

# THE HUNTER WRITER

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Hunter Writers Centre...expanding the parameters of Australian Writing  
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It's hard to believe a month has gone by already but finally it's July and the funding application is in! We have put forward a strong proposal to cover our usual program of writers' groups, workshops, mentoring, author readings and visits, publications and websites as well as additional funding for special projects. We are hoping to see the continuation of *SITESOUNDMIN(E)D, 150.com, the interactive story, the Newcastle Poetry Prize* and *2306 In Your Own Words* in 2010 as well as two exciting new initiatives: *Birth Narratives* and an *Upper Hunter Outreach*. We won't hear until the end of the year so we'll keep you informed.

## Newcastle Poetry Prize

The **Newcastle Poetry Prize** closes tomorrow! Quick, send in an entry - Newcastle residents will automatically be in the running for the prestigious local award, which will be published in the NPP anthology. The anthology has launched many poetry careers. As the 2008 judge, Jan Owen, commented, "It is no exaggeration to say that this Prize places Newcastle in the forefront of Australian poetry patronage. It encourages by rewarding excellent writing, it recognizes

innovation, it garners new readers of poetry and new writers, and it helps to launch many careers, since being included is the year's touchstone for excellence in poetry. It was the publication of three of my poems in the 1983 anthology that set me firmly on my path as an established poet." What a good opportunity - send off an entry today!

## Events

Three HWC members have new books out in July. Congratulations to **Linda Brooks, Anne Walsh Miller** and **Patrick Cullen**. Check out the *events* page for details of their launches. This month there is also an FAW workshop with **Judy Johnson** so read on for further info.

## HWC Board

Congratulations to HWC board member **Maria Freij** on her engagement to Michael. Great news! We would also like to welcome Newcastle City Councillor Nuatalie Nealmes to the board. Nuatalie is a keen supporter of the arts so we look forward to working with her.

See you next month,  
Katharine

## WORKSHOPS

### *FAW workshop with Judy Johnson*

How does inspiration translate into poetry? It's not enough to have an idea, nor a strong emotion to share. Learn how an initial prompt can be moulded and explored from all angles to come up with a poem that tells the reader something new.

Judy Johnson has written three poetry collections and a verse novel. She's won many poetry competitions including: The Victorian Premier's Award, The Michel Wesley Wright Prize, The Josephine Ulrick Poetry Prize, The Val Vallis Award, The Bruce Dawe Poetry Prize and the Banjo Paterson Award four times.

*When?* Wednesday 5th August 2009

*Where?* Sydney Junction Hotel  
Beaumont St Hamilton

*Who?* Visitors are welcome but bookings are essential

*What time?* 10.05am until midday

*How much?* \$20 for non-FAW members

*RSVP* to Eileen 4965 0256 or  
Jan 4954 9895

Kindly book before 1st August as places are limited

“Johnson’s particular ability is to take an image and develop its full potentiality through a series of closely related images, each one adding emotional force to the original premise. The images are not simply logical deductions, nor are they free flights of surrealism; rather they are something in between with the characteristics of both.”

- Geoff Page

## BOOK LAUNCHES

### *Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Linda Brooks*

What young life doesn't have its ups and downs? And what does it take to make a sense of humour that can turn it into poignant and amusing stories? *An Australian Childhood* is Linda's memoir of the late 50's and 60's in the local area published as an e-book.

*Where?* Hunter Writers Centre, 'The Lock-up', 90 Hunter Street, Newcastle

*When?* Saturday July 11

*What time?* 2.00pm for 2.30pm

*How much?* PDF, Microsoft Reader: \$6  
CD: \$8 on the day of launch only.

*All Welcome*

[www.cyberworldpublishing.com](http://www.cyberworldpublishing.com)

[www.lindaruthbrooks.blogspot.com/](http://www.lindaruthbrooks.blogspot.com/)

### *Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Anne Walsh Miller*

The HWC and Ginninderra Press warmly invite you to the launch of *I Love Like a Drunk Does*, poetry by Anne Walsh Miller. To be launched by HWC director Brian Joyce.

*Where?* The Hunter Writers Centre, 90 Hunter Street Newcastle

*When?* Friday, 24 July

*What time?* 5.30pm

Come along for a bit of poetry and a bit more of wine! All welcome.

[www.ginninderrapress.com.au](http://www.ginninderrapress.com.au)

### *Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> July – Patrick Cullen*

Scribe is delighted to invite you to the launch of *What Came Between* by HWC member Patrick Cullen. To be launched by Zeny Giles.

*Where?* Newcastle Regional Art Gallery, Laman Street, Newcastle

*When?* Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July

*What time?* 6.00pm for 6.30pm

**R E S U L T S***Poets Paint Words – Release your Inner Poet*

Poets Paint Words had 170 entries into their Release your inner poet poetry competition, each of which responded to the below work of art by Tim Storrier. Poet and University of Newcastle academic Maria Freij, who is also on the Board of the HWC, judged the competition and selected 11 great poets to receive book prizes courtesy of the Sydney Writer's Festival.

The winners are: David Swain, Amelia Filmer-Sankey, Jan Dean, Po Yu (Eric) Wang, Anne B Udy, F Lucero, Gail Hennessy, Caitlin De Pater, Claire Williams, Jake, and Robert Henderson.

**E V E N T S***7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> of August- The Byron Bay Writers Festival.*

For a full program of events please see [www.byronbaywritersfestival.com.au](http://www.byronbaywritersfestival.com.au)

*16th May - 15th July 2009  
Poets Paint Words II*

Australia's most celebrated poets have been commissioned to write a poem inspired by a painting in the Newcastle Region Art Gallery collection. This year's line up of poets includes Judith Bishop, Michael Brennan, Michael Farrell, Jane Gibian, Robert Gray, Ivy Ireland, Anthony Lawrence, Kate Lilley and Mark Tredinnick. A NRAG exhibition, guest curated by Peter Minter and Lisa Slade, in conjunction with Sydney Writers' Festival.

**OPPORTUNITIES***24<sup>th</sup> July – Baubinia Literary Awards*

Please submit short stories of up to 2000 words and poems of up to 50 lines. Cash prizes for Open, Regional, Tertiary, International Tertiary, Secondary and Primary categories in both poetry and prose. For an entry form please send an SSA envelope to the HEC office, phone Lynda Hawryluk on 49232009 or email [L.hawryluk@cqu.edu.au](mailto:L.hawryluk@cqu.edu.au)

*Call for Submissions: Assegai Magazine*

Assegai Magazine is seeking poetry; prose; song snippets; photographs; illustrations; short stories (even an ongoing serial or novella for the right writer); book reviews (especially ones told from the perspective of a literary giant such as Jane Austen); Flash animation; comic strips; recipes and everything in between.

<http://www.risingstardesigns.com.au/assegai-magazine>

*31<sup>st</sup> July – Young Writer in Residence at the Katharine Susannah Prichard Writers' Centre*

One Young Writer, up to the age of twenty-five years, will be selected for a two-week residency at the Writers' Centre. The resident will be given writing space and time to concentrate on, develop or complete a work in progress. The writer will also be invited to participate in KSP Writers' Centre activities. It is expected that the writer will have some published material in the print, visual or broadcast media. Ideally, applicants should be working towards achieving their first major full-length publication. [www.kspf.iinet.net.au](http://www.kspf.iinet.net.au)

*31<sup>st</sup> July - National Play Festival*

The National Play Festival is a unique opportunity to develop and present your work, in performance, to a national and international audience of theatre companies and producers. It is Australia's leading market for showcasing new unproduced plays.

[www.pwa.org.au/Skills/NationalPlayFestival](http://www.pwa.org.au/Skills/NationalPlayFestival)

*Asialink Arts Residencies 2010 now open!*

<http://www2.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/arts/residencies/index.html>

*12<sup>th</sup> August – The Society of Women Writers of NSW*

National Poetry Comp. Details from Mrs Beverly Earnshaw  
15 Hamer St  
Kogarah Bay NSW 2217

*14<sup>th</sup> August – Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize*

Open theme, up to 50 lines. For an entry form and terms and conditions:

[www.usq.edu.au/arts/community/poetryprize/](http://www.usq.edu.au/arts/community/poetryprize/)

*31<sup>st</sup> August – Varuna Residencies*

Varuna is thrilled to announce two programs that provide a significant and valuable meeting place for Australian writers with Australian publishers.

- The Varuna Publisher Fellowships
- Publisher Supported Professional Development Residencies

Varuna Publisher Fellowship applications will be read by a highly experienced three-person selection committee, and shortlists of between

10 and 15 applications will be submitted to each publisher.

[www.varuna.com.au](http://www.varuna.com.au)

*18<sup>th</sup> September 2009 – Rolf Boldrewood Literary Awards*

- Prose (fiction article or essay including family history) to a maximum of 3000 words to an Australian theme.

- Poetry in any form or style to a maximum of 80 lines on an Australian theme.

For a copy of the terms and conditions and an entry form, please send a SAE to Katharine at the HWC or go to

[www.mrl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mrl.nsw.gov.au)

*Open now – Perilous Adventures Short Story Comp.*

Submissions of short stories up to 5000 words are now invited for the second annual Perilous Adventures Short Story Competition. Each entry must be accompanied by an entry fee of \$10.00, payable by cheque, money order or direct deposit.

[www.perilousadventures.net](http://www.perilousadventures.net)

*Placement Opportunity...*

HMRI is looking for PR intern to commence in Aug 2009. Contact the HWC for a copy for a copy of the ad...