August 2017

The Artful DODGER

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

Do you recognise this tree?

I'll give you a hint - its more than 30 metres tall, planted more than 40 years ago, planted by Bev Hanson's mob and on our property. Its a magnificent spotted gum, and its on our property somewhere - but where?

As it turns out, we recently had to get an arborist's report to assess it overall health, and to address a neighbours concerns about any possible damage that it may have (or may cause). Turns out its a very healthy specimen, and certain to give joy to many for at least another 20 years.

For more about the tree's origin - see more inside!

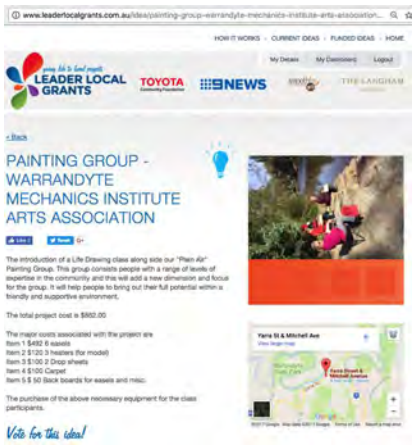
Life Drawing class - please vote for us!

Rhonda Stewart from the painting group has made an application for a grant on behalf of the WMIAA for the funding for the setting up of this to the Leader publishing group (with easels, and other necessary equipment).

Could everyone, if possible, please vote for our application on line at

http://www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au/

So far we made the top ten in our area and we need your vote. I have just cast my votes, it is simple, but you need to search for *Manningham Leader,* after that you will need to register and once you have registered you can cast your votes – 10 in all.



The closing date for voting is on Friday August 18, so please help us fund this exciting initiative by registering and voting!

Police called to Hall - a late night tale!

Our technical officer was working away late one night after rehearsals for "Proof" when there was a loud knock at the side door. Who could possibly be knocking at the door when it's nearly 2am? He turned off his music playing and waited to see if he imagined it or there really was a knock. Then there was a even louder knock at the door. Yelling out through the door, he asked "Who is it?". After a couple of seconds the response was "IT'S THE POLICE!" Confused, Callum asked them to go to the window to see who it was. Looking out the window he was greeted by 4 officers with their arms crossed not looking impressed. He opened the door and greeted the police and apparently someone passing by thought the building was being burgled because it was odd for the lights to be on at this time of the morning. They seemed quite perplexed that someone would be working at the hall at that time, where as to Callum this is quite normal. After taking his details, the police had a quick look in the hall, declared they were going to get some food.

Group reports

Pottery News

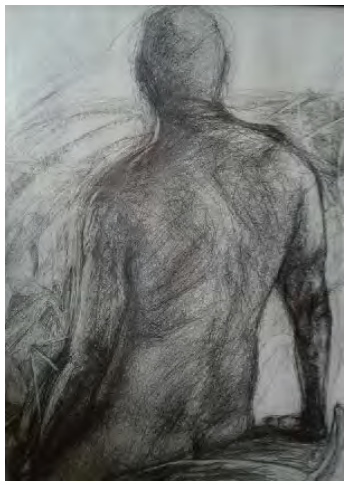
We have been assessed and not found wanting. all the teapots which didn't have a crack etc were accepted by the "Stonehouse". However, after doing their sums only a few elected to exhibit. Thank you to those who are exhibiting - we need to be represented. Third term dates are from Tuesday Aug 1/Wednesday Aug 2 until September 19.

Marjorie Beecham

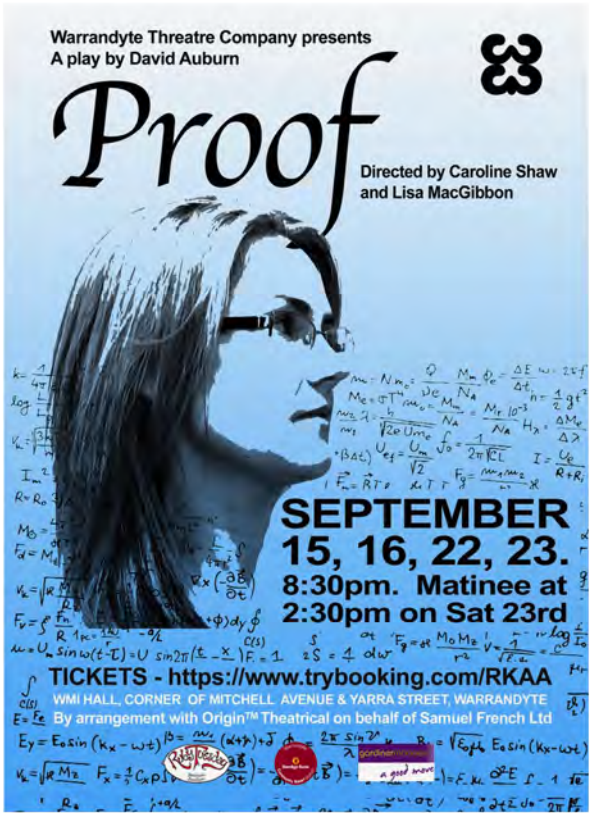
Painting News

A short report from the painting group this month. I have emailed to all members and committee members a request to lodge their vote for our submission re funding grant for the life drawing class. Hopefully everyone has been able to, or will do, prior to 5p.m. Friday 18 August. There is a number of large group submissions, so we are hopeful we will be the successful submission - fingers crossed!

Rhonda Stewart



Life art sample - no its not me.



Theatre News

Thanks to David for doing the Theatre entry for the July Dodger and to committee colleagues for their planning and efforts in getting "Proof" up and running.

Save the Date!

Red Carpet Night – 9th December 7.30 pm

Come and celebrate with the Theatre Company on a night of entertainment and more. Music, dance, sketches, supper and cocktails. Watch this space … more information soon.

Proof.

Rehearsals are well and truly underway. Besides Reschelle and Suzie who we welcome to the Warrandyte stage, we are fortunate to be joined by Grant Purdy who brings a wealth of theatre experience in various roles. Grant is the production manager for Proof. Here is more about the play from one of the directors, Caroline Shaw.

"Proof is a very well written play by American author David Auburn. Premiering in 2000, it earned critical acclaim for its sensitive portrayal of a brilliant young woman haunted by the fear that she may have inherited her father's mental illness as well as his extraordinary mathematical genius.

Proof won both the 2001 'Tony' Awards for Best Play, and the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

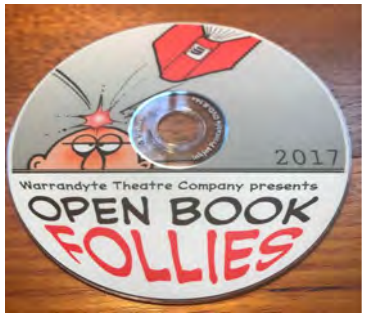
Four characters play out this beautifully written drama. Catherine the young mathematician (played by Reschelle O'Connor) has spent the last two years caring for her mentally ill father at their family home in Chicago. Her sister Clare (Susie Kazda) has been living in New York but returns for their father Robert's funeral (Tony Clayton).The fourth cast member is one of Robert's students Hal (Michael Fenemore), who finds himself embroiled in the family's challenges and his own mixed feelings. Each scene is like a 'gem' – perfectly crafted, and almost a miniature play in itself, but subtly building to the finale. Come and witness its dramatic conclusion"

Brief Encounter

Rehearsals for the end of year production are about to kick off. Musical rehearsals have commenced already and actors will gather soon to run lines and hone accents. (I can't decide whether to set it in Manchester, Leicester, Newcastle or the Home Counties!!)

Follies DVD Night - its this Friday!!

Follies lovers are reminded that the DVD night is this Friday August 18, 8 pm at Louise Phelan's place (20 Blair Street Warrandyte). Feel free to bring along loved ones, nibbles and grog. Margaritas will be supplied.



Adrian Rice

Life drawing comings to the hall!

Life drawing begins 18th August 10 am-12 pm. Untutored sessions, long poses to build on your artistic ability. $20 per session. Would love to hear from those interested, please contact Marion 0408395299. Here are a small sample of Marion's work to whet your appetite for joining the class!

Technical Officer

There isn't a lot of new things happening, it's mainly a follow on from the last month ensuring everything is done

- All electrical works complete including asbestos removal
- Foyer TV installed and showing information and upcoming events
- Lighting desk successfully sold
- Lighting/Sound/Vision is all computer based (for those interested, a tutorial day will be organised)
- Exterior lighting is now set on timers to save power and ensure the safety of hall users
- Ongoing upgrades to the P.A. system, including better fold backs on stage and upgrades to the stage loop to backstage so actors & crew can keep up with what's on stage
- Check out the new TV in the foyer to keep up to date with the latest news and upcoming events
- Thanks to all the electrical works, next time you're driving through Warrandyte at night, make sure you drive by the hall to see how amazing the hall and surrounding trees look all lit up.

Traveller photos of the month

This month's travel pics come from Thailand and Myanmar, where Adrian and Hazel have been recently.

Hazel (Front of House) has assessed return-to-your-seat gongs for suitability. We have chosen this one, which we believe everyone should hear.

Adrian wanted to share this photo of a concreted drain cover in Yangon. Imagine the conversation between the layer of concrete and his superviser … Along the lines of "whatever you do, don't set it in concrete until we check the spelling …"

Adrian in Myanmar with a very fine curry!

Warrandyte Music Concerts

Sound Bath review

I'm writing this review of the music activities the day after our beautiful Sound bath (Sat August 13(with David Jones and Carmen Warrington … and what a night …. such an evening of peace!!

The sounds were truly sublime with an exquisite mixture of bells, chimes, gongs, bowls, kalimba's and many other instruments that lead one into a deeply relaxed state. It is advised for Sound baths to lie down so you can receive the music in a more relaxed way and the hall looked like a Warrandyte slumber party!! I'm sorry that I didn't take any photos of the participants. The hall floor was a medley of blankets, doonas, pillows and warm coats. Hee Hee … and amongst the sublime sounds every now and then there was heard a human purr … otherwise known as a snore. But the sounds all melded together and the evening was such a success of enjoyment and experience that there was an overwhelming request for David and Carmen to return and host another Sound bath sometime this year.

We are working on the dates this week to see if it can be done so please stay posted. To entice you here is a photo of the evening about to fly!

Whats next?

In the meantime David Jones returns with his solo drum concert - Drum Space, on Saturday September 2nd 730pm. David is renowned in Australia for being a master drummer and percussionist and is regularly invited overseas for performances. We are so lucky to have David playing in our local hall and the best thing is that he loves it too. ! His show will be both subtle and powerful as he explores the essence of rhythm in a most dynamic and amazing way. !

Contact Lisa Pearson for bookings on 0401 167 223 or warrandytemusic@gmail.com.

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

Ted, the arsonist with OCD, kept returning to make sure he'd left the iron on.

The spotted history of our giant gum tree.

As it turns out, the spotted gum is one of two mature seedlings (saplings) that were planted at the hall in early 1974 by local community groups (organised by the Warrandyte Environment League) as part of a mass native planting of over 600 trees in and around the main street. Luckily Bev Hanson is an excellent archivist, and was able to dig up some local newspaper articles which reported on this initiative. The tree in question is circled in the satellite photo below.

THEY ALL DESERVE A PAT ON THE BACK

It's not often that local councils or in fact pressure groups get a pat on the back.

But after the weekend's activities, Doncaster and Templestowe Council, Eltham Council and the Warrandyte Environment League deserve praise from the people of Warrandyte.

The WEL organised one of the most successful community activities ever staged in the town—a tree planting weekend.

More than 600 trees, donated by the two neighboring councils, were planted in a weekend that brought people together in a manner that had to be seen to be believed.

As one Warrandyte resident who did become involved, I would like to be one of the first to pay tribute to the work of the organisers.

Not only will the planting help retain the rural nature of the town, but the manner in which the planting was devised has left all those who lifted a spade with a certain community well-being.

Neighbors who had perhaps never spoken to each other before, could be seen in the street discussing where and what type of native tree should be planted.

And the fact that residents could decide themselves how a tree should adorn their nature strip has given those trees a greater chance of survival.

The people who planted will now look after their tree.

And as a sidelight, what a lovely change it is to see trees planted at random and not in rows at measured distances.

That aside, I would hope that the success of the Warrandyte tree-plant will encourage groups elsewhere in the city to organise similar activities for their neighborhood.

Indications are that the council will offer its full support.

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reading between the lines

by Robert White

The tree planting weekend organised by the Warrandyte Environment League has been hailed as one of the most successful community activities held in the town.

More than 600 trees donated by Doncaster and Templestowe and Eltham Council were planted on roadsides throughout Warrandyte.

The weekend became a real family affair for some.

Typical was the Bird family of West End Rd.

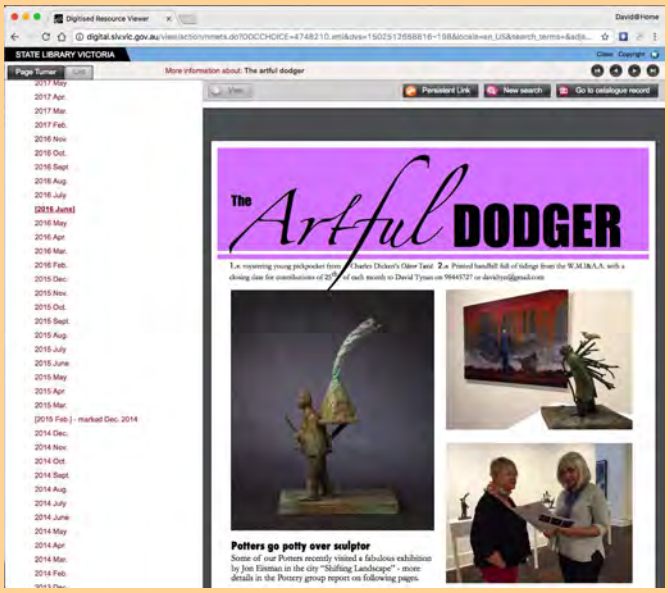
They planted trees outside their home and then helped neighbors with their planting.

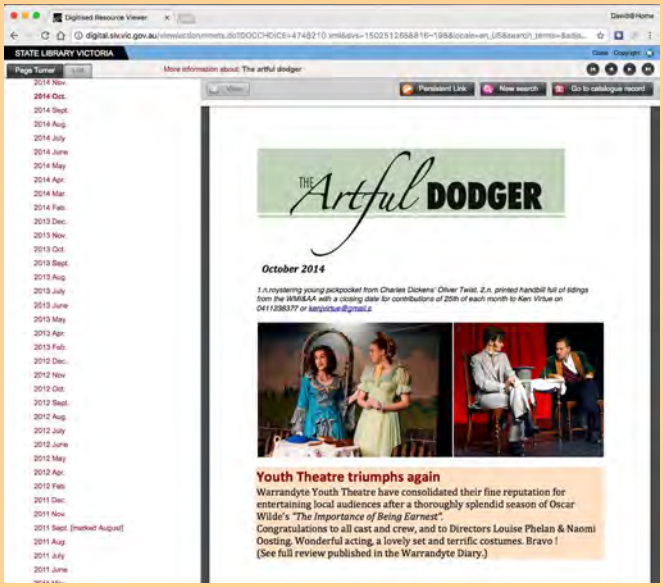
Above, Sharon Bird digs a hole ready for her sister, Vanessa, below, to do the plant-

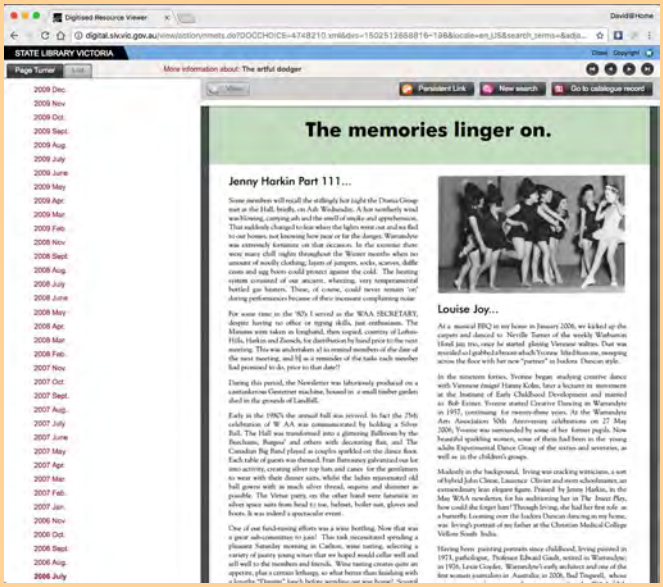
The Dodger goes digital at the State Library!

Every month since July 2006, a copy of *The Artful Dodger* has been sent to the Victorian State Library for archival purposes. Well guess what - they didn't get rid of any! In fact, apparently they now digitise them, so every issue is available online, and re-readable in all its glory!. The exact link to the Dodger archives is:

http://handle.slv.vic.gov.au/10381/404256



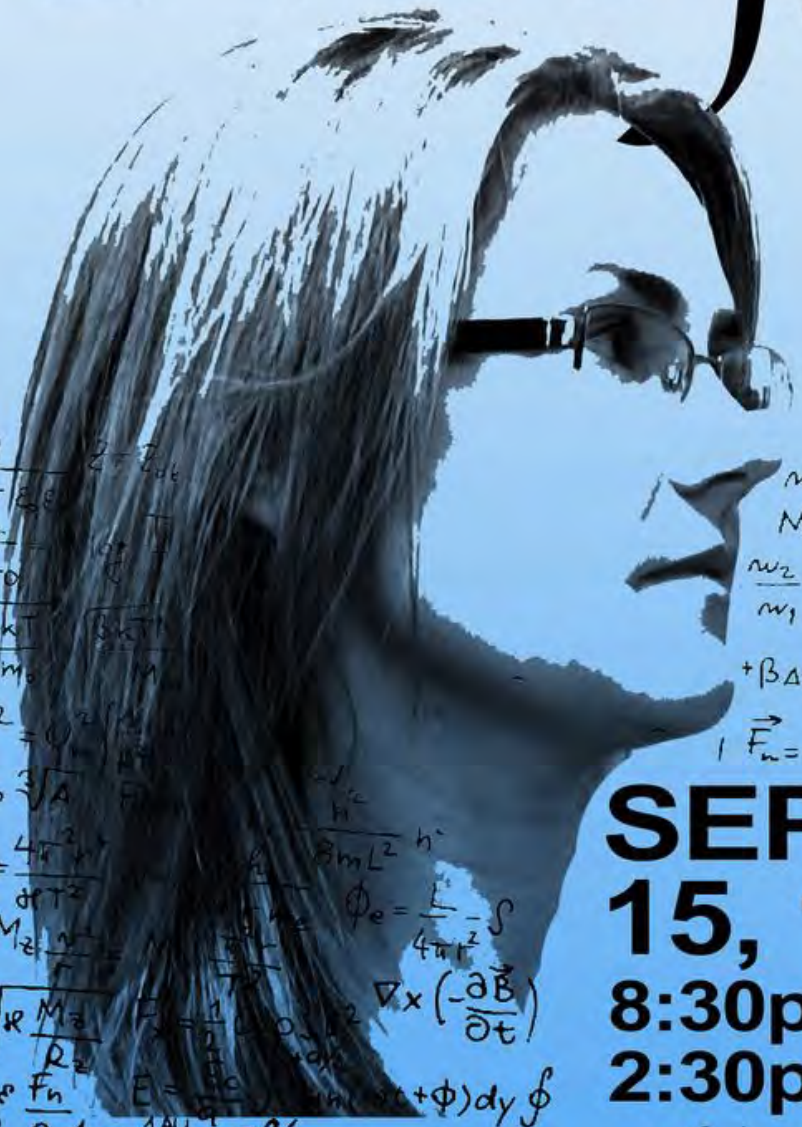




Warrandyte Threatre Company presents
A play by David Auburn

Proof

Directed by Caroline Shaw
and Lisa MacGibbon



SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 22, 23.

8:30pm. Matinee at 2:30pm on Sat 23rd

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