

Boroondara Writers' Bulletin — July 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.

Creating Characters Workshop

Saturday, July 26

Leader: Molly Travers

\$5 members, \$10 visitors

DON'T MISS IT!

Just bring yourself, pen, paper and your imagination to the July meeting.

Molly will guide us through the subtle and not-so-subtle ways of making our characters believable.

Be ready for Molly's usual challenging and fun exercises and experimentation.

Note there will be no workshopping of members' writing this month, but the August workshop will be back to normal.

Writing Character

In advance of Molly's workshop we might benefit from a few thoughts about character for workshopping:

- Does the piece focus on a single main character, a few characters, or a large array of characters?
- Who is the protagonist?
- What personality traits has the author given to the central character?
- What do we know about the character/s?
- Do they have a psychological aspect as well as a surface description? Are the characters
- Are the characters stereotypes?

Bookmaking Workshop

Those of you who are members of the Victorian Writers' Centre will have noticed that the VWC has followed our lead by holding a bookmaking workshop for its members this year.

In the light of this interest in bookmaking, Caroline would be happy to run another bookmaking workshop if you would like. This would not be the same as the last workshop but she could cover some or all of the following: concertina books, pop-up books, stitched bound books and folders. Please let her know if you think you would be interested in taking part. Call 03 9889 9608 and leave a message with call back details. There will be the usual \$5 attendance fee and a materials charge depending on what type of books are being made, say \$10-\$20. All materials will be provided. If you prefer to provide your own materials Caroline can give you a list of requirements. The workshop could run in place of the Saturday workshop in October, or can run from 4-5.30pm on Saturdays after the usual meeting in September and October.

Topic for August Workshop

Last year we instituted a monthly topic as an optional inspiration to members who were having a temporary writer's block. I had let this lapse in recent months, but back for August by popular demand is the topic of 'the kitchen table', as proposed by Nola Sharp. This topic can be interpreted in whatever way you, the writer, wish, and is totally optional. If you have something else to be workshopped, then bring that to the workshop and ignore the topic.

Meeting Dates For The Rest Of 2008

• *Saturdays* •

July 26; August 30; September 27;
October 25; November 22

• *Wednesdays* •

July 16; August 13; September 17
October 15; November 12

• *Book launch* • November 27, Thursday 7.30pm