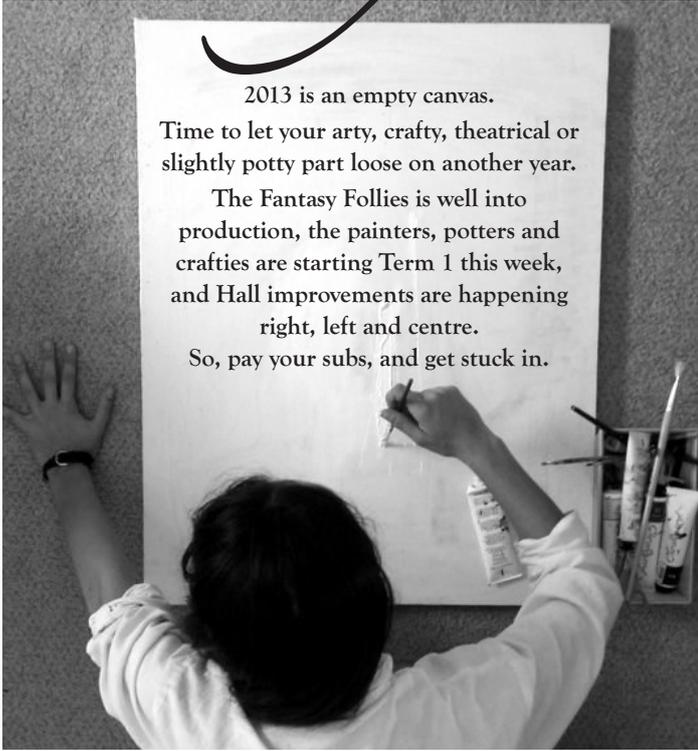


THE Artful DODGER

FEBRUARY:2013

1.n. roystering young pickpocket from Charles Dickens' *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 Alan Cornell on 98444995 or alan@commercialventure.com.au



2013 is an empty canvas.
Time to let your arty, crafty, theatrical or slightly potty part loose on another year.
The Fantasy Follies is well into production, the painters, potters and crafties are starting Term 1 this week, and Hall improvements are happening right, left and centre.
So, pay your subs, and get stuck in.



We've flown in one of our leading ladies of the stage, Caroline Shaw, to direct this year's Fantasy Follies alongside group president, Lisa Upson. Already, they have 18 eager cast members throwing themselves into a fanciful array of sketches, belting out fantastic songs under the baton of Musical Director Dick Pengelley, and trying to keep in step with Susan Rundell's choreography, which is a bit of a fantasy in itself. Fortunately, producer Daryll Mitchell has the happy knack of keeping everyone happy.



We reported in April last year that 16 of our chairs had wandered off to stretch their legs. Well, in the words of Little Bo Peep, *leave them alone and they will come home wagging their tails behind them*, which we're delighted to report they have. So everyone can now take their seats for the Follies. Or is that tempting fate?

2013 SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

Single \$20 Family \$30

Name

Address.....

.....

Phone

Email

Payment options: 1. Pay your group representative. 2. Cheque payable to "WMI&AA Inc" - post to Treasurer WMI&AA, PO Box 150, Warrandyte 3113. 3. Direct deposit, being sure to include your name in the payment details. BSB: 633 000 A/c No: 122710262 A/c Name: WMI&AA

Please send my newsletter by EMAIL POST



Warrandyte Mechanics Institute & Arts Association Inc 0009153X

www.warrandytehallarts.asn.au

Group reports.

Theatre



Apologies for the abbreviated theatre section this month. My mind is full of Follies! I am up to my ears in unicorns and fairies, not to mention the odd wizard and vampire. Caroline and I are realising the vision for the Fantasy Follies and we are blessed to have such a wonderful cast and crew. Dick Pengelley's musical direction is proving to be a big hit with everyone and the songs are sounding fantastic! The set looks amazing, thanks to Caroline and Denise and Bill C. is of course hammering away madly. Daryll, our wonderful producer is keeping everything running smoothly and Jan-Louise is already attending rehearsals to get her head around the stage managing. So don't miss out on this year's Follies. Book your tickets through our link to Trybooking on the WMIAA website. Hope to see you all at the Hall.

Lisa Upton 9844 1436

Painting



Happy New Year to all, hope you had a very pleasant Holiday Season and all the best for the coming year.

We will be meeting again on the 13th February at 10.30am in the Hall. Depending on the weather we may paint outdoors or in the Hall. If you have any good ideas for the coming year now is the time to make suggestions.

Subscriptions are due - \$20 each member.

Pauline Cross 94391775

Pottery



Happy New Year. Our first challenge for 2013 is to create an interesting collection of pots and planters to be exhibited together with the painters and craft groups in the Hall on May 19th to celebrate heritage week. Think about it for we will need to get started straight away.

One wonders what the odds are of Brenda, a Tuesday potter, meeting by chance Denys, a Wednesday potter, in a small town in South Chile named Pucon. It was New Year's Eve. They didn't even know that they would be visiting Chile at the same time! Amazing.

We are always looking for new potters. If you know of anyone interested bring them along.

Marjorie Beecham 9844 3206

Rosemary Climas 9844 2154

Craft



Dear Pat

A note to thank you and Graeme most sincerely for showing us around the Warrandyte MI during the recent "Heading for the Hills" Mechanics' Institutes Tour.

Indeed it was an honour for me to lead a tour of Institutes that were all in good hands and still available for community use.

You can all be justly proud of what you have achieved at Warrandyte MI which has phoenix-like risen to provide such opportunities for the arts and wider community.

Please convey our best wishes to all concerned and keep MIV posted of your happenings and aspirations.

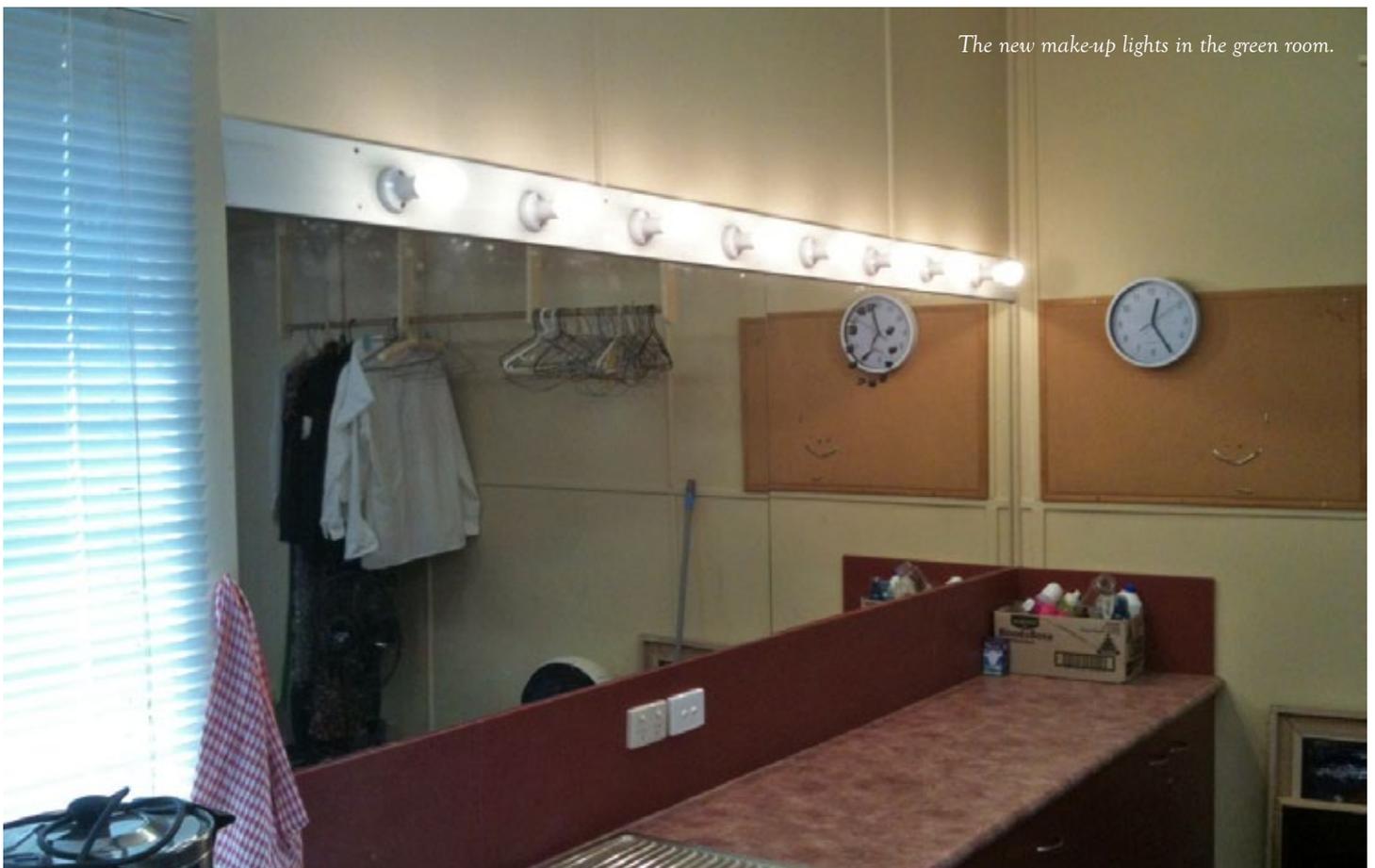
Again many thanks for your generous help.

Best wishes for a Joyous Christmastide and the New Year.

Kind regards

Jim Lowden

(Secretary, Mechanics Institute Victoria)



The new make-up lights in the green room.