THE Artful DODGER

November 2013

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

Electioneering art

Builder Phil Dyer, a good friend of the Hall, has a shed.
As you would expect, it is a fine structure. It has been much admired by his neighbours at Research for the past four years. So much so, they all turn up for the **Dyer Annual Art Show**, an eagerly anticipated event hosted by Phil and his wife Lois.
This year they hadn't factored in that the Show was to be held on national election night. Undeterred by happenings in Canberra Phil invited Julia Gillard to open their event .
Julia was well into her short politically neutral speech when a loud knock was heard at the back door. Who should barge in unannounced but the soon-to-be-new-PM , Tony Abbott?
And ***he*** said "uh, uh, ah ha ha."

WTC Impersonators !
Julia Gillard (R) *aka* **Lea Stringer, and surprise visitor Tony Abbott (L)** *aka* **Darren Bowers.**

KEEP THE DATE FREE

Saturday December 14 2013
Annual Christmas Party
In the Hall at say, 8pm.
BYO festive food and drinks.
All members & friends welcome.

WARRANDYTE MECHANICS INSTITUTE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Craft

Contact :
Rosemary Climas
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There is no startling Pottery news this month.
Other than to remind Potters that Christmas is perilously close so please don't leave the making of your presents until the last moment. Start NOW!

Contact : Marjorie Beecham 9844 3206

We have had some pleasant weather, and we were able to get out one day up to Tindale Road painting Aumann's Orchard, another down Bradley's Lane Reserve.
Our Christmas Bargain Sale is to be held on Sunday 24th November, 10am to 4pm in the Mechanics Institute Hall. Members - paintings to be delivered between 9am and 9.45am for hanging with assistance from all members. Paintings accepted are - oil, watercolour, pencil, pastel, framed or unframed. Unframed works on paper must have a mount and covered with cellophane for protection.
Our thoughts are with Ray and Dorothy, Ray is not to well at this time, hope he is back with us in the not to distant future.

Contact: Pauline Cross 9439 1775

Hello fellow thespians,
Producer, Directors, Cast & Crew of The 39 Steps are all in full swing as we head into the main straight towards the finishing line. A combination of panic stations and elation as the final forming of ideas comes to fruition. I am excited to see this ambitious project come together and look forward to opening night. Onward and upwards chaps!

The Warrandyte Theatre Company is proud to announce its November production of 'The 39 Steps' adapted for the stage by Patrick Barlow.
Originally an Alfred Hitchcock film, now a rip-roaring comedy, it has plenty of room for the actors to have loads of fun. We can't wait to see you here at the Mechanics Hall mid-November for the opening night.
Tickets are now open for purchase through our website.
Performances: **November 15, 16, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 at 8 pm**
plus a matinee at 2.30 November 30.

Here is the description from one of our 'clowns', our publicity chap, David:
This is a hilarious "tribute" to, and faithful reproduction of, the original story depicting the Hitchcock film in its entirety on stage. Performed by the minimum of actors it includes spies, beautiful women, more beautiful women, heavies and other villains, cops, sheep and a plane crash. It is film noir and melodrama, love and non-stop action and jolly good all-round entertainment.

Contact: Daryll Mitchell 0423 088217

BACKSTAGE NEWS

Lovely new black fireproof curtain tabs were professionally installed recently at a cost of $4,000. These have been needed for some time now, and it is great to see them finally in place. They will allow effective screening for all future stage productions.
In addition we have acquired a 1.8 metre platform safety ladder for backstage set works and lighting adjustments.
Lighting guru, Ian Craig, said "These are the best stage additions in living memory!"

The energy of youth!

A visiting school from Sydney shared the after-show buzz with the cast of our Warrandyte Youth Theatre's production of *"The Real Inspector Hound".*

FOYER UPGRADE

President Jack and Vice President Ken have started on the foyer reurbishment.
Repainting and application of some wall carpet tiles are planned, and the works will be completed prior to the next production of "The 39 Steps".
Photos in the next issue of The Dodger.....

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SOLOISTS

Alexandra Flood Soprano
Ashlyn Tymms Alto
Raymond Khong Tenor
Matthew Tng Baritone

Sunday, 24th November 2013 at 2.30pm

George Wood Performing Arts Centre,
Yarra Valley Grammar School
Kalinda Road, Ringwood
Admission: Adults $25, Concession: $20, Children under 16 free

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or Elaine 9720 8575 or 0418 620 479

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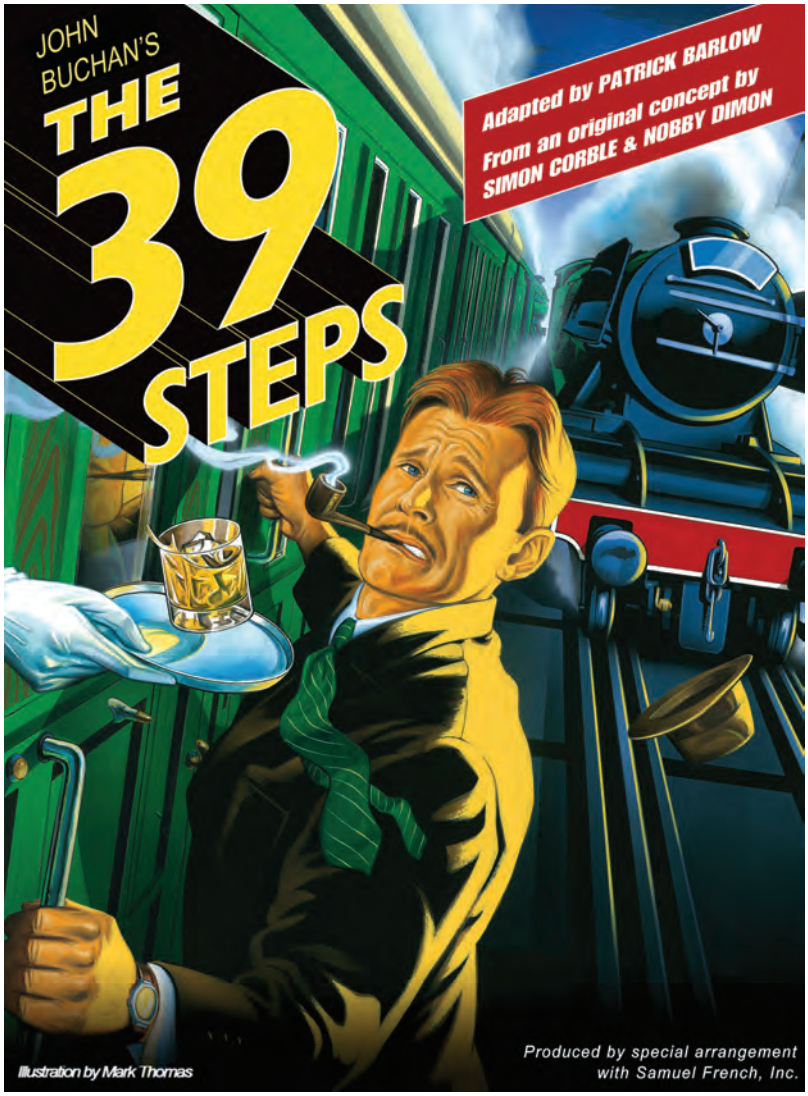

Rollicking adventure...side-splitting comedy...spiffing fun!

Directed by Adrian Rice & Alan Cornell

15, 16, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 NOVEMBER

Book at ***warrandytehallarts.asn.au/tickets***

Warrandyte Theatre Company

Warrandyte Mechanics Institute & Arts Association

Matinee 2pm 30 November
Tickets $22 (Concession $20)