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#### Hello everyone!!!

Well I know you haven't seen much of the MUSE over the last couple of years. I think we know that Covid 19 is the culprit for lots of arts related non events. Hey it's been hard everywhere, especially in the arts. Now we really need to be involved and support our artists especially those who make a living from their creative pursuits. 2024 will be more creative for Moartz, so everyone let's get involved in the arts!

### The new Moartz Inc. committee 2024

**President** - Sharon Anderson Vice President - Carole Sell Minutes Secretary - Steve Bechaz

Treasurer - Dot Teague Membership secretary Julie Strini

"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see." Edgar Degas

'A man who works with his hands is a labourer; a man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist. ' — Louis Nizer

### **Lowanna College Awards Night**

Each year Moartz sponsors students at Lowanna Secondary Collage to encourage youth excellence in the arts. The awards evening in 2023 was a great success. We thank Dot Teague for attending the evening and handing the awards to the following students.

#### Awards went to:

Art Creative Practice - Jessica Burns VET Music and Literature -

Music Performance - Tahlia Nicholas-Cummins **Tahlia Nicholas-Cummins** Isabella Simpson-Jung



# CERTIFICATE **OF** APPRECIATION

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR **COLLEGE PRESENTATION NIGHT** 

Presented To:

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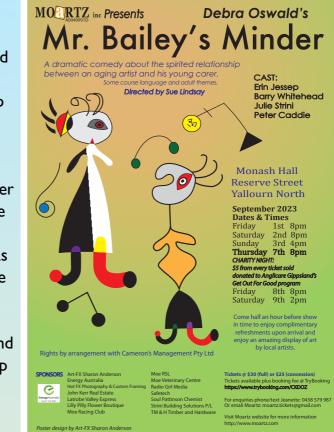
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"Art is not a handicraft, it is the transmission of feeling the artist has experienced." Wassily Kandinsky

### 'Mr Bailey's Minder'

September 2023, Moartz put on their 31st production, Mr Bailey's Minder by Debra Oswald at Monash Hall, Yallourn North. They play is a dramatic comedy about the spirited relationship between an ageing artist and his young carer. It was great to welcome a new director in Sue Lindsay to the Moartz family. We were blessed to cast beloved local actor Barry Whitehead after a 12-year absence from the stage, along with the talented Erin Jessep, Julie Strini and newcomer Peter Caddie. The other character on stage was our amazing set, once again constructed by Mike Pullar. Thanks as always goes to the stable of Moartz regulars behind the scenes and loyal patrons. The overall response from cast, crew and the audience were extremely positive, backed up by great success at the Gippsland Associated Theatre (7 nominations/3 wins) and Victorian Drama League (6 nominations) Awards.





The cast from left; Barry Whitehead, Erin Jessep, Julie Strini, Peter Caddie.

### 'Mr Bailey's Minder'





### **Open Studios Latrobe 2023**

This year Open Studios Latrobe once again the best of our artists with demonstrations and displays throughout Latrobe Valley and Arc Yinnar as well as artists in their own studios.



If you have ever wondered how artists create their work, then Moartz's Open Studios Latrobe had many places to visit over the weekend of the 21st and 22nd of October. The artists were in Moe, Tanjil South, Morwell, Yinnar and Boolarra and many



people came out to see our artists over the Latrobe Valley.

This was the eighth Open Studios event for Moartz and was a great weekend with our artists and art groups bringing their art to the public from their own studios, the Moe Library and ARC Yinnar. The visitors went to our local artists where they had their work on show and they did demonstrations in their favourite mediums.





We had some new artists involved in Open Studios Latrobe and some of our favourite artists returned after having taken a break and brought new artwork to show and sell.



# Calling all Moartz Theatre friends.

Your help, energy and any level of assistance is keenly sort after on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 at the Moartz Depot, Mill Rd Yallourn North.



Mike Pullar will be coordinating the day and will have a task list prepared so we can work through it on the day. There will be something for everyone and any level of ability. Everything from basic carpentry tasks, tidying up and cleaning, sorting costumes and props and more.

The plan is to work 10am – 1pm with a BBQ lunch afterwards, provided by Moartz.

Many hands make light work, hope to see you there.

### Moartz 25th Anniversary

#### Moartz celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024 - Formed in 1999

### Moartz History snapshot

Moartz Inc., formed 1999, by like-minded artists wanting to form a group to "be the catalyst for all manner of arts related activity in the community".

Over two and a half decades, it has evolved into an organisation with an enviable reputation of arts excellence, stand out hospitality, giving "newcomers" a go, a vast team of dedicated volunteers and an organisation that contributes to its community.

The Moartz name was derived from "Moe Arts". It began exclusively as a "vehicle" to promote and inspire the visual arts but soon became known for excellence in community theatre as well.

Moartz first theatre performance, 'Habeas Corpus', a comedy by Allan Bennett was performed at the Moe Town Hall in Sept 2000.



'Habeas Corpus' - left back, Jack Millar, Julianne Bremner, Euan Comrie

In September 2023 'Mr Bailey's Minder', a dramatic comedy by Debra Oswald became Moartz's 31st production, performed at the fully refurbished Monash Hall Yallourn North, which has been their home since 2012.

Comedy has been a consistent part of the Moartz success story as their patrons have made it very clear this is their preference.

Moartz theatre is affiliated with the Victorian Drama League (VDL) and Gippsland Associated Theatre (GAT) with an impressive and long list of award nominations and winners since their inception.

Moartz visual arts began 'Open Studios Latrobe' in 2015 having been inspired by the West Gippsland Open Studios. It has grown from there.

There will be more Moartz 25th history to come.

