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The Society of Women Writers Qld. Inc.

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Words from your President

There's much happening in the writing world – and in 2018 we see *The Stella Prize* and *The Alice Award*, both awards for women writers.

The Alice is one that we **must** get involved with. For members who do not know, this is conducted every two years - by the Society of Women Writers - where we celebrate women writers in each state and ultimately one is chosen as the national winner. We need to know by the end of April – preferably by our next meeting!!! Help please! *See page two (2) for details about how you can help us find a worthy Queensland women writer to represent us.*

We were pleased to announce three new Life Members of SWWQ for their long standing support of the society. Shirley Lawrence and Judi Cox attended the last meeting, where they were presented with certificates. Mocco Wollert has also been granted Life Membership and hopefully will be at the next meeting to receive her certificate.

Writers Group Convention will be held on Saturday April 16th at the Enoggera Bowls Club from 9 am to 1.30 pm. You can pay for your ticket online. There is a link from our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/writersgroupconvention/>. SWWQ will have a table there. If there are any members who would like to display/sell their books please book a ticket and come along. You will be responsible for selling your own books on the SWWQ table.

At our next meeting, on 10 April, we will be exploring/creating where and how your life story will/can be used. Bio? CV? Obit? Bring along to the meeting around 300 words about yourself, a notebook and something to write with!!

Vicki Bennett will be our presenter at the May meeting. Vicki will be talking about writing for Adults and Children – so make a note in your diary for May 8th – a great event to bring along your writing friends too.

We've got more great news for members coming up so watch for the next ROBW or our Facebook Page. Just search for Women Writers Qld in Facebook.

Happy writing.

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Women Writers
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Upcoming Events

Next Members' Meetings

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

10 April 2018

Where will your life story be used? Bio? CV? Obit? Bring 300 words about yourself to the meeting, with notebook and pen to explore this topic.

8 May 2018

Writing for Adults and Children, presented by Vicki Bennett.

NOTE – change of venue For June meeting only

Queensland Writers Centre
Level 2, State Library of Qld
More details in next ROBW.

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



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The Alice Award

We invite you to submit names for the Alice Literary Award with the following guidelines in mind:

- She must be a Queensland woman writer.
- She has advanced the cause of writing in Australia and/or the world.
- She has, by her written work, made a significant and long-term contribution to literature.
- She will have established herself over many years as a writer.

We will compile a list of Queensland writers and invite members to vote. The committee will make the decision, based on the info and recommendation from members and submit the name of one woman to represent Queensland.

Can you identify a Queensland writer who fits the criteria? Email suggestions to president@womenwritersqld.org.au

2018 Fiction Edition of The Big Issue

Submissions are now open for **The Big Issue Fiction Edition 2018**! This exciting bumper edition, returning for its 14th year, will feature work from some of Australia's most-loved writers, as well as a collection of open submissions.

You could be a part of one of the biggest-selling fiction magazines in Australia. All you have to do is start writing – and send your story!

They are looking for stories covering all genres – comedy, love stories, sci-fi, heart warmers, crime stories and everything in between. Don't be afraid to try something a bit different.

Submission details

- Entry is FREE, and every author published is paid \$500.
- Stories should be between 300 and 3000 words.
- Stories must be previously unpublished.
- Submissions are limited to one story per person.

Your name, email address and phone number **MUST** be included on a removable coversheet.

To enter, send two **printed** (not electronic) copies of your entry to:

*Fiction Edition
The Big Issue
GPO Box 4911
Melbourne 3001*

Entries close Tuesday 1 May, 2018

Competitions

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

Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize

Closing Date: 01/06/2018

Open to: Australian citizens or Permanent Residents of Australia

Theme: None

Accepts: Poetry

Size: 50 lines

Entry Fee: \$6

Prizes: First: \$2,500

For more information visit, [USQ](#) website

FAW NSW Walter Stone 2018 Life Writing Award

Closing Date: 21 August 2018

Open to: All residents of Australia over 18

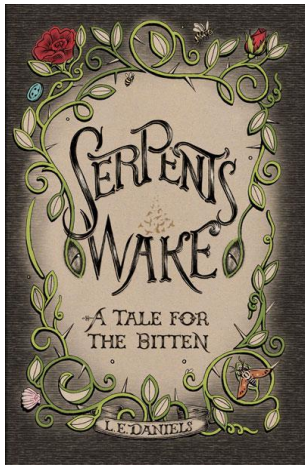
Size: 10,000 to 25,000 words (may be an extract to fit word count). Previously published works are ineligible.

Entry Fee: \$25

Prize: \$1500

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

REMEMBER TO CHECK CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR ANY COMPETITION YOU ARE CONSIDERING ENTERING.



MEMBERS' NEWS

Congratulations to Lauren Elise Daniels.

Lauren Daniels first novel, *Serpent's Wake*, is available now. Click on the book cover to read a sample, and to order your copy.

The manuscript was shortlisted with the international Half the World Global Literati Award 2016, ranking 4th in the top 40 for the People's Choice Award.

If you have some publishing or competition news to share, email robweditor@womenwritersqld.org.au

An adventure story for libraries dedicated to adult or young adult fantasy fiction.

It'll be like nothing you have ever read before. Author L.E. Daniels transports you away from time and space, to a land of magic that somehow manages to have clear ties to our lived realities. Not all in this world is logical and not all in this world is fair, but all in the world of the girl from the story will mesmerise you beyond what you may think possible. Page after page, adventure and suspense await you.

The tale deals with all those things we wish not to think of, and so much more. But elements of love and redemption pepper the pages too; reminding us there is much to live for. Immerse yourself into *Serpent's Wake* and you will find things you didn't know you had lost, and you may come to know things about yourself you did not previously know. But if it doesn't strike a chord on that existential level, you will still find it a compelling tale that's artistry of language is to be appreciated nevertheless.



Mocco Wollert, for taking out **First Prize** in the Bendigo Mulga Bill Eaglehawk Dahlia Arts Festival

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