creek.

Hosted by the Diamond Valley Singers.

All welcome, BYO score or buy one there.

Cost $20 (non-DVS members).

SUBSCRIPTIONS Cheques payable to ***WMI&AA Inc.*** Post to ***Treasurer, WMI&AA, PO Box 150, Warrandyte 3113***.

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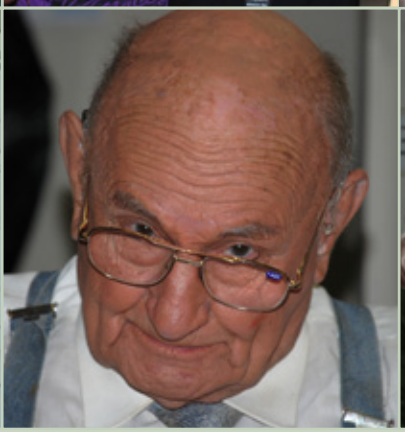
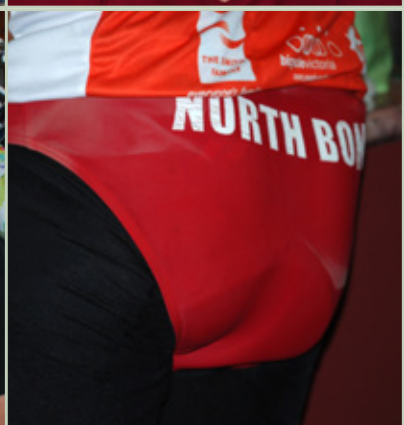
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