

THE Artful DODGER

September 2013

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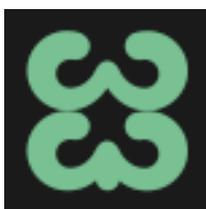
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE NEXT SHOW !

In case you hadn't noticed, another smart Warrandyte Theatre Company sign has appeared on our main board. Actually it's for the Warrandyte Youth Theatre Company. Speaks for itself really...

Creative outlet at the Inlet

The Theatre Company's writers' weekend proved to be the last word in a long history of producing new 'home grown' material for The Follies.

It was held at Libby & Ken's place at Aireys Inlet, and the theory was that such a seaside venue would allow for relaxation and creativity. And so it was, after the odd bottle of vino, that a promising list of sketches was developed. All good fun and jolly good company!



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We were glad to hear from Mandy, Joan Dines' daughter, that Joan is improving in hospital. Get well, Joan, we need you! Spring is sprung in Warrandyte and the cherry blossom and wattle are looking their best, so don't miss their beauty.

Fourth term dates are just days of Tuesday 8th October and Wednesday 9th October. Fees are due on these days.

Winter this year has been almost comfortable in the Studio with our wonderful new heater. Every week we say "thank you" to Ken and the Committee. There is no doubt that warm hands make better pots!

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We had a very pleasant afternoon with Gillian Beddington at her home, Gracedale, earlier in the month.

Some of the Painters were able to attend her Tea Party along with other Warrandyte friends and colleagues from her Kindergarten days. It was all delightfully decorated and the eats delicious.

Thank you, Gill for an enjoyable afternoon together.

Following our day with Gill, we became all inspired to have a Tea Party Still Life Painting Day.

On the next appropriate Wednesday we met in the Hall and had a fun day painting our Still Life and some very interesting paintings evolved.

The weather should start to get a little warmer with Spring around the corner, so we are looking forward to getting out and painting a lot more colour in the landscape.

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Hello Theatre lovers,

We are excited to announce the second season of our Youth Theatre, and this year we again have the talents of our younger actors directed by David Tynan and assisted by Louise Phelan, in the fabulous '**The Real Inspector Hound**' by Tom Stoppard.

This 'play within a play' parodies the stereotypical murder-mystery-in-a-parlour genre and is seen through the eyes of two critics who become inextricably linked to the action. The plot twists, turns and absorbs these two and is thought by some to be a sly dig at critics by Stoppard. Nieta Manser has kindly stepped in as Producer. Tickets are on sale now, so come along, have a fun night and support your local Community Theatre. We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Dates: 13, 14, 20, 21 September 2013

Bookings: warrandytehallarts.asn.au/tickets

Tickets: \$22 (\$20 concession)

I look forward to seeing you at the Mechanics Hall to share a fun night.

Auditions have finished for the Spring/Summer production of **The 39 Steps** and rehearsals are already underway. Keep posted for more on this fun take on Alfred Hitchcock's original movie.... See you at the Hall,

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A recent (and generous) letter from old friends:

Dear WMI&AA Secretary,

*Congratulations on your latest newsletter. It was great!
A big thank you for sending the news for many years as Keith and I are both Life Members.
Enclosed is a donation of \$100.
Always interested in all the Groups.
I am still painting but not quite the same as it was with WAA!*

*Sincerely,
Bobbi and Keith Wilson
Mount Martha*



Can you spot any famous profiles?

Some more terrific set artwork from Denise Farran has been painted behind the theatre box for "The Real Inspector Hound".

Set ready, go !

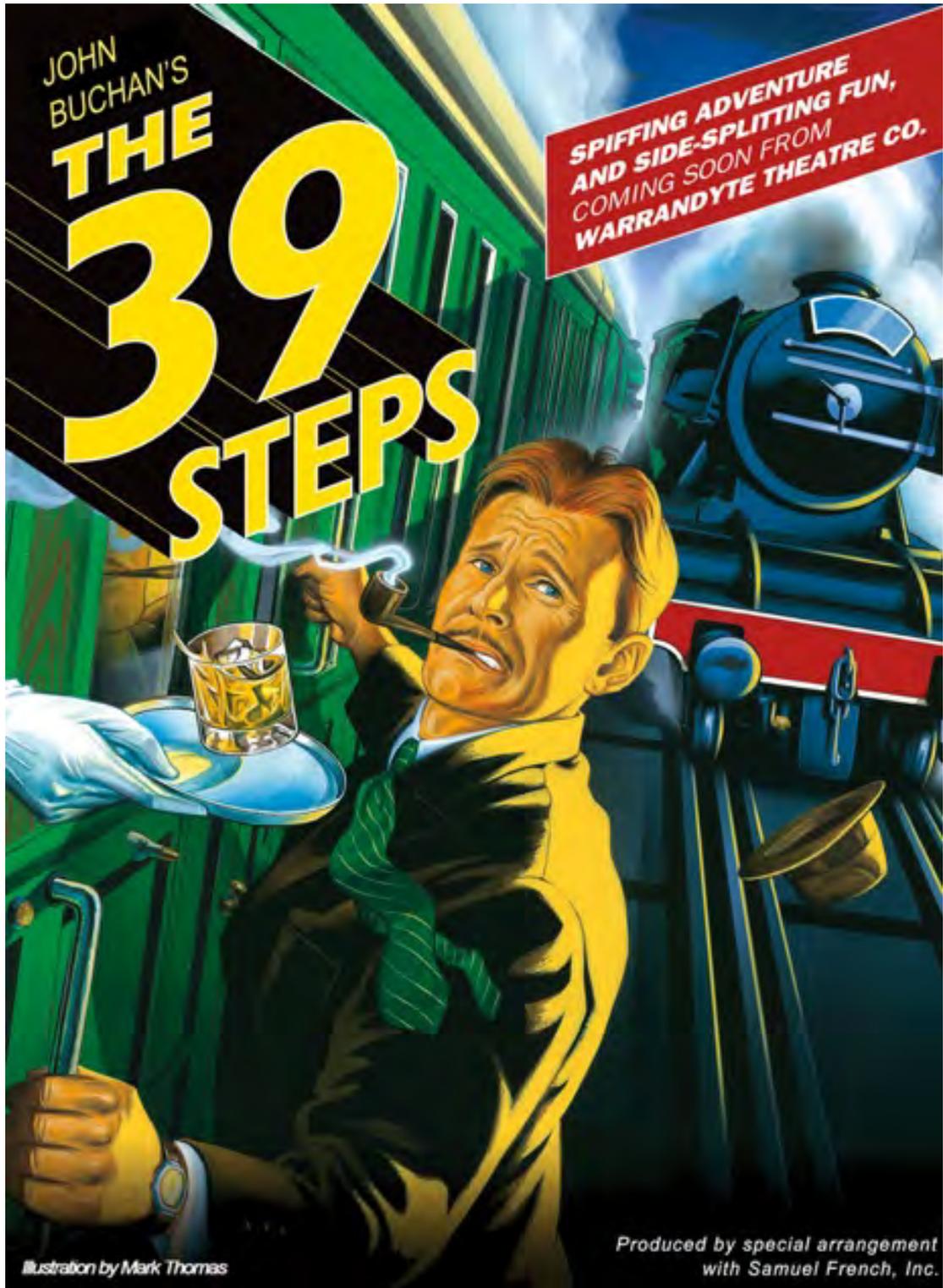


The set for the next Warrandyte Youth Theatre show is nearing completion thanks to Bill Connolly and Ken Virtue.

Bill (he's the one wearing the latest High Vis work gear in the photograph below) has again made his tool-rich home workshop available for the task. Following morning coffees and lunchtime pies, the boys have been beavering away at all kinds of carpentry and painting – even a tidy wallpaper line across the walls.

Before this sawdust has even had a chance to settle our intrepid duo have started on a list of items for the set of "The 39 Steps". Designed by Jock Macneish, this set will feature a variety of theatrical devices to assist in the frenetic scene changes of this classic play.

Already in rehearsals, the actors and crew will need all available props on stage as early as possible to ensure a tight performance season. Onwards, lads!



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