

## CABOOLTURE WRITERS' LINK

### NEWSLETTER—FEBRUARY 2023

**Members Present:** 12.

**Apologies:** Janet, John, Wayne, Merrill, Martin, Belinda, Audrey and Michael.

Chair Peter welcomed all members to the first group meeting in 2023.

Peter informed the meeting that he had received an email from Janet advising that her husband was very ill and was still in the hospital. Under the circumstances, she would not be returning to the group soon. On behalf of the Members, Peter extended the thoughts and well wishes of all during this difficult time and thanked Janet for the valuable contribution which she had made to the group.

#### **Agenda:**

##### **The Best of Times Short Story Competition.**

Peter advised he had received an email from FAWQ requesting that he inform members of the opportunity to enter The Best of Times Short Story Competition, details as under.

Chris Broadribb

The Best of Times Short Story Competition #35

Closing Date 30 Apr 2023.

Genre: Humorous short stories up to 2,500 words.

Prizes for first, second and third place.

Certificates for highly commended and commended stories.

All stories that receive a prize or certificate will be published in an e-book.

Entry fee is \$10 per story.

See website for further information: [www.bestoftimes.com.au](http://www.bestoftimes.com.au)

##### **Business: Meeting Room for 2023.**

Peter informed the meeting that we had sufficient funds to pay for the Meeting room currently in use for six months until the end of June 2023.

The cost to members will continue to be the \$5.00 fee paid monthly, or \$50.00 per year.

#### **Guest Speakers:**

Peter welcomed guest speaker Katy More, the principal of Feature Community Magazine and Marnie Birch, who wrote the article which featured CWL in the last issue of 2022.

Katy More, writer, editor and typographer, introduced herself and her sister company, Anytime Print, which is run by her husband, and which provides affordable design and print for authors seeking to self-publish. Their expertise lies in printing flyers, stationery, magazines and books. All quotes are individual depending on paper, sizes, colour and finish.

The previously distributed "Feature Community Magazine" has now been changed to a local newspaper and the publishers regularly look for submissions of 500 to 1000 words. Suggestions

were short history stories of local significance, e.g. PGH—the history of bricks. Marnie Birch's position in the company was that of Freelance Writer.

For those who would like to contact Katy More, her details are as under:

Katy More: 0406 952 655: [katy@localtimes.com.au](mailto:katy@localtimes.com.au).

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**General:**

Lexcia Dalton informed the meeting that she would give a presentation on the 14 February 2023 at the Strathpine Library, arrive at 6.00pm for 6.30pm start and hoped that, if possible, members would attend.

Beta Readers: Discussion took place regarding Beta Readers. Russell advised that these were hard to find. In response to Howard's enquiry, some Beta Readers charged anything up to \$1,000.

Anthology – The Python Speaks: Russell undertook to check whether this could be uploaded as an ebook.

**Homework:**

For those who did not present homework in December, the subjects suggested would again be:

The Magic Shop;

Great Aunt Maud;

From the Back Verandah;

A Pair of Silk Stockings.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 March 2023.

Cheers,

Rose