

Boroondara Writers' Bulletin — October 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 

Hello, again. I hope this month's newsletter is a bit more under my control than last month's!

Rebecca has offered a submission for our entertainment that is both informative and provocative:

Matches

No! I'm not the arsonist they are looking for in Springvale; I live in Richmond. It's true that I'm interested in matches, or maches (Webster's dictionary gives as alternative spelling). I use very long matches, for reaching in to the back of my gas oven. And longish maches, with a solid head, which keep their head a bit longer than the ordinary flimsy maches; so I need these when I'm inexpertly lighting the woodfire. I appreciate maches, and I'm interested in their etymology (sic). In French, (allumettes) matches, is related to the verb "allumer" to light; from which English gets "luminous", and similar words. But "matches" or "maches", where does that come from? Discovered: "maches" from French "moreeche" meaning "wick". "moreeche" also from similar words in Latin and Greek. Well, I enjoy the transformational power of maches! Wicks are transformative, too.

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

What's on for writers

Meet The Author — Garry Disher

2 pm Tuesday October 13

Hawthorn Library Meeting Room

584 Glenferrie Rd, Hawthorn

Bookings essential: phone 9278 4666 or through website www.Boroondara.vic.gov.au/library-bookings

Garry Disher will be speaking about Blood Moon, his fifth novel featuring DI Hal Challis and Sgt Ellen Destry, a gripping police procedural which also reflects serious cultural issues.

Non-Fictional Publishers Tell All

Wednesday October 28, 6.30-8pm

The Salon, 2nd floor Nicholas Building

37 Swanston St, Melbourne

Cost \$7, VWC members \$5

Book by October 23 on 9654 9068

Panel of representatives from 3 publishing companies will discuss current market trends, the right and wrong way to approach publishers, and the process from manuscript submission to publication.

This event will greatly inform non-fiction writers who are looking to get published.

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.

Meeting Dates For 2009

Saturdays

Oct 31, Nov 28

Wednesdays

In abeyance for the time being

October Theme

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

'PRICELESS'

Interpret the theme as loosely as you like.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WRITERS

Closing October 26

'Cut Short' Short Story Competition

Short story to 1500 words

See website for details:

<http://www.cae.edu.au>

Closing October 31

Gum Leaves Competition

Prose fiction/non-fiction 200-1000 words

See website for details:

scribbligum.com

Closing November 29

Fish Short Story Prize

Short story to 5000 words

See website for details:

www.fishpublishing.com

Closing date December 1

ABR Poetry Prize

One poem to 100 lines

See website for details

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

Closing December 31

Thoroughbred Times Fiction writing Contest

5000 words or less

See website for details:

<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