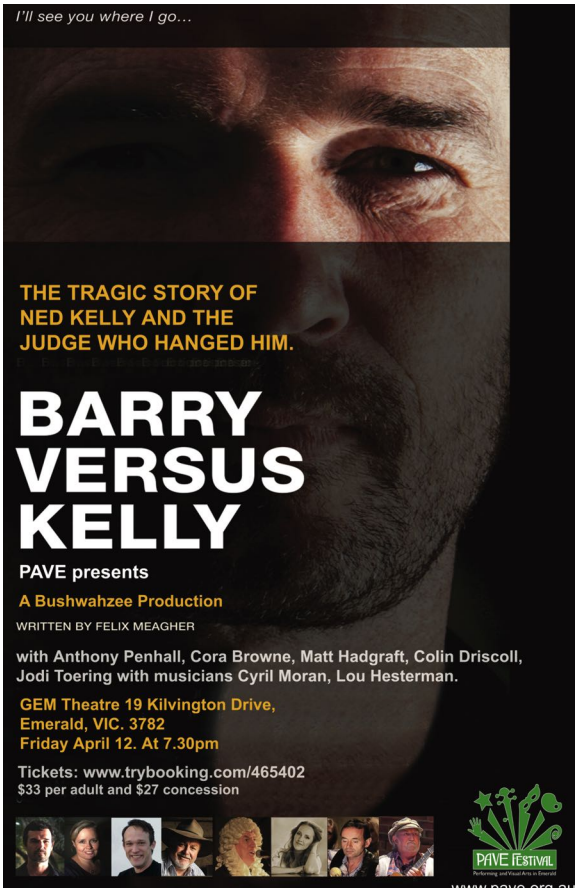
March 2019

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

Fancy showing Warrandyte your work?

Local legend and keen eyed pat Anderson recently saw this ad at the goldfields. Might be worth considering for our visual artists? The contact for enquiries is: "Chewy" 0418 340 246; email chewy@solsup.com.au



Don't forget to book your tickets!

Well - its nearly ready for you! Animal Farm is about to reach the stage, and the director, cast and crew have all been working extremely hard to tell Orwell's fable about communism. Its dark, but we think richly entertaining. It also boasts the young and old actors from the company - please make sure to secure your tickets - see you there!

Group reports

Pottery News

The Potters are all inspired to produce some great pots for the exhibition set for September. We planning this with the drawing group and maybe the craft group will join in.
Many birthday celebrations in the studio this month and the Tuesday group are meeting up on 23rd March to Celebrate Liz's big 60th. Congratulations Liz .

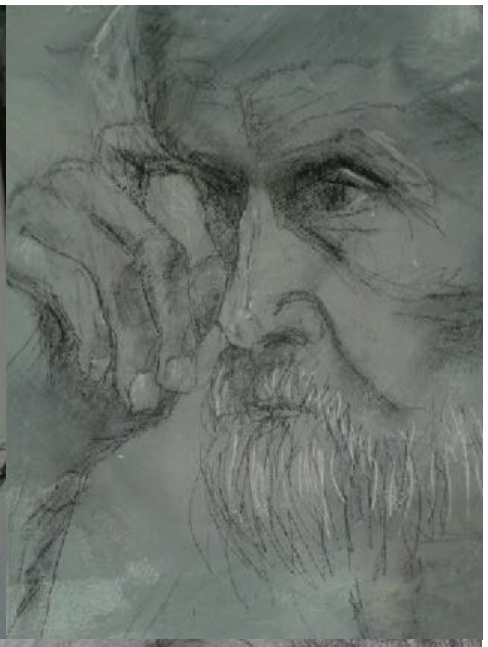
Amanda Sgourakis

Group reports

Visual Arts News

Life drawing continues to be attended by an entusiastic, dedicated group. We've discussed it being, meditation like. As all participants become completly engaged in their craft. The session begin as a personal grind, as angles, lighting, materials are choosen. Commitment begins & 3 hours later, wallah..... Being an untutored group, provides individuality. Here are some examples of our differences.

Marion Cooper



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Theatre News

I could bleat on about Animal Farm or rabbit on about what we discussed at last week's committee meeting but generally when David asks for the Theatre report for the Dodger, I merely grunt and get on with it.

I am assuming by now you will know that Animal Farm is opening this coming Friday 22nd March and will have booked tickets for yourselves and all your friends.

Festival Parade

It's very common to hear people who have lived in Warrandyte say "oh do we have a theatre here?" So if you are free, upright and able, then join us on Saturday morning 23rd March at 9 at the hall for a breakfast and then parade (in costume if you like) in the Festival Parade. The parade is an opportunity to remind the fine folk of our town that we do indeed have a theatre here.

Season 4 2019.

We have performance rights for a very funny play "Contractions" which we hope to bring to you then. It is a 60 minute play with two actors and we are currently reading other short plays to stage on the same bill. If you know of a play that you would recommend, then please get in touch with us.

And not forgetting, All My Sons up in June followed by The Lady from the Sea in August. Detail to follow.

Adrian

WMIAA Life Membership Guidelines

If you have someone in mind for such an honour in 2019 - please see the guidelines below. Special thanks to Membership Secretary Noelene Cooper for helping refine these guidelines. (Note: deadline is end of March!)

Life Membership is an honour bestowed on an individual member who has made a longstanding and exceptional contribution to the WMI&AA.

Criteria
* Contribution of outstanding service of any kind to the WMI&AA
* Contribution of service extended over a minimum of 10 years

Nomination
* Any member of the WMI&AA can make a nomination for life membership.
* Each February Dodger should include a reminder to members that any nominations for Life Membership need be forwarded to the President by the end of March.
* Nominators need to submit the name of the nominee and reasons for the nomination to the President of the WMIAA Committee.
* Nominations are approved by a majority of the quorum of the WMI&AA committee at the committee meeting prior to the AGM.
* Life Membership is awarded at the AGM.

Benefits
* Life Members are exempt from annual membership fees and admission fees to WMI&AA group productions.
* The members name is added to the Life Members board displayed in the Mechanic's Hall.

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

"No, I'd be a *brilliant* spy! I'm *discreet*, I *blend* into a crowd, and, *and* … I'm *a natural* at reading body-language!"

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