THE Artful DODGER

October 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

Youth Theatre Triumphs

Our own WYT Group has shown once again that it can provide top class entertainment. Details in Theatre report page 3

LAST 2 PERFORMANCES – BOOK NOW !

WARRANDYTE MECHANICS INSTITUTE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

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Fourth term begins on October 6th, and then it's all downhill to Christmas.
Please begin your Christmas presents at the start of term.

The Potters join with me in sending their love and condolences to Pauline Cross and her family at the sad loss of a husband, father and grandfather. Ted was most supportive to Pauline and her long involvement with WMI&AA.

Looking forward to a busy and rewarding 4th term.
May I remind you that fees are due on the first day.

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

"IT'S ALL IN THE TIMING"
Final performances on 2,3 OCTOBER

Warrandyte Youth Theatre present an evening of five short comedic plays by David Ives. They showcase the comedic writing of David Ives and the sublime acting talents of our local youth! There have been lots of very positive comments about this production so please get onto your bookings if you haven't already seen this show.

NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA!

"Dance like no one is watching"

Now every Wednesday 7-8 pm in the Hall – Entry $5

It's all about TWYT this month. You might read this before the season finishes and can rush to the theatre to catch the show, ideally pausing along the way to book online.

Don't miss this show! It is the perfect antidote to footy fever.

The Youth Theatre seems to have come of age with this show being a fantastic demonstration of their skills, enthusiasm and creativity. A production to be proud of, everyone on stage deserves a mention … Eloise, Jon, Jared, Lawrence, Lydia, Matt, Ruby. That's it – alphabetical order, everyone should be happy. Thanks too of course to the crew – Tony and Christopher in the box, Lisa, Lincoln and Emma backstage. Special thanks to the directors: Lou, David and making a spectacular debut – Annie Italiano. A wonderful start to her directorial career (we hope she'll do more) assured and clever direction of a couple of tricky short plays.

Spring/Summer production

You will now know that the planned production of "Brief Encounter" has been postponed til 2016 to give us time to assemble the team required to do it justice. We will be seeking a strong musical team and scouts are about and planning to contact you soon!

"God of Carnage" replaces "Brief Encounter". We have been fortunate to obtain performance rights at short notice for this thoroughly engaging play by Yasmina Reza. Modified slightly from the translated original version, we are certain our audiences will enjoy this play. David Tynan directs: Naomi Oosting, Tony Clayton, Simone Keifer and Adrian Rice.

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Ted Cross: an unsung hero of WMI&AA

The Warrandyte Arts Association mourns the recent loss of Ted Cross who was a long-time contributor to the association.

While unknown to many, Ted, as a graphic artist and as husband of Pauline Cross who led the Painting Group until 2014, did so much behind the scenes.

Our logo, which goes back many years, was his creation, as was the splendid banner which was made by Ted for our 50th birthday celebration in 2006 and now graces the back of the hall, to emerge annually for the Festival parade.

Another major contribution was to the street banner project for the Warrandyte Festival. While this was the initiative of Pauline, there was considerable organisation involved, procuring the correct materials and paints, and it was in this regard that Ted helped, both in 1983 when the project started, and in an on-going capacity when banners needed to be replaced.

For years, until quite recently, Ted produced the tickets for theatre and other productions of WMI&AA and before amalgamation in 1986, for WAA. He also designed many signs and invitations for the Annual Art Shows and painting sales. Ted was generous with his time, his skills and his materials.

To Pauline, Glenn and family we extend our deepest sympathy on your sad loss and want you to know how much we appreciate all that Ted has done for all the groups over the years.

MORE REHEARSAL PHOTOS FROM YOUTH THEATRE

The Light Quartet

A Meditative musical treat
with
Michael Johnson, Matthew Arnold, Evripides Evripidou and David Jones

Saturday October 17th at 7.30pm
(Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start)
Warrandyte Mechanics Hall
Cnr Yarra St & Mitchell Ave. Warrandyte

"Four of Australia's premier instrumental musicians with backgrounds in world, classical, ambient & jazz will be presenting a concert of original compositions drawing influences from Spanish, Irish, Greek and Middle Eastern cultures. The Light Quartet produce extraordinarily beautiful sounds and textures from harp, piano, guitars, viola, violin and percussion instruments."

Tickets $25 adult, $15 concession, $65 family
Bookings and Enquiries: please call 9439 0662
Our Cafe will be open on the night for refreshments from 7pm onwards.

CHOCOLATE LILIES

Well we've been in the Mechanics Institute since the beginning of the year and the move here from the Community Church has been wonderful. The acoustics are wonderful in this beautiful old hall, and it is a joy to hear the harmonies resonate around the space.

Just as important is the creative history of this place which drips from every wall. I think most in the choir have stories about their relationship to this place, whether through the wonderful performances put on by the Warrandyte Theatre Group, Follies or the various other groups that have operated in this space for many years.

My own personal memories are from going to hear many wonderful bands performing here from greats such as Captain Matchbox and the great ReubenTice. Like many others that live in Warrandyte or nearby towns I grew up with a rich experience of Music. The Chocolate Lilies have been a big part of that journey. Celebrating our 21st year this year the choir goes from strength to strength. Moving here has been a positive part of that.

We love coming into the space each week performing to our two audience members sitting up high on the seat at the back of the hall. No matter how many bum notes we sing they are still smiling.

We have many performances coming up closer to Christmas so please keep your eyes open and come and enjoy one of our gigs.

Nerida Kirov

WYT STRUTS ITS YOUTHFUL STUFF