

Boroondara Writers' Bulletin — November 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* 

With 2009 shortly to end, we will have our usual end of year celebratory meeting at the workshop on November 29.

Everyone who has material for workshopping will be critiqued and remember this will be your last opportunity to present work to be considered for inclusion in our 2010 anthology. We will celebrate the year's achievements from the end of workshopping until about 5pm, so come along for the last hour even if you can't attend the workshop itself.

Members are invited to bring a plate and a preferred beverage. The usual refreshments will be available.

I have not yet received confirmation of our meeting dates for 2010 from the library service. With the impending redevelopment of the library precinct it may be that we will need to find alternative accommodation during 2010, however I will keep you current with any changes as they become known and lobby for a suitable alternative when necessary.

Have a good holiday season!

REMEMBER: If you would like to benefit from Rebecca's considered critiques, please email your workshop piece directly to her before the meeting at beckybrl@vicnet.net.au

Last Meeting for 2009

Saturday, November 28th

Bring a plate for our
★ Christmas Afternoon Tea ★

Proposed Meeting Dates For 2010

Feb 27; Mar 27; Apr 24;
May 29; Jun 26; Jul 31;
Aug 28; Sep 25; Oct 30,
Nov 27

Wednesdays

To be confirmed

November Theme

For writers lacking inspiration this month, the optional theme for November is

'WHAT I NEVER TELL'

Interpret the theme as loosely as you like

Call for submissions

Anyone wishing to publicise a literary event, share a literary experience or their thoughts on writing, please submit a finished piece for inclusion in future issues of the Bulletin.

Please email submissions to:

boroondarawritersgroup@gmail.com or post to Coordinator, BWG, 63 Bowen St, Camberwell VIC 3124.

Editor reserves the right to edit pieces and her decision on whether to publish submissions is final.

WHAT'S ON FOR WRITERS

Transitions

A discussion of life and literary transitions, success and challenges, and the passion for writing, presented by Sean Dooley author, comedy writer and bird enthusiast, and Iola Matthews, former Age journalist and author, with Joel Becker.

Sunday 29 November, 2.30 for 3pm start. Cost \$12, VWC members \$10 at Glenfern Writers Studios, Cnr Hotham and Inkerman Sts, East St Kilda. Book by Nov 27.

Varuna Writers' House

Varuna Writers' House is the only national writers' centre with programs of professional development for emerging and established writers across the country. It offers fellowships for writing retreats, professional development residencies, paying residencies, reading and review services and other services. For general information on these services see

<http://www.varuna.com.au/whatweofferwrite.html>

The HarperCollins Varuna Awards for Manuscript Development is open for applications until November 16 see

<http://www.varuna.com.au/harpercollinspathways.html>

Readings by the Society of Women Writers

14 November, 2-4pm at Tjanabi (next door to Jolimont) Federation Square

Writing events at Northcote Town Hall

189 High St. Bookings essential on 8470 8545:

Nov 20: 7.30pm: Inscribe a new literary street press launch by Patricia Cornelius, with readings, jazz and nibbles.

Nov 21: 12-1pm: *Stomping Ground*, book launch by Catherine Deveny.

1-2.30pm: Writer Support & Development with Q & A: find out all you need to know about getting a helping hand. Guest speakers include Chrissy Sharp, Director, Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas, Joel Becker, Director, Victorian Writers Centre and Paul Kooperman, Director, Australian Poetry Centre.

3.15-5.15pm: Page to Page: Supporting Youth Writers information sharing session for young emerging theatre writers and performance makers.

8-10pm: Inscribe Poetry Slam. Free to enter. Register 7.30-8pm. Judges: Maxine Clarke and Sean Whelan.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WRITERS

Closing November 29

Fish Short Story Prize

Short story to 5000 words. See website: www.fishpublishing.com

Closing date December 1

ABR Poetry Prize, See website:

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~abr/>

Closing date December 18

Armidale Playhouse 'Favourite Shorts', Stories and playscripts up to 30 mins long. See website for details www.armidaleplayhouse.org.au

Closing December 31

Thoroughbred Times Fiction

Contest [details cont. next column]

5000 words or less. See website:

<http://www.thoroughbredtimes.com>

Closing January 18 2010

Finch Memoir Prize

Unpublished memoir 40,000 – 80,000 words. See website for details:

<http://www.finch.com.au>

Closing March 20, 2010

Fish One Pager Story Prize

www.fishpublishing.com

Closing March 30, 2010

Fish Poetry Prize

Poetry to 200 words. See website for details: www.fishpublishing.com