
RING OF BRIGHT WATER – March 2018

The Society of Women Writers Qld. Inc.

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Words from your President

As you may know, our President is currently in the UK. She is due home on Monday 5th March, but from what we have seen on the news, London is in the grip of 'the beast from the east', dumping snow and sending the thermometer down to very low levels. Last we saw on her Facebook page, Di had made it to the airport hotel but she was unsure of when, or if, her flight would take off.

Don't forget our next meeting, on 13th March, when there will be announcements of some Special Awards. We're also asking you to write up to 300 words to share at that meeting, about a woman you know personally, or know about. If you can't get to the meeting maybe you would like to write something and email it to the president (email address at the bottom of page 2).

Why do we celebrate Women's Day? This International Day is held on 8th March each year to celebrate women's achievements throughout history and across nations. It's also known as the United Nations (UN) Day for Women's Rights and International Peace.

Is writing (still) a solitary occupation? When it comes to the actual point of getting words onto paper, it can be solitary, but after the work is done and we emerge into the world, we need to tap into our most valuable resources - our friends and fellow writers. And that's where the Society of Women Writers comes in. Our magazine groups are ideal for finding readers who will give constructive criticism of our work. These groups work via Australia Post but if you are keen to see quicker responses, we are looking at forming an electronic magazine. See page 2 for more details.

Happy writing.

Trudy (for Di)



Women Writers
Queensland

Upcoming Events

Next Members' Meetings

*Brisbane Square Library. 10 a.m.
Community Room,
Ground Floor*

13 March 2018

Write and bring a short story of up to 300 words to share - about a woman you know or know about.

*March Meeting will include
announcements of Special
Awards.*

10 April 2018

**Watch for details in next
newsletter**

*Donation at the door for these
meetings is \$3. This includes
raffle prize ticket.*

Some Diary Dates for 2018

Jun – Proposed Literary Event
Aug – Sandcliffe Festival
Sept - Brisbane Writers Festival
Oct - SWWQ Writers Retreat
Nov - AGM

Proposed Electronic Magazine Group

Australia Post too slow? Want feedback on your stories, articles or poetry faster? Then electronic is the way to go.

At this stage, we are asking for members to email us to register their interest.

If you would like to know more, please email:
robweditor@womenwritersqld.org.au with 'EMag' in the subject line.

From the editor

During January and February we circulated newsletters from the Queensland Writers Centre and the Australian Writers Centre to our members. If you are interested in continuing to receive those newsletters, just go to their websites and sign-up. It costs nothing but will ensure that you are kept up to date with the latest writing news. For example, the AWC Furious Fiction Challenge, with a \$500 Prize every month. (See sidebar for details.)

NOTE: We have moved our bank account from Westpac to Heritage. New Bank Details will be advised before subscriptions are due on 1st July.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President: Di Hill - president@womenwritersqld.org.au

Secretary: Carolyn Coombes -

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Treasurer: Wendy Svartz - treasurer@womenwritersqld.org.au

Committee Members

Adele Moy; Sue Wagner; Trudy Graham; Bernadette Ketter and Marj Wilke

Competitions

We take no responsibility for accuracy. Please check the websites for more information entry forms/conditions etc.

AWC Furious Fiction Challenge

Online submission only

55 hours; 500 words; \$500

Closing: 55 hours after announcement

Open to: ALL

Brief: Instructions included each month.

Size: 500 words or fewer

Entry is Free

Prizes: One prize of \$500 plus Publication for AWC's favourite stories in their newsletter.

For more information visit,
www.writerscentre.com.au/furious-fiction/

FAW NSW Walter Stone 2018 Life Writing Award

Closing Date: 21 August 2018

Open to: All residents of Australia over 18

Size: 10,000 to 25,000 words (may be an extract to fit word count). Previously published works are ineligible.

Entry Fee: \$25

Prize: \$1500

For more information, visit -
<http://fawns.org.au/walter-stone-2018-life-writing-award/>

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR
ANY COMPETITION YOU ARE
CONSIDERING ENTERING.