

Present: 16

Apologies: Pierre, Maurice, Rose

New: 0 today

AGENDA:

Welcome to those very chilly souls who attended a very chilly meeting, and hello to the rest of you whom we know were really secretly still in the warm enclaves of doona, woolly blankets, and hot cocoa... well for those of us in attendance today we could dream, couldn't we?

Chair Peter started today's meeting exploring what the membership would like added to the meeting agendas for CWL. Folk present indicated support for approaching Gary Crew of the Bribie Writers' Network, as well as consummate author, teacher, lecturer, writing advocate etc etc. Peter will follow this up.

We also explored other possibilities such as workshops on organising one's writing, tips and tricks as it were, as well as some creative writing tasks using a tutorial approach, to undertake as a group of writers sharing a common task together. Positive discussion ensued with lots of nodding and sharing of what would be helpful. Even though we are not a teaching of writing group, it was good to look at the broad needs of folk and explore the options.

So if anyone has contacts, useful thoughts on topics, or speakers please let Peter, Janet or Russell know of your ideas. What was suggested as useful was the keeping of a list of helpful websites that our writers have used to stimulate their writing, problem solve their dilemmas, or just generally to get started.

Recommended web searches were:

- savannahgilbo.com (breaking down the needs of genre), she is also a certified American book coach
- freemind...a mind mapping tool and organiser for the writer
- ywrite....also another useful web site

Revamping the current CWL flier also received some reviewing, with a decision being made to bring the flier into 2022, ensuring the information was accurate in location of meetings, intentions of the group as well as other relevant information for CWL. Peter is currently bringing his talents to this endeavour.

Domain name update from Russell, is to bring to members' attention that the costs involved in buying a domain on offer that adds (au) to the title is not required, and informed all of the legal ownership of your own name as part of your own domain, even if followed by (.com) only. Always good to be mindful of potential scams, the intention of which is a money making exercise that offers nothing of value and creates a lot of stress for domain holders.

HOMEWORK from the previous meeting:

A stalwart group of contributors took us all on an interesting journey that visited a journey from Vietnam to Bulgaria, the motivations for behaviour, real estate repurposing in the Lakes District, and surveillance opportunities. Aston martins were popular vehicles of choice and dreams of the best birthday ever were also amazing learnings and highly entertaining. I particularly liked a character sharing my name, who also shared my phobia of ginormous huntsman spiders and vehicle experiences involving them.

HOMEWORK for the next meeting:

My first job

My mate 'Showbag'

The moment you had been waiting for

Word to be used in any of the above: ostensibly

I have always surprised myself when writing how little I can manage to say when I have in fact said it all. Not being known as bereft of words, I now find I've done my bit for this newsletter, so perhaps a tropical island sojourn might be in order for our next meeting so I can warm to the task, and use my energies to inform and entertain not merely keep warm. Stay well, keep your creative juices flowing, and see you next month. Cheers Janet