

THE Artful DODGER

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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 9844 4111 or alan@commercialventure.com.au

A TRULY GORGEOUS CHRISTMAS PANTO!

Have you been yet? We're taking the grandkids to next Saturday's matinee when I'm hoping to boo David Tynan and catch a sweetie. Reports are glowing, so make sure you don't miss out!



MAJOR HANDOUTS FOR THE HALL

At the Warrandyte Community Bank's AGM held on Wednesday 18th November, valuable grants were distributed to 46 local clubs and organisations. None more valuable than the \$50,000 grant presented to the WMI&AA for major works on the new foyer and amenities described in last month's Dodger.

John Chapman and his team have now been given the go-ahead on the project which will hopefully be completed before next year's Follies.

We have also received a Manningham Council Heritage

Grant of \$2,600 towards the replacement of the rear doors. And with all that activity and digging equipment going on, we're also hoping to install a toilet in the Pottery Studio at the same time.

A PRECIOUS GIFT FROM CHRISTIE AND LUKE

At a wonderful function held earlier in the month at Ming's Restaurant, the WMI&AA also became the beneficiaries of another generous donation from the Christie Lawrence and Luke Mayall Memorial Fund. After ten years of giving young local people a financial helping hand along the path to achieving their dreams in the... (continued Page 4)

DATES TO REMEMBER - Princess Gorgeous of Neverland Last Days! ~ 4th December (8pm), 5th December (2pm & 8pm)
Pottery Christmas Luncheon ~ 12:30pm 8 December @ "Landfall" **Christmas Party** ~ 6pm, 19 December @ Lions BBQ



Group reports.

With huge thanks to our Group leaders
for another mighty year!

Pottery



Last news letter for 2009. May I take this opportunity to wish all members of WAA a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

First term for 2010 dates are: Tues February 9th and Wednesday February 10th. Fees are due on these days.

The Potters' Christmas Luncheon is at "Landfall" 12:30 Dec 8th. Please bring a plate.

Marj Beecham 9844 3206



Painting



We had a happy get together with all present for Gill Beddington's 90th, took the opportunity to wish ourselves a happy Christmas Season as well. Thanks to Jill Dickason for making it such a pleasant occasion in her home, we all felt we were at the Windsor Hotel for High Tea.

As we all have so many commitments coming up, we made this our last gathering for the year.

I take this opportunity to wish all members a pleasant and safe holiday season.

Pauline Cross 9439 1775



Theatre



1. Princess Gorgeous

By the time you read this, our gorgeous Panto will be underway, fruits of the labour of many, especially the directors Jan and Lea, and musically Jack. Heartfelt

thanks to this trio, and to Gail and others for helping with all the off-stage work. We hope you like our pics from the dress rehearsal!

2. Christmas Party

This years christmas party is a BBQ at the bridge by the tennis courts on Saturday December 19th from 6 pm. You are not only invited but expected to come along (well it wouldn't be any fun without YOU)!! BYO everything of course!!!

3. Follies Writing

Thanks to those who attended our writers' get-together recently. Our aim this year is to establish a tight pool of committed writers and have scripts ready, workshopped, edited and polished within an inch of their funny bone before rehearsals. [Writers please note: The date to review our first scripts is 19 December, when we will meet at the BBQs beside the tennis courts at the Lions Reserve between 4-6pm. Please bring (or send to Alan) any finished or draft scripts. If you haven't managed anything but are still keen to be one of the writers for the show, please at least let Alan or myself know by then. Last minute contributions will only be considered if they're irresistibly hilarious!!

David Tynan 9844 5727



Craft



Rosemary Climas 9844 2154





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...arts and hospitality fields, the Fund has been wound up, and its remaining funds gifted to the Association. The exact nature of the improvements this money will allow is currently being finalised, again with the help of Jock Macneish, but it will provide a fitting reminder of Luke and Christie in the Hall that Christie loved. Well done to Phyl Swindley and her team for all the wonderful work they have done during the life of the Fund, and thank you for including the Association amongst its many beneficiaries.



Jack Stringer with his hand out at the Bendigo Bank grants night.



APOLOGY

The October edition of "The Artful Dodger" included an article entitled "A Modern Lear Story". The article concerned the departure of William George ("Gus") McLaren from Warrandyte. The Publishers of "The Artful Dodger" and the author of the article Miss Karen Throssell understand that the article implies that the children of Gus McLaren (a) were instrumental in his departure from Warrandyte and (b) that their motives in effecting such departure were improper.

The Publishers and Miss Karen Throssell both accept that the article and the allegations it contains refers to Susan McLaren, Kirsty McLaren and Tim McLaren and members of their families being the children of Gus McLaren.

The Publishers and Throssell both unconditionally and irrevocably withdraw the imputations in the article and any suggestion of any impropriety whatsoever by any member of Gus McLaren's family in connexion with his departure from Warrandyte.

The Publishers of "The Artful Dodger" and Miss Karen Throssell apologize to Susan McLaren, Kirsty McLaren and Tim McLaren and members of their families for the hurt and distress caused to them by the publication of the article "A Modern Lear Story" in the October 2008 edition of "The Artful Dodger".

The making of Princess Gorgeous.

