October 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

Looking for a frock for the Red Carpet Ball?

In recent communications, the very lovely Briony Bottarelli has passed on a possible opportunity for someone looking for that special gown for the upcoming Red Carpet Ball (December 9)

Its an evening gown at 'Whimsical Treasures' (up behind Thyme by the Yarra), going for $80.00. Briony thought one of the theatricals maybe interested in this for the ball. She also thought it might suit me – although you mauve isn't my colour really.

Gutter renewal project

We have been successful in our application for a Heritage Grant from Manningham Council for to help us replace guttering and install a gutter guard system. This will require that we match the grant amount to get the job done. As always, many thanks to Pat Anderson for yet another successful application - her percentage success in such applications is still 100%! We expect the work to begin before the end of the year if possible.

MIV's 20th Anniversary Art Project - we star in it!

Commissioned by the Mechanics Institutes of Victoria Association, artist and illustrator Damian Callanan has captured the beauty and charm of twenty examples of the ornate and simple buildings in Victorian towns and cities. The oldest is the Melbourne Athenaeum, established as the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution in 1839 and the Emerald Mechanics' Institute was built in more recent times. The style of architecture varies from, the splendid, highly ornate establishments, which were built in the glory of the gold rush era, to the very modest simple features of places established by small farming communities as meeting halls. There are 2018 calendars featuring twelve Institutes, one for each month, and cards which feature the twenty Institutes individually. As our dear hall is one of the 12 calendar pictures – perhaps you would like to order a 2018 Calendar or some cards? If so, I have included the order form in this Dodger.

Group reports

Pottery News

The potters wish to send Marjorie their love and best wishes following her recent health problems. We've been hearing good news from Amanda as Marjorie's health improves. Marjorie is lucky to have Amanda as a solid support.

The Tuesday potters have celebrated a special birthday for Melissa with great food, company and an amazing cake!

Look - even Callum was invited for the celebration!

Liz, Sheryle & Brenda (Tuesday potters) for Marjorie Beecham

Painting News

The painting group members are slowly returning from their winter migration to warmer climes, and it is great to see them. I have attached couple of works done by the lovely Heather on her escape to Noosa. We have decided that the group will meet only in school terms, therefore no meeting last week (and it was the public holiday for the football grand final) and there will be no meeting this Friday. It is hoped that we will resume meeting on Friday 13th October.

I had a phone call from a lady asking about our painting sessions, as she had read the note on the glass at the front of the hall, she has indicated she would attend on 13th. I am sure with the web site going live we may be able to attract some more interested persons.

The life drawing group is going to continue through school holiday times, so we have the option of attending these meetings if someone feels the need.

Attendance at these sessions has been a bit low. I have attended most of these sessions and found them to be great fun and hope some of the painting group will take advantage of this terrific opportunity when they can.

Belinda, a regular at the life drawing sessions, has joined the institute and all necessary people have been notified.

I am sure with the return of all our members we will gain momentum for 2018.

Rhonda Stewart

Group reports (continued)

Theatre News

I'll keep it short! That's my brief.

Brief Encounter

On November 17th we open with Noel Coward's Brief Encounter. The play is a musical play with the dialogue augmented, supported, enhanced and enriched by songs from Coward's catalogue. Some of the songs are actually poems set to music composed by Stu Barker of Kneehigh theatre in Bristol, UK, who has been available to consult with our MD- David Rackham.

The set, the staging, the music have all presented challenges but we have our best people on it and I will come back to them when we compile the program. Suffice to say there is crack team working hard.

I imagine that many of you know the story. It was filmed in 1945 with Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson in the lead roles. Our cast is: Sean Collins, Gabriella Llewelyn, Lisa Upson, Simone Kiefer, David Tynan, Tony Clayton and Flora Terrens. At time of writing we have one small role left to fill. Our musicians are: David Rackham - bass, steel guitar, harp, ukulele, Jack Stringer piano and Daryll Mitchell guitars.

In the foreword to the script Emma Rice (no relation, sadly) who adapted this script for the stage, writes about Coward's depiction of unrequited love and the pain of hiding one's emotions. In the 1930s it was not possible to have affairs. How then did Alec, a respectable and married GP come to fall in love with Laura an equally respectable housewife. How could they express their love and retain their respectable personas?

Come and find out!

Red Carpet Ball - December

The end of year ball is on December 9th. Please save the date, dust off your glad rags in preparation and stand by for updates.

Adrian Rice

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

"Don't just sit there rolling your eyes – eat your dinner before it gets cold!"

Warrandyte Theatre Company presents

The Red Carpet Ball

Saturday 9th December 2017

Mechanics Hall
Yarra Street, Warrandyte

8pm until late
$30/head
Finger food, bar, entertainment
Tickets at trybooking.com

Dress to impress as your favourite movie character or black tie

Proof pictures!

What Michael did next!

The multi-talented Michael Fenemore is starring (as well as producing) a classic Harold Pinter play - a few of us are going on Sunday November 19 - please consider booking and joining us. Lets show him the love he shows us!

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Saturday 18th November - 8pm
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