

Present: 11

Apologies: Belinda, Richard, Deb, Martin

### AGENDA:

On a very chilly morning, we started today's meeting with much enthusiasm to catch up on the social goings-on prior to all things literary. It appeared that member John had attempted to meet and greet with a floor prior to today and was looking a little battered but still smiling. So pleased he was still able to make us laugh in regaling his adventures. This just goes to show the dedication of some of our members in making it to the meeting.

A library survey was handed out at the start of the meeting for members to complete. Entitled 'How was your visit', members were happy to oblige.

■ A discussion led by member Russell, and member Lexia presented feedback of the recent Redcliffe community event linked to participating in the Sydney Writers Festival. Approximately 460 members of the public attended over the weekend of the event, which was most impressive. It was felt that the inclusion of local authors into the Festival was a primary consideration for the success. Interactions with the speakers from Sydney were well managed, with no technical hitches. Well done Jim of FAWQ for his skill in this area. We look forward to next year's event with much enthusiasm.

■ Chair Peter presented the flyer he has been beavering away on since the last meeting. Peter calls it the CWL BULLETIN and it can be found placed strategically at the main desk in the Caboolture Library. It promotes the purpose of CWL and explains a little about same, while also including some short examples of the writing that is produced by some of our members.

We plan to regularly update the writing section so that all members' works have an opportunity for inclusion. Big congratulations to Peter for his efforts.

If members would like to put forward any short pieces of their writing (approximately 300-350 words in length) please forward to Peter via his email. [barnabykyte@gmail.com](mailto:barnabykyte@gmail.com)

Russell reminded us all that writing submissions may also be forwarded to FAWQ for consideration in their member's magazine, at [editor@fawq.com.au](mailto:editor@fawq.com.au)

■ Today's discussion covered mostly poetry and the importance of metre, along with the strong link of musicality to poetry writing. The importance of speaking what you write with

regards to reviewing your poetry, regardless of the genre within the form, was considered paramount.

■ A huge congratulation was extended to one of our international CWL members today. Member Arthur Foo has had his latest publication, 'Beyond the Mist' short listed in this year's Malaysian Novel Contest. Winners will be announced at the end of June, and we wish Arthur all the very best for his efforts.

■ CWL's anthology received some attention today, with a suggestion from Janet that we reduce the size of the tome to a more doable and also more affordable product. This was received well with the membership, and we feel that this may also allow for a more frequent anthology product to be looked forward to.

**HOMEWORK** for today:

We had a small but as always interesting offering to our meeting today. Observations were made as to what could be found under the floorboards, from medals, to a dazzling diamond ring, as well as a very precious box of matches. Questions abounded as to who and why, with interest being the unifying emotion. This segment concluded with a gentle poem of the 'horse came home alone' which set a tone of reminiscence. Peter, who can always be relied upon to cheer us, then regaled us with 'the outback dunny', apart from being very funny, it reminded us all of the joy of modern conveniences that are actually convenient. Sometimes the good old days were really not that good!

**HOMEWORK** for July: We have a veritable smorgasbord for members to choose from, courtesy of the membership at today's meeting.

- ° I've been here before
- ° The letter was returned
- ° Island Holiday
- ° Bald Heads
- ° Who let the dogs out?
- ° And then they dropped the bomb
- ° The washing on the neighbour's line.....
- ° Woops
- ° Old Soldiers never die

**COMING UP**, members supporting members: Membership is advised to pencil in their diaries for the 21 June, at the Caboolture library, music with Maurice will be occurring. Starting at 3.30 pm, should be an excellent way to spend an afternoon. Cheers Janet