

Present: 21
Apologies: Denis, Belinda

AGENDA:

Well folks we've all made it to that time of the year where silly is a little bit nice, shopping is a little bit of madness, and most of us are left wondering what happened to all that time we thought we had to do what we thought would be fun, good, necessary, or just because.

Today was our best attended for the year- a someone get some extra chairs moment. Yes, the air conditioning could have been a little cooler but once we got a talkin'... well no one seemed unduly concerned and it was more a little of can everyone listen than will someone say something, or has anyone got any ideas. They were a plenty. Where was that gavel Peter.... might be time to give it an airing.

Chair Peter advised us he had sold one anthology at the local community table set up in the King Street shopping centre. Well that is truly better than none and means that our CWL bank balance stands at \$74.85. Many thanks go to Peter, Russell and Bakhti for their support of this event, and even though member Maurice (who had helped organise this) was apologetic for the missing crowds, membership are grateful for 'having a crack' as it were.

Peter also reminded us of our local Booktree Publishing business at Narangba. 2 of our CWL members have been well treated by the firm, and we support any local enterprise that is attempting to offer their services to the local writers.

Discussion today was around the group with a what have you been up to theme. It was good to hear from folk who have all taken their next steps towards some form of publication of their written endeavours. Well done to all of you who have taken the plunge so to speak.

Plans for next year's management team were then discussed, with the following outcomes. Peter has generously offered to be available to chair our endeavours for another year, while scribe Janet has suggested she needs to partially hang up her pen, and after calling on a few members to consider, is pleased to announce that member Lexia will assist in this capacity.

Russell, web master and ideas man, is also available to fulfill his role again for 2025.

Thanks were given by the membership for the team's 2024 endeavours. HIP HIP HOORAY.

Member Richard was keen to discuss promoting CWL and conversation ensued around drawing on the community noticeboard with the local radio station 101.5 FM. Peter will follow this through in the new year. Considered was, not only what was CWL up to information, but nominating a what folk are writing about, and having a small read segment or filler as it were for consideration. Member Russell suggested that this might be ideal for airing intros to folks' longer pieces, or a taste of homework cleverness being read aloud.

This month's **homework** was an entertaining affair with a noticeable exploration of genres from some of our contributors. The dark side was presented, as was prose instead of the expected poetry. Good to see writers having adventures with their writing.

Given our next meeting is not until February 2025, the topic for then remains open ended with an OWN CHOICE theme. I imagine the pursuits of Christmas, holidays, family et al will be a noticeable feature of our next meeting.

So the time has come the walrus said to talk of many things, mostly this is your last newsletter for 2024 and I take this moment to thank all of you who have supported CWL efforts in the area of promoting and encouraging local authors. To the members who are always at meetings, who give generously of their ideas, and support one another - our group thrives because of you. I have learned so much about the power of positivity and of courage, the courage it takes to put your words out there for others to read – and I thought it was just me !!!

I wish all of you an enjoyable time over Christmas and look forward to reading your words when you have time; words that help us all to feel connected to the human spirit.

Cheers Janet