

Boroondara Writers' Bulletin — June 2009

Boroondara Writers' Group is a supportive and knowledgeable community of writers, working in all genres, and at all skill levels. Our monthly workshops are designed to encourage, to improve and to applaud members' writing.

The Victorian Writers' Centre

Some of you are probably already members of the Victorian Writers Centre, but for those of you who aren't, the VWC aims to be the leading provider of resources, information and skills development for Victorian Writers. It supports and promotes writers, writers' networks and the diverse writing cultures of Victoria. Members receive discounts on their courses and services, and the Boroondara Writers' Group has the opportunity to join as an organisation which would mean that all our members would be eligible for those discounts, even if they are not individual members. Please advise the coordinator at boroondarawritersgroup@gmail.com or at the June meeting if you feel this would be beneficial.

On June 18 they are hosting a free networking session, 'Let's Network! Genre/Popular Fiction Writers', at the Victorian Writers' Centre, featuring Lindy Cameron, convenor of Sisters in Crime Australia, and Murray MacLachlan, President of the Melbourne Science Fiction Club, as guest speakers.

Poetry Masterclass With Chris Wallace-Crabb

This weekend intensive will lead participants through the finer craft of poetry writing through a combination of exercises, facilitator commentary and group feedback. This course is tailored towards emerging to established poets and enrolment is by application only. To be eligible, please submit a one-page CV demonstrating previous published work plus a sample of your work (up to two pages). Sat/Sun July 4-5, 10am -4pm at Glenfern Studios, cnr Hotham and Inkerman Streets, East St Kilda, Cost \$300 non-members. Bookings essential 9654 9068. **Submissions close 24 June.**

Other VWC Events In June

- Wednesday 17th June at 6.30-8pm
Facts about Speculative Fiction with Justin Ackroyd, Alison Croggin and Paul Haines at a promotional price of \$12/\$10 concession. Offer closes 5pm June 12.
- Tuesday 23rd to Wednesday 24th June
Writing Romance Short Course with Anne Gracie. Non-members price \$50. Booking deadline 16 June
- Saturday 27th June
Cops and Robbers: Writing the Perfect Crime Scene! Workshop with Jarad Henry. Cost \$140, Deadline June 19.
- Sunday 28th June
The Hero's Journey Workshop with Paul Collins, \$140, Deadline June 19

All of these events, including the Networking Session, take place at:

**The Salon, 2nd floor,
Nicholas Building, 37 Swanston St.**

Bookings essential. Phone: 03 9654 906

Chris Wallace-Crabb, poet and essayist, is Emeritus Professor in the Australian Centre at the University of Melbourne. He has been Visiting Professor of Australian Studies at [Harvard University](#) and at the [University of Venice](#), Ca'Foscariwas. In March 2006 he was awarded the D. Litt. honoris causa, by the University of Melbourne. He has had over 20 collections of poetry published and his Selected Poems 1956-1994 won The Age Book of the Year Award in 1995 and the D.J. O'Hearn Prize for Poetry. His most recent collection—Telling a Hawk for a Handsaw (2008)—has received critical acclaim.

Meeting Dates For 2009

Saturdays

June 27, July 25,
August 29, Sept 26,
Oct 31, Nov 28

Wednesdays

June 17, July 15,
Aug 12, Sept 16,
Oct 14, Nov 11

June Theme

This month's optional theme for members short on time or inspiration is:

'A BROKEN KEY'

Interpret the theme as loosely as you like.

Please Note

If possible please forward a copy of your workshop piece to:
boroondarawritersgroup@gmail.com a few days before the meeting so that copies can be provided to Rebecca to assist her in providing you with her valuable insights.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WRITERS

Closing June 30

■ National Playwright Competition

See website for details

www.boroondaratheatre.com

■ National Short Story Award

[maximum length 2,500 words]

See website for details

www.fawtas.kingston.org.au

■ Gum Blossoms Competition

Open poetry from 10-50 lines

See website for details:

scribbligum.com

Closing July 10

Newcastle Poetry Prize

Poem or sequence of poems totaling

no more than 200 lines

See website for details:

http://newcastlepoetryprize.com/?page_id=22

Closing July 31

Wesley Michel Wright Prize

Poem(s) 50 lines +

See website for details:

www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/currentstudents/scholarships/wmwright.html

ABR Reviewing Competition

800 word review of any book published since January 2007. See website for details:

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~abr/New%20Competition.htm>

Closing August 1

Submissions invited for publication in Best Australian Essays, Best Australian Stories & Best Australian Poems 2009

See website for details:

http://www.blackincbooks.com/pdf/blincPDF/Bestof2009_Submission.pdf

Closing August 9

2009 King Island Literary Award

Poetry up to 60 lines

See website for details:

www.fawtas.kingston.org.au

Closing September 25

Julie Lewis Biennial Literary Awards

Short story to 2000 words

Poetry to 50 lines

See website for details:

<http://petercowancentre.homestead.com/blog.html>

Closing October 31

Gum Leaves Competition

Prose fiction/non-fiction 200-1000 words

See website for details:

scribbligum.com