

Boroondara Writers' Bulletin — May 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.



from the coordinator

Many thanks to all members for my get well card, which cheered me up when I was still pretty groggy in the hospital. I don't know who the organizer was but thank you for your thoughtfulness, and also to those members who have visited and sent flowers and fruit. I am recovering very well and expect to attend the May workshop.

There are vacancies in the Wednesday workshops. Interested members who are able to attend meetings on a Wednesday afternoon and want the opportunity to workshop longer pieces and in greater depth may apply to join. The next meeting will be May 13. To register your interest email boroondarawritersgroup@gmail.com.

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.

Meeting Dates For 2009

Saturdays

May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29, Sept 26, Oct 31, Nov 28

Wednesdays

May 13, June 17, July 15, Aug 12, Sept 16, Oct 14, Nov 11

May Theme

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

'A WEEKEND BREAK'

Interpret the theme as loosely as you like.

Got a manuscript?

Pantera Press are accepting submissions of book manuscripts by previously unpublished Australian writers:

"We are looking for books... that have strong mass appeal, whether fiction or non-fiction. We want to hear from you if you are the next John Grisham, Jodi Piccolt, Michael Crichton or Jane Green, or if you have written the next 'Spotless', 'Freakonomics' or 'Tipping Point'."

They are not accepting picture books, illustrated books, photography, poetry, play scripts or self-help books.

Their website is: <http://www.panterapress.com>.

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