December 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

Black arm bands please - Callum retires from active duty for now (sigh...)

For the last couple of years, Callum the wunderkind has graced our little hall as the caretaker on steroids. Bursting with energy and ideas, and willing and able to put in so many more hours than we pay him for, he has revolutionised the idea of care taking - installing new light and sound stuff, innovating our bookings and key handling systems, and generally growing the looks and status of the hall. In fact the tricky thing was holding him back - he really did sometimes have trouble working out when to stop 'innovating'. The WMIAA has benefitted greatly from all his work, and when he finishes up at the end of February, his input will be sorely missed. We wish him well in far better paid work in 2020, and are glad that he still would like to be involved in the future. Farewell for now Callum!

Here he is with our new hall cleaner Esther – perhaps excitedly sharing news of the jobs he won't have to do anymore!

Hall repairs in January

Many will have noticed some extensive works at the hall over January, scheduled at this time to avoid classing with hall usage unduly. Two major jobs have begun, including a major improvement to the drainage and waterproofing of the toilets area. Funded by a generous $32,00 grant from the Warrandyte Community Bank, we were able to contract John Chapman Builders to complete these works. We also completed a major repair to the fascias and roof plumbing of the Pottery Studio, assisted by a grant from Manningham Council.

As part of these works, the two lovely pottery people at the front of the hall needed to be relocated, and the pottery group will handle rebuilding them at their new home in the coming weeks. Thanks heaps to Callum (and David) for their help in liaising with the builders over this time.

eDodger rules - ok?

For many years the Dodger has been available in both electronic (PDF) format, as well as mailed out to those who have requested that option. The numbers requiring mailed out versions has dwindled from about 60 to around 20 now. For many years, Marjorie Beecham and Noelle Burgess would personally organise to envelope, address and stamp these, but now we think that this time has passed. Starting from this edition, the Dodger will only be available in electronic form - either by email, or by accessing the Dodger via the WMIAA website.

Group reports

Pottery News

Welcome back to pottery for 2020, we look forward to yet another fabulous year creating & sharing. Special thanks to Jan & Doug for hosting such a fabulous luncheon in their beautiful home and garden amongst the pottery masterpieces and local wildlife. A delight that Rene, aided by her Daughter Jan was able to join in the celebrations. See the gallery of memories from the luncheon further on in this issue.

We were very sad to hear a couple of weeks later that Rene had died peacefully on Dec 27th at 101 1/2 yrs young, a special lady who will be missed greatly by all.

A big thank you to our COMMITTEE especially David, Callum organising & carrying out the huge work done over the holidays to our Studio, new fascia's, downpipes, gutters & everything broken, very much appreciated.

Liz Pryor

Group reports

Visual Arts News

Happy 2020!
Photos are from the December show. It looked great but sadly there was low attendance. We shall return to the Grand Final weekend for this years annual show.
Our sessions have enthusiastically begun, engaging a new model(for us) for 3 weeks. Already the wonderful creative juices are flowing. Welcome back to all who have returned & to the new faces.

Marion Cooper

Group reports

Theatre News

With Adrian away, here is a potted compilation from David & friends.

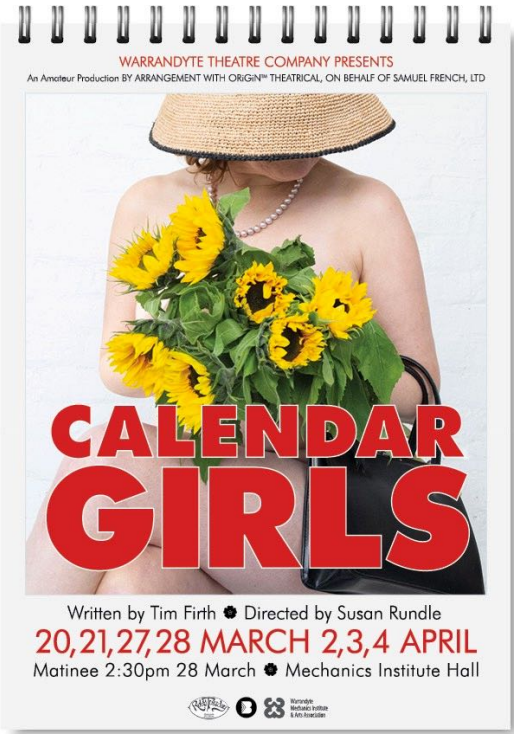
Christmas Party

Seems a long time ago, but it was a great success, with about 40 showing up, including some very welcome members of the Warrandyte Repair cafe. BBQ and Finska joy all round and a great way to finish the show. Many thanks to Lisa Upson for her organising skills!

Calendar Girls

Rehearsal are progressing well, with accents improving and an emerging set. A recent working bee organised by producer Grant Purdy for set was well attended, and many thanks to Karl Heine for adding his expertise to the various jobs arising from Jock's set design. Callum and Adam tinkered away repairing and setting lights for the show as well. Thanks also to Grant for organising this and Peter Rundle for his innovative curves!

David Tynan



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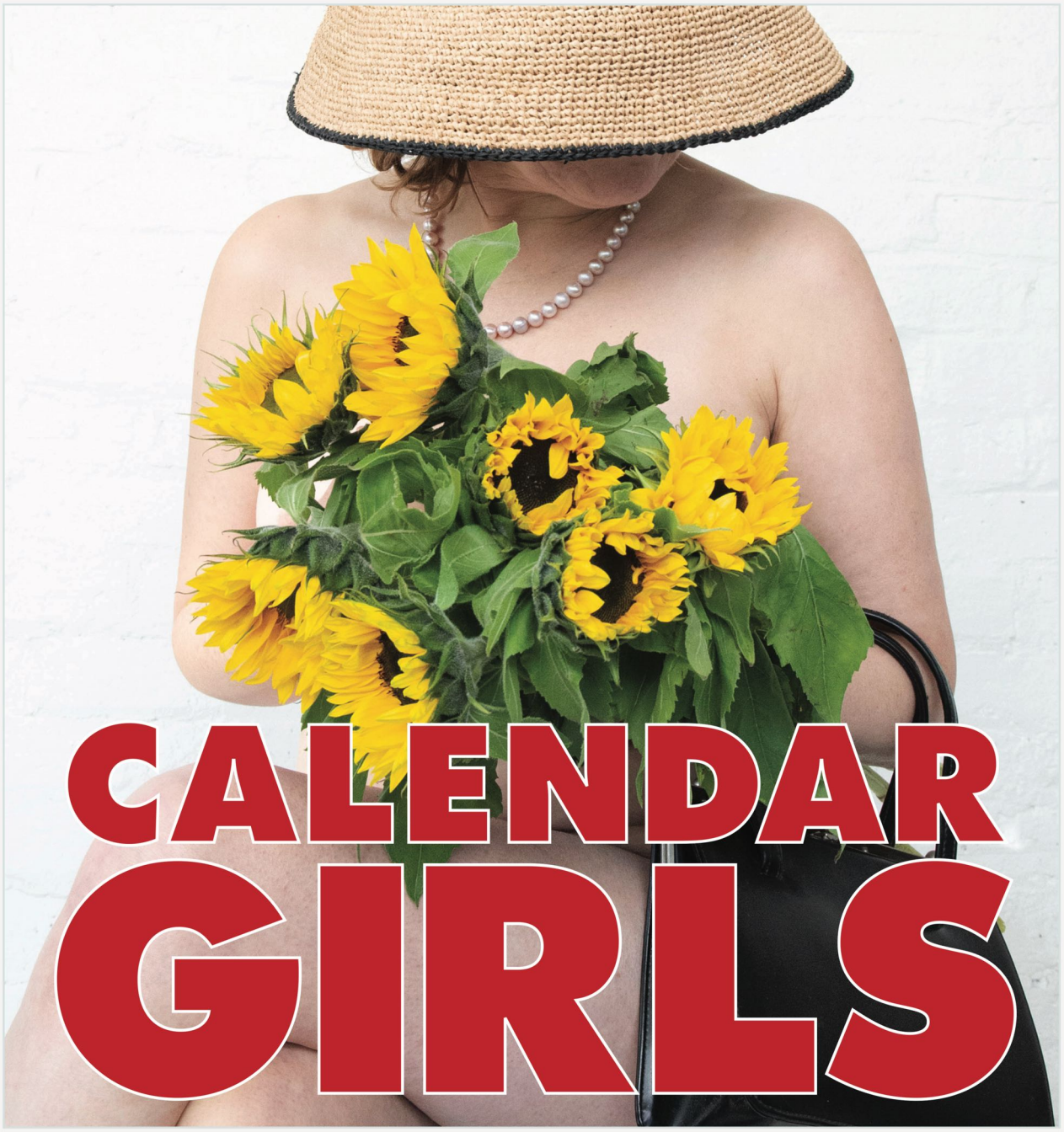

Written by Tim Firth ✿ Directed by Susan Rundle

20,21,27,28 MARCH 2,3,4 APRIL

Matinee 2:30pm 28 March ✿ Mechanics Institute Hall

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Warrandyte Mechanics Institute & Arts Association

Repair Cafe kickstarts 2020

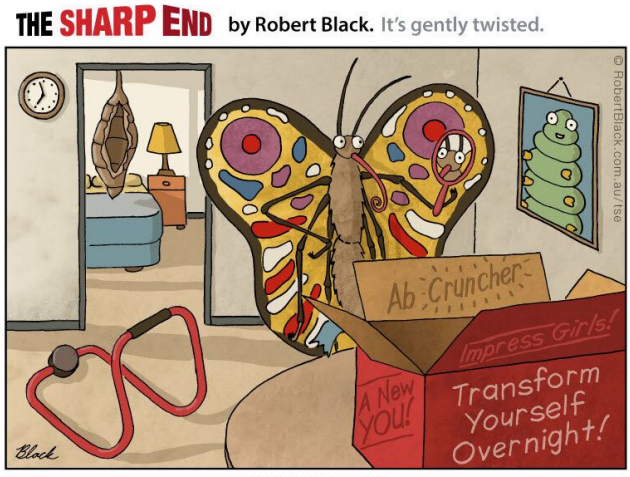
Our merry band of helpers returned to the cafe, alongside many willing helpees. The Warrandyte Repair Cafe appears to have become a welcome part of the local community diary, with each month's cafe attracting more people, and more helpers! Here is a small selection of photos from the February cafe. Special thanks to Pat Anderson for the cakes and biscuits!

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



"What the … ?!"

WMIAA Bushfire Relief Concert

I'd like to say you can still get tickets for this, but you can't sorry! We were embarrassed by how many volunteered to be involved and how many tickets sold in 2 days - all of them! We have already raised more than $6000 in ticket sales and donations, and expect more donations on the day. Well played Warrandyte!

BUSHFIRE APPEAL CONCERT

for the **VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE APPEAL**

★ Jock Macneish ★ Graham Dodsworth ★ Chocolate Lilies ★ Alan Cornell
★ Lisa Upson & Vocal Agents ★ Heather & Glenn Jameson ★ Wazukers
★ Michelle Reeves ★ John Milburn ★ Francesca Carl ★ Grant Purdy
★ David Tynan ★ Simone Kiefer & Noelene Cooper ★ Jack Stringer

SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY

2 Shows ~ 2pm & 8pm
Warrandyte Mechanics Institute Hall
Cabaret Style ~ BYO Food & Drinks

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Warrandyte Mechanics Institute and Arts Association

Pottery Group Christmas Party