

Present: 17
Apologies: Belinda, Bakhti, Maurice
New:

Welcome to today's meeting and we start with a big thankyou to Lexia who took on the job of newsletter writer for our last meeting, when I was away supervising much tree lopping at mine. Lexia can always be relied upon to help out as needed and it is much appreciated. So big thanks Lexia.

AGENDA:

■As a celebratory start to today's get together, was our copy of the newly published CWL anthology, called 'PYTHON TALES' which can be found on Amazon Books, both in soft cover format and E-book.

Many thanks go to member Russell (who is also treasurer, and computer guru etc etc) for the organisation of the publication. This has required much toing and froing between Chair Peter and Russell, as well as others to ensure the accuracy of inclusions, with a clear focus on the quality of the end product.

To our member contributors who bravely put their offerings forward for consideration, we also appreciate the care you have given your words and the number of drafts it has taken to have your writing at its very best.

Purchases can be made with Amazon direct, as well as in person via meeting attendance, through member Russell, who will do a bulk order and bring to the next meeting, pending delivery times from Amazon.

Currently the book is offered at \$16.50 plus postage from Amazon.

■With regards to 2026 meeting times, members will be pleased that we have been booked into the Jacaranda Café, Bolton Clark, Caboolture for the first Tuesday of the month, no exceptions. At this point I remind all that we do not meet in January-ever as this allows for the Christmas holiday period and those who use this time to reconnect with family during holiday times.

■While discussing meetings, I remind all who attend that **the Café opens at 8.00am**, and only earlier if prior arrangement has been made. This allows for staffing to be appropriate to the needs of food preparation, along with setting up for the day.

■Meetings of interest to members were also discussed. Beerwah Writer's Group are currently meeting twice a month, on the second and fourth Friday of each month at the Beerwah Library, from 10 – 12 noon. Chair Peter and Treasurer.IT Russell have offered to attend as CWL representatives as a gesture of friendship at their next meeting.

Brisbane Writers group convention is also taking place on the 26th October at the Northgate Hall, 71 Scott St., Northgate. There will be a number of interesting speakers at this event, plus stalls and tables of goodies for purchase. Again, Chair Peter, Russell and Lexia will be waving the CWL flag along with the FAWQ flag as a part of the literary wider community. Starting time is at 9.30am.

■GENERAL DISCUSSION

Today we focussed on promoting and advertising the achievements of the Caboolture Writers' Link, which we feel is needing a greater profile in the local community. It is not just about membership; it is about recognition of what is contributed to the community and the talent of the membership along with the general awareness of what is happening in CWL. It was decided to form a subcommittee to look into developing a plan and strategies for how this might be achieved.

Members of this PROMO GROUP are as follows:

Richard, Janet, Peter, Russell and Dennis

Meeting times to be advised, but will be extra to the usual CWL meeting.

Of current interest is promoting the very new Anthology produced by members of CWL, so that our local community know it's out there for general purchase and interest.

■HOMEWORK:

Portrait was a popular topic today, with John Nolan of course entertaining us all by his reflection on umbrellas – ozzie ones at that. As he said it had no relevance to the topic at hand, but he was correct it was most enjoyed and created much laughter. Sue's topic of the moon was delightful, and Merrill was thoughtful about her grandfather.

NEXT MONTH will be using visual stimuli as the writer's muse. This will be emailed to members by Peter, otherwise those present have already collected their copy for consideration.

REMINDER to all present today to email to Chair Peter your efforts at promoting CWL or PYTHON TALES.... Approximately 300 words Email barnabykite@gmail.com

So a lot of talking today and for the end of the year, a lot of forward planning and thinking and promoting and relief that the anthology is done and out there. I have loved that we have for the most part shared the load of yet another year and we're still together, still passionate, still filled with the possibilities as we embrace AI, technology that often seems much faster than most of us are, and still enjoying the words that help us to connect to one another and to understand the human condition that little bit better.

Till next time, cheers Janet

Next meeting, 11 th November as the second Tuesday of the month for 2025