

Boroondara Writers' Bulletin — August 2008

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.

Put 7.30pm, December 12 In Your Diaries Today!

Yes the date has been changed again, our anthology launch is back to the original date advertised in the May Bulletin.

The launch of our 2008 anthology – Boiled Egg on Sunday – will take place in conjunction with the Boroondara Soiree on December 12, 2008, starting at 7.30pm. Our proceedings will occupy the first half of the soiree, and at the break (about 9pm) you can leave or stay to enjoy the rest of the evening. Excellent refreshments are provided by members.

Any difficulties with transport, night driving etc., don't let yourself miss out. Contact a committee member (Molly, Nola or Caroline) or leave a message on 03 9889 9608 to organise a lift.

This has always been a fun event and an opportunity to present our work to a different group of people (who buy more copies), so invite your friends and family to join you for this celebration which is well timed to be our Christmas function.

Bookmaking Workshop

One very enthusiastic would be book maker, and otherwise total silence, means that Caroline proposes to run a workshop for creating books (such as concertina, stitched and pop-up books) and book plates at her studio in late December or January.

Can anyone interested please speak to her on Saturday, email caroline@tcaadvisors.com.au or leave contact details and a message on 03 9889 9608 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Pictures For Anthology

If anyone has photographs, drawings, prints etc., which can illustrate their stories and poems, please get them to Caroline as soon as possible.

The book title will be "*Boiled Egg on Sunday*" and we have a cover image.

All other images will be in black and white in the book, but don't worry if your image is in colour. Caroline can scan it in black and white and we'll see if it looks good that way before using.

If you have digital images please email to: caroline@carolinecarruthers.com.

Otherwise, call Caroline on 03 9889 9608 and leave a message with your phone number, so that she can call you back to arrange scanning of pictures.

2008 Boroondara Literary Awards

Please remember entries for this year's awards close: 5pm, Friday 29 August. Entry forms are available from council offices and libraries.

Open short story competition

1500-3000 words, \$8 entry fee

Prizes

1st: \$1500, 2nd: \$500, 3rd: \$250,
4x highly commended: \$50

Best entry by Boroondara resident \$500.

Winners announced in December 2008 and published in the anthology.

Family History/Memoir Event

Those of you who attended or took part in last year's Family History Week event of readings by members and the public from their personal and family memoirs, held in the Town Hall Gallery, will remember what a pleasant and enjoyable occasion it was.

If members would like to have another event this year, I propose the afternoon of either Sunday, October 19 or 26, 2-4pm, including afternoon tea.

Would anyone interested in taking part please let Caroline know and indicate a preferred date.

Contact Caroline at the next meeting, email caroline@tcaadvisors.com.au or leave contact details and a message on 03 9889 9608.

The July Creating Character Workshop



Molly demonstrates a point at the Creating Character Workshop.

Meeting Dates

Remaining dates for 2008

• **Saturdays** •

August 30,
September 27,
October 25,
November 22

• **Wednesdays** •

September 17,
October 15,
November 12

I believe I'll be speaking for everyone who attended Molly's skill development workshop in July, when I say that her cleverly selected examples of established authors' work, and her challenges to our writing abilities, opened new perspectives on how to build characters effectively and with greater confidence.

Thanks Molly.

It was also good to see faces that we don't see every month.

Workshops Topics

A reminder that the August topic for any writers who would like to use it is:

“kitchen table”

This can be interpreted in any way you like and is totally optional.

The September topic will be:

“pins and needles”