

Attendance	24
Apologies	Richard, Marian, Belinda
New	Robert Hill, Karen Manhive

AGENDA:

We welcomed a large group of budding writers, and some not so much budding but proficient to today's meeting. Extra chairs had to be sought, tea and coffee carefully wheeled in, while bonhomie was shown between one and all. Folk were all careful to respect the speaking space for members as they shared information with the group, and to be encouraging to one another in their endeavours.

Our new members were firstly **Karen** who already writes for the Moreton Bay Feature Magazine, and has an interest in the genre of young adult fiction. She enjoys researching topics and writing about real life experiences in a fictional context.

Our next new member today was **Robert** who introduced himself as a waka waka man from the Burnett area. Robert is keen to assume the task of writing about his people so that all folk can be better informed about indigenous culture, and to bridge the gap of misinformation about the indigenous heritage of Australia. **We welcome both Karen and Robert to CWL.**

■ A reminder about the **Writer's Grapevine**: CWL member Lorraine Noscova edits this most interesting handout which covers useful information pertinent to writers, as well as providing a printed space for submission of writers' efforts. In order to go on to the mailing list for the Writers Grapevine please contact Lorraine on lorrainenoscov@yahoo.com.au

■ With reference to **CWL anthology submissions** be advised that there are a number of ways you can submit your offering for consideration. Currently, member Russell is setting up the CWL website to receive submissions. This will involve visiting the website, logging on, finding where the submission part of the website lives, completing the initial covering sheet, and uploading from your

computer, your story or poem to the website. I know, sounds onerous, but I am assured it will be easy to do.

If this is all too much, then putting your work on to a USB device and handing that in directly to Russell at a CWL meeting will also do it, **OR** you can email Janet, Peter or Russell with your offering and they will see that it gets to the right place. Web address as follows: <https://caboolturewriterslink.com> should find it.

Please note, there are some needs around submitting directly, for example, your document needs to be in word, needs to clearly identify who is the author ie real name and pseudonym if you're using one, the number of words of your doco, the title of the item and the genre. Remember 1500 – 3000 words for short story and up to 30 lines for poetry. Use size 12 font, in either Georgian or Times New Roman, use 1.5 line spacing, narrow margins and indent margins as relevant.

■ Today we had a presentation from member Judi Nicholson who covered the understandings of copyright. It was reassuring to hear that in Australia our work is understood to belong to the author; however what stands here may not be what stands in other countries, so it is important that you do your research.

There were 4 main aspects that protect your authorship of your material and these were

- a) always sign, date and keep a record of your work
- b) be aware that copyright only covers the written

piece and not the ideas or the inspiration behind the piece

- c) in Australia we are automatically covered by

copyright

- d) if you use the words of others get permission

For further more in-depth information refer to the website

www.copyright.com.au

■ Homework from August was embarked upon, and it was evident that there was no writer's block in our group today as a majority of the CWL membership participated in this voluntary 'homework'. Well done to all, oh that my classes in my former working life had relished homework tasks with such glee.

■ CURRENT HOMEWORK

My Spinster Aunt

or

Steal

or

Hide and Seek

Remember, 300 words and any genre.

What members are up to?

Well member Jeff is having a meet the author presentation at the Caboolture Library on the 26th October. Well done Jeff and we encourage our members to attend and offer their friendly support to his efforts.

Member Bakthi is currently participating in a presentation at the Art Gallery on Old Bay Road, Burpengary. This art exhibitions is open at present and will be so for the next month. Congratulations to Bakthi.

Quote for the day:

“The worst enemy to creativity is self-doubt.”

—The Unabridged Journals of Sylvia Plath by Sylvia Plath

This is for those of us who have or are currently wondering what they have to write about. Take heart, folks, take heart. Cheers Janet