
RING OF BRIGHT WATER – September 2019

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Words from your President

Welcome to our new members.

How time flies! *According to psychologist and BBC columnist Claudia Hammond, “the sensation that **time** speeds up as **you get older** is one of the biggest mysteries of the experience of **time**.”* I'd like to know the answer to the mystery!

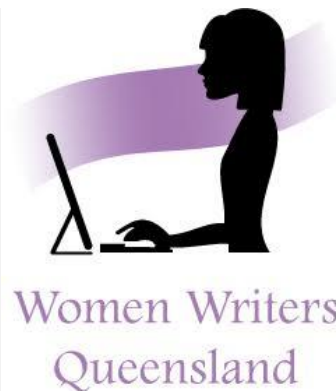
I have just spent nearly two weeks on the Gold Coast – house sitting, caring for a fish, two grandchildren and a garden. All of us survived! I also spent a weekend at WordCamp, the exciting WordPress event of sharing knowledge with umpteen other WordPress nerds. I use this platform for my website and blog, and work on a few others including the SWWQ website. I experienced brain overload! But a lot of fun and very interesting.

The entries for the **Estelle Pinney Competition** are with the judge, Lauren Daniels, and we look forward to the results!

Next month we will hold our retreat at Bribie Island. I don't recall how many years that this event has been held, but it has always been a great weekend of writing, learning and companionship at the Toc H property of Congeau House. If you plan to attend, do complete the attached form and book in. This year Pip Sturgeon is organising the retreat, and it is bound to be a wonderful weekend!!

Congratulations to Melissa Lucashenko, winner of the Miles Franklin Award for her book “Too Much Lip”. While Melissa is not one of our members, we have had her as a speaker at the Sandcliffe Festival and an event at the Library. Great to see her win such an auspicious award!

It is an interesting time for writers, with so many opportunities to have our writing seen and read on so many platforms on the Internet. It is a growing market with places where you can earn money as well. Maybe at our next meeting I will have time to share some ideas with members. Getting a book published is so much easier than it was a few years ago, but there are quite a few



Diary Dates

10 September

Dr Tiana Templeman is an award-winning freelance travel journalist, author, academic and tutor at the Queensland University of Technology. Tiana contributes to a diverse range of publications from The Australian to Cruise Critic, Escape and the NZ Herald. She holds a Master of Creative Industries and a PhD on 'Freelance Journalism in the 21st century'.

Bring along any friends who like to travel and record their stories.

Meetings are at Brisbane Square Library, Community Room

Donation at the door - \$5.

This includes a ticket into a raffle prize draw.

27 September, Toni Risson's exhibition “**Meet me at the Paragon**” opens at the State Library of Qld!

9-13 October, Bribie Island Retreat. See elsewhere in this newsletter for the registration flyer.

challenges in the industry and there are risks of paying too much for very little. Again, buyer beware!!

On September 29th, the exhibition “Meet Me at the Paragon – The Greek Café Phenomenon” will be launched at the State Library. Member Dr Toni Risson has curated the exhibition. Her book, “Brisbane's Greek Cafés: A Million Malted Milks” is available at the library bookshop if you have not purchased this great read yet. I will update with details and do a reminder on our Facebook page.

Have fun and keep writing,

Di Hill

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

INDRANI GANGULY

Look at all the Lonely People, SCOPE, August/September 2019

Men's Handbags, Lipstick Guns and News Galore, The Writers' Grapevine, August 2019

MOCCO WOLLERT

Poems - *Footsteps*, The Writers' Grapevine; *She Murders Mozart*, commended in Positive Words poetry competition; and article (column) published in Your Time, August edition.

Send announcements of your achievements to robweditor@womenwritersqld.org

Footsteps

By Mocco Wollert

Small fires blazing,
unicorns grazing
footsteps imprinted
on black empty space.

Gods in gold
walked with fire,
leaving footprints
of a mystical race.

Upright, we came,
saw , gave it names
stars, planets, suns
which spun and revolved,

footsteps that glow,
imprints which show
in time without end
where they once evolved.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

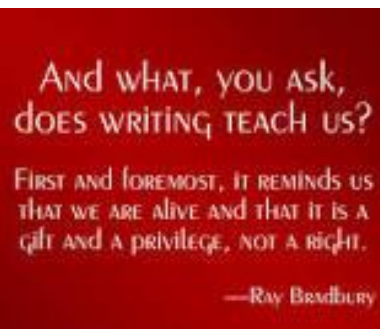
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COMPETITIONS

We take no responsibility for the accuracy of these listings. They have been sourced from various online sites. Please check the websites for more information entry forms/conditions etc. Most of the competitions listed here ask you to download forms. If you cannot do this, you will need to contact the relevant organiser via email or phone where this is provided.

PLEASE DO READ THE RULES OF ENTRY CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU ENTER A COMPETITION. SOME ASK FOR FIRST PUBLICATION RIGHTS, BUT MAKE SURE THAT COPYRIGHT WILL REMAIN WITH YOU - THE AUTHOR.

Thunderbolt Prize for Crime Writing

Closing Date: 7/10/2019

Length: (two categories) up to 2500 words and poem to 60 lines

Categories: Fiction (story), Non-fiction (article) and Poetry

Prizes: \$500 in each category

Entry Fee: \$10 no limit to number of entries but full fee payable for each submission, with various payment options.

Entries accepted by email or post. Details on their website:

<http://www.newc.org.au/thunderbolt-prize-2019.html>

Australian-Irish Heritage Association

There are two awards on offer:

The Joyce Parkes Women's Writers' Prize

Closing Date: 31/10/2019

Prose – Fact or Fiction

Length: 1000-2000 words

Topic: "If Only"

Prize: \$500

Entry Fee: \$10

The Joe O'Sullivan Writers Prize

Closing Date: 31/10/2019

Prose – Fact or Fiction

Length: 2000-4000 words

Topic: "Memories"

Prize: \$1000

Entry Fee: \$10

Contact them via their webpage -

<https://irishheritage.com.au/contact/> Or Phone: Denis Bratton on (08) 9345 3530

Mindfood

Closing Date: 11/10/2019

Open to: Australian residents

Theme: Open

Accepts: Short Story

Size: Approx 2,000 words (+ or - 100 words)

Entry Fee: Nil

Each month, MiNDFOOD Magazine will publish one reader's short story, with the best story published over the course of a year going on to win \$1000 (pre-paid giftcard). To enter email your story – along with your name, address and telephone number – to mindfoodshortstory@mindfood.com.

Terms and conditions on their website:

<https://www.mindfood.com/competition/calling-all-writers-short-story/>

The Port Stephens Examiner Literature Award

Closing Date: 30/09/2019

Open to: All

Theme: None

Accepts: Short Story

Size: up to 2,000 words

Entry Fee: \$10, \$5 for any subsequent entry

Prizes: *First*: \$500 (Port Stephens Council Award), *Second*: \$300 (Club Lemon Tree Award), *Third*: \$150 (News of the Area Award), *Highly Commended* x 4: \$25, *Readers Choice Award*: \$50

Conditions etc at <http://tilligerry.com/>

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