



Boroondara Writers Inc

Encourage, Support, Improve

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April 2024

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, 27 April, 1 pm.

Greetings! I hope this edition of the newsletter finds you well. First up, we need a title for the forthcoming anthology. Any ideas? [Let me know](#).

Did you miss the last newsletter? Back issues are now [available on the website](#).

The weather is starting to turn cooler and that means the [Melbourne Writers Festival](#) is just around the corner. The program is available now. Be sure to check it out early as many sessions sell out very quickly. [Writers Victoria](#) is also starting a new term of seminars and masterclasses, many offering editorial feedback on the work submitted. Check their website for details.

Finally, Larry (Martin) O'Dell is [launching his memoir](#), *Making a Difference, A Civil Engineer's World* on Tuesday 23 April at 7.30 pm at the Ashburton Community Centre. I am speaking at it briefly but don't let that put you off because there's wine, nibbles and most importantly, the opportunity to support a local writer who has published his work.

Sarah Craze

Are you on Facebook? Why not
[join our private group](#)!
Chat and share your thoughts
with other members in
between meetings.

APRIL OPTIONAL THEME

Need inspiration?

We need to talk

Interpret the theme or image as loosely as you like

DATES FOR 2024

27 April, 25 May, 29 June, 27 July, 31 August, 28 September, 26 October, 30 November

Meeting Room 1

Ground floor, Hawthorn Library

1 - 4.30pm

Competitions, Publications and Events

[Please note that we do not endorse the following opportunities, we simply pass on information]

CRIME COMES TO WILLY WITH DERVLA MCTIERNAN AND CHRIS HAMMER

DATE: 22 APRIL

Readers cannot get enough of a good mystery book. But what is it like on the other side of the page, as a writer working to meet our insatiable desire for the perfect crime? Find out at the Royal Yacht Club, Williamstown with two celebrated crime writers.

Bookings essential \$25

WRITING FOR CHILDREN WORKSHOP WITH ANNA CIDDOR

DATE: 24 APRIL

Anna is the creator of 60 books for children. In this workshop, Anna will share her tips on: planning and drafting, fiction and non-fiction, character development, story arcs and endings.

Location: Balwyn Library, 6.30 pm

Free event, registration essential

FURPHY LITERARY AWARD

CLOSING DATE: 30 April

The Furphy Literary Award has been established to promote and extend the tradition of storytelling, both factual and fictional, that is so much part of Australian life. All stories must have some kind of Australian connection. The word limit is 5,000. First prize is \$15,000!

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: Furphy Story

\$ no fee for entry.

THE GLORIA BURLEY AWARD FOR BEST UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPT

DATE: 30 APRIL

This award from the Whitsundays Literary Festival for best unpublished fiction manuscript honours the Festival's original founder and Whitsundays author Gloria Burley. First Prize receives \$2,500 and Runner-Up \$1,000. First three chapters only.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: Gloria Burley Award

PETER COWAN 600 WORD SHORT STORY COMPETITION

CLOSING DATE: 30 APRIL

Entries must be up to 600 words and unpublished stories (cannot have appeared in print, or online on a website or blog) and must not have won a prize or been recognised in any other competitions. No theme. One entry per person.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: Peter Cowan

\$10 + Eventbrite fee

BOROONDARA LITERARY AWARDS

CLOSING DATE: 17 May

The Open Short Story Competition is open to all Victorian residents over 18. No themes but all stories must be between 1,500 and 3,000 words. First prize is \$3,500. There is also a \$500 prize for Boroondara residents.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: Boroondara Literary Award

\$ no fee for entry

EASTWOOD/HILLS FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIAN WRITERS

CLOSING DATE: 15 MAY

Four categories: Flash Fiction Max 500 words. Philippa Holland Award for Poetry (includes all forms of poetry except Bush Poetry), Max 80 lines per poem. Alan Russell Award for Memoir, Max 1,500 words. Short Story. Max 1,500 words. All first prizes \$150, Second Prize \$50.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: Literary Competition

\$8 per entry or \$30 for 4 entries

ACU PRIZE FOR POETRY

Inspired by the Catholic Church's longstanding tradition as a patron of the arts, the ACU Prize for Poetry has become one of Australia's most prized poetry awards since its inception in 2013. First prize is \$10,000.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: [ACU PRIZE FOR POETRY](#)