

Thank You

Local Author, Scot Gardner, entertains his audience @ Morwell Library

A big “thank you” to all the people who attended the book sale in the Traralgon Courtroom in February. The book sale was a huge success with lots of surplus library items being sold.



Scot Gardner, well-known local author, gave a stimulating and entertaining talk recently at the Morwell Library in an evening session attended by about 50 people. Scot spoke about his five teenage novels, how he became an author and his writing methods. He inspired many of the crowd to contribute their personal life experiences which can form the basis of a story. Story writing for Scot has become his profession. He is especially proud of the fact that his books have that regional quality which allow people here in the Valley to relate to the places mentioned in them. Many teenagers who attended congratulated Scot on his unique, honest stories. They could relate to stories as the characters portrayed were just like them dealing with real life situations.

Scot's latest book titled “The Chainsaw Prince” will be released in September. Ms Grayden said there was a real sense of community on the night. “This was our first cultural event for 2005 and it was presented by a truly talented local identity.”

Jane Clifton



Jane Clifton is a genuine show-business all rounder. Actress, singer, and published crime novelist. Jane is often asked if there is there anything she cannot do. She is probably best known for playing the evil inmate Margo in the long running TV show *Prisoner*. Jane's first book, the comedic crime novel **Half Past Dead** was a labour of love that took her six years to write. It was short listed for the Ned Kelly Award for Best First Novel in 2002. Jane has just released her second novel, **A Hand in the Bush**— a comic thriller set in Melbourne.



A Hand in the Bush

In the heady days of the seventies, and at the tender age of nineteen, Decca Brand experiments with what was on offer—sex, drugs and intrigue. Far too much intrigue, it turns out, and of a sort that spells murder. Fast forward nearly thirty years and Decca is confronted by dangerous figures from her past. Not only that, the stunning psychologist and divorcee has a blind date lined up with a married man. And then things start to get complicated.

Graham Reilly



Graham Reilly emigrated from Glasgow to Melbourne when he was 13. He has worked as a cook, a truck washer, a maintenance man but for the last 20 years he has been a journalist, mostly for *The Age*.

Graham's first two novels were written while living in Vietnam with his wife.

Saigon Tea is a comedic tale that crosses from Glasgow to Melbourne to Saigon and back again. **Sweet Time** is a humorous exploration of Melbourne in the late 1960's when soccer challenged the dominant sport of Aussie rules. Graham's latest novel, **Five Oranges**, returns to the characters from **Saigon Tea** as they holiday in Australia and brave the Vietnamese underworld.