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*The Friends  
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Library  
Newsletter*

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# FOIBLES

## Library's Book Collection for PNG Schools Meets with Approval



*Pictured above:* Benalla Library staff with PNG student, Gita-Kristie Korimbo, who was one of the first recipients of the Brian Leigh Vial Scholarship. This program, aimed at assisting needy students in PNG, was set up earlier this year by Benalla's Brian Vial, who has a family connection with this area. As part of his role as liaison officer, Brian, with assistance from U3A and FOBL, arranged for drop boxes of junior book donations to be left at several local points. These boxes of books were then freighted to PNG, providing valuable material to greatly under resourced local schools.

Recently, Brian Vial bought Gita into the library to give her the chance to express her appreciation of the support given by FOBL and Benalla library staff for their recent help in arranging a book donation collection point and the necessary book sorting involved.

— *Bev. Thornell.*

### President's Piece

*Christmas*

Well, here we are at the end of another year and on hot days what better place to be than in the Library. The Friends are sad to farewell Marlies as she has decided to "smell the roses" at Swanpool. Marlies has brought energy and enthusiasm to the Library during her tenure and we will miss her boundless ideas and friendly smile whenever we visit. The many Friends and Volunteers at the Redb4 bookshop have continued the good work and our little shop is thriving - thanks to the dedicated group of volunteers who regularly become shopkeepers for a few hours. Thankyou to the members of the Friends of the Benalla Library who pay their membership every year just to be members. We appreciate your continued support. It is always helpful to be able to quote our healthy membership numbers when the need arises. Have a lovely Christmas with friends and family and may 2020 be a healthy and happy one for all the Friends of the Benalla Library.

~ *Geraldine McCorkell, FOBL President.*



## Last Librarian's Lines!



There is a busyness around town: people are preparing for Christmas, holiday, attending end-of-the-year lunches. The Library is in these times an oasis of peace and quiet. It's not too hot, the daily papers laying ready, plenty of books for browsing and the friendly face of our Library staff happy for a chat. At the library we have our own Christmas trees: one Christmas tree, decorated by children and the Community Christmas Tree of Remembrance. It is the time of reflecting so feel free to write a personalized message on a card for the Remembrance Tree. We are looking forward to a visit by Santa (Lester Watt, Lion's Club) on Friday 13 December during our preschool story time.

### Recent events and author visits at the Library:

Children's Week celebrations, organized by Benalla Family and Children Services, was extremely well organized and had a large amount of attendees. Everyone had fun petting the animals in the animal petting zoo. We are very happy to have the celebrations here again next year. Noel Braun, author of *"The Day Was Made For Walking"* and *"I Guess, I Just Keep On Walking"*, in which he describes his and other walker's experiences on walking the Camino de Santiago de Compostela, gave us a most interesting and inspiring talk. Anne-Maree and Stephanie (FReeZa), a council organized program providing opportunities for young people aged 12-25) ran a very spooky Halloween for teenagers which was well received. Magician Elio Simonetti had everyone entranced with his amazing magic and disappearing doves as part of the Benalla Festival. We were so happy FOBL was able to sponsor for this event. We were very lucky having author Mary Moody (*"Accidental Tour Guide"*) visiting the library and all enjoyed an inspiring and honest account of her life. Her earlier books *"Au Revoir"* and *"Last Tango In Toulouse"* will hopefully be re-printed in 2020. Staff members Kay and Shelly organized an amazing Seven Sisters evening based on the Seven Sisters series by Lucinda Riley. I am sure you have all been inspired by our duo to read the series. Helen Repacholi, through Turtles Australia, organized another interesting talk/workshop on turtles. The library has Turtle-Spotting forms for the public to fill out. Helen will collect these forms regularly. This summer, the children will be Reading around Benalla as part of the Summer Reading Club. Using a reading log with photos of places of interest within Benalla and a map of Benalla, they are invited to visit these places, complete the activity or write down what they are reading at each location. The RedB4 book shop will be part of this event and children are invited to choose a free book from the allocated box.

If you have children/grandchildren at home during the holidays, keep an eye on our school holiday flyer and of course register them for the Read around Benalla Scavenger hunt. For older children, Anne-Maree has organized a separate team activity.

This will also be my last contribution to the FOiBLes in my role of library coordinator. I discovered full time work and a 40 acre property take up a lot of time. I am sorry, but I have chosen the option of working on my property and so will be retiring by 10th January.

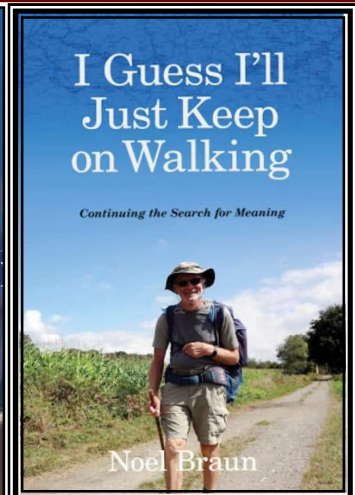
I have thoroughly enjoyed working at the Library and have found FOBL an amazing group, who I have enjoyed meeting and working with.

I love living in Swanpool so you might see me serving tea at the Swanpool Community Cinema or attending an author talk at the Benalla Library.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas break.

~ Marlies

## Author Visit : Noel Braun : 23rd October



Benalla Library and FOBL has had two recent author visits from writers who have walked the ancient Pilgrims Route of the Camino treks and who have been inspired to turn their experiences into a book. We had "Two Steps Forward" authors in 2018 and on 23rd October, we were treated to an absorbing account of Noel Braun's experiences walking the Camino's many routes and in particular, why he, in his 70s, first felt inspired to do so and why now, in his mid 80s, he still feels compelled to continue. *"I Guess I'll Just Keep on Walking; Continuing the Search for Meaning"*, is his third book on the same subject.

Another book on the subject of walking the Camino is this title: *"Motherling"*.

Until now there has been no word for a mother who has lost her child. *"Motherling"* is a word Australian Jen Hutchison coined. This is her intensely personal story of grief, love and hope; finding and healing herself after that unspeakable loss: why she felt compelled to challenge herself by walking the 800km ancient pilgrim path – the Camino de Santiago – through Spain. *"Motherling"* will touch every mother, or indeed any reader who could benefit from reading Jen's book on finding a pathway to deal with immense personal loss.





## Spring Library Events : More Successful Book Launches



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th: 6-7.30pm. BOOK LAUNCH:** “A Thousand Miles Beyond: The Equine Paintings of Hugh Sawrey”. This was a fascinating evening with Anthony Sawrey, as he presented a talk on the life and iconic paintings of his famous father. Hugh Sawrey (1919-1999) was one of Australia's most well known outback artists (later working from his studio in Lurg). His son, Anthony (pictured) has just published “A Thousand Miles Beyond: The Equine Paintings of Hugh Sawrey”.  
*\*Pictured below:* Keen reader, Rhiannon, receiving her signed copy of “A Thousand Miles Beyond:” from Anthony Sawrey.



**THE SEVEN SISTERS NIGHT: 30th OCTOBER**  
 “What an amazing evening we had.” We sat together like sisters and discussed *The Seven Sisters* series by Lucinda Riley. Thanks to our amazing library duo, Kay and Shelley, who made this evening such a success.”



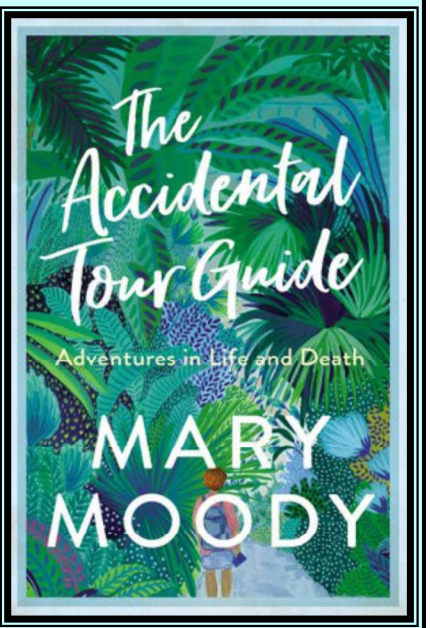
Benalla Library was thrilled to host a talk by well-known author Mary Moody. Mary proved to be an engaging and amusing speaker, outlining her long and varied career, from journalist, gardener, and TV presenter and now a part-time tour guide. Mary recently lost her husband and in this, her latest memoir, relates her personal journey through grief towards contentment. Her positive outlook has enabled her to move on to a new chapter in her busy life with her extended family in the Blue Mountains.

### BOOK LAUNCH, NOVEMBER 12TH

“*The Accidental Tour Guide: Adventures in Life and Death*”  
 by MARY MOODY.



After the talk, Kay was happy to join the queue to purchase a signed copy of Mary Moody's new book.







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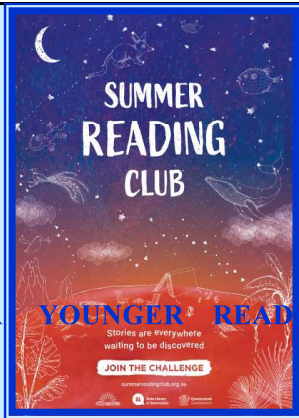
**Wii on Thursday \***

*New after school program.*

Every Thursday, 3.30 – 5pm. Children between the ages of 6 – 12 years, are invited to drop into the library to try a new Wii game.

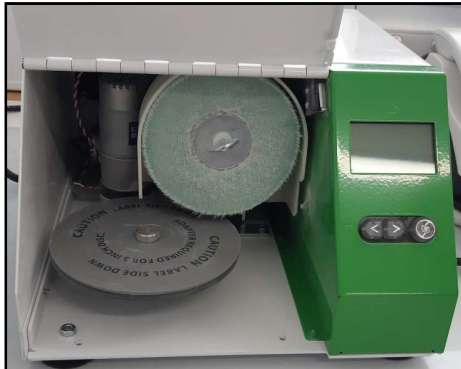
**Kanopy**

Just to make our borrowers happy: **Kanopy** is back again! Using your borrower number, you can access 5 movies per month; access to each film for 72 hours.



FOR YOUNGER READERS

# What's new in the library?



**DISC CLEANING AVAILABLE FOR PATRONS**

DISC CLEANING

SUITABLE FOR:	
CD-ROMS	CD
MUSIC CD	DVD
DATA CD	COMPUTER DISCS
HD-DVD	AUDIO DISCS
BLU-RAY	DOUBLE SIDED DISCS
PS3	Wii U

SETTINGS:

REGULAR: Automatic pre-set for machine.

NOTE: "Regular will only clean Discs "BLU-RAY" and "PS3" – But will repair all other discs.

DEEP: Will repair all Discs with deep marks including "BLU-RAY" and "PS3"

We are proud to be a collection point for

**Lids4Kids**

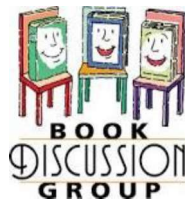


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## Reminders

**"On the Same Page" Book Club**

Book Club members meet monthly to share and discuss the group's latest set title. \*Ask Library staff today about joining this Book Club.



**Sit and Knit**

Get together to share a love of knitting and fellowship: Meets at 1pm every Wednesday at the library.



**TECH SUPPORT**

Need help setting up an email account, using the Internet or Facebook? A volunteer is available to assist you, 1on 1, between 1pm-3pm every Tuesday  
\*Bookings are essential

**Storytime**



Every Friday at 10.30 am at the Benalla library \*from 0-6 year olds.

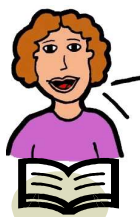
**Writers' Corner**



The Last Wednesday of each month: from 5.00- 6.30pm. Share, discuss and enjoy some time and creativity with other writers..

**Book Space**

Third Thursday of the month at 2pm at the library. Join us for a casual discussion about books that you have read and enjoyed and want to share with other readers.



**Christmas/New Year Library Closing Times**  
Thursday 19 December 1pm.  
Tuesday 24 December 3pm.  
Wednesday 25 December.  
Thursday 26 December.  
Wednesday 1 January, 2020.



*The Lovely Library Christmas Tree*